

# **City of Renton**

## **Board of Park Commissioners**



### **Meeting Minutes**

March 11, 2014

4:30 p.m. – City Hall – 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Conferencing Center

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

##### **In Attendance**

The following members were present:

Members: Larry Reymann, Troy Wigestrang, Marlene Winter, Mike O'Donin,  
Al Dieckman

Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Sandy Pilat, Leslie Betlach, Kelly Beymer,  
Kris Stimpson, Bonnie Rerecich

Guests: Holly Cocco. Fisheries Biologist for the Muckleshoot Tribe

Chair Pro Tem, Larry Reymann, called the March 11, 2014, meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken; Tim, Cynthia and Sojin were unable to attend today.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Leslie requested we amend the agenda as needed to accommodate the arrival of our guest speaker. All were in favor, motion carried, the agenda was approved as noted.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Larry Reymann requested an addition to the minutes adding the trail mentioned in the Board Communication be identified as "May Creek" Trail. A motion was made by Mike O'Donin and seconded by Troy Wigestrang to approve the March 11, 2014, minutes as written with noted amendment, all were in favor, motion carried. The minutes were approved with noted change.

#### **IV. BOARD COMMUNICATION**

Mike O'Donin noted the City Center Planning Committee met last Thursday. They are identifying the boundaries of "downtown." Mike mentioned plans and status of current empty buildings. Western Wear has leased the upper floor, different options are being considered for the McLendon site and the Jet City site has been purchased. Their May meeting will host a planner from the Columbia City area.

Larry Reymann commended and congratulated the City on the national Cultural Diversity Award.

#### **V. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Terry announced Bonnie Rerecich's, Neighborhood, Resources and Events Manager, upcoming plans for retirement in April. There will a celebration at the Renton Community Center on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Details will follow.

#### **VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

*Coulon Park Log Boom Project*—Leslie Betlach/Todd Black

Todd Black, Capital Project Coordinator, is currently working on the timber log booms at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park. The logs are waterlogged and minimally floating. The replacements will be foam filled plastic pipe booms, similar to the black booms utilized at the south water walk. These booms are anticipated to last 50 years.

He additionally reminded everyone about the May 3<sup>rd</sup> planting party at Meadow Crest prior to the opening of the new playground.

*Keeping Salmon in the City*—Holly Coccoli, Fisheries Biologist for the Muckleshoot Tribe's Fisheries Division

Holly introduced herself to the Board and noted she has been with the Tribe's Fisheries Division for 25 years. Holly shared numerous photographs and information on the sockeye and attempts to keep our salmon. The salmon swim from the ocean, through the Chittenden Lock, through Lake Washington and up the Cedar River to spawn. The Cedar River hosts Chinook, Sckeye and Coho salmon among other speciefies. The Tribe's goal is 'more fish' and providing education to accomplish that. We need to teach people and educate them to leave spawning fish alone. Leslie added there can be a balance meeting needs and preserving our resources.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mike O'Donin and seconded by Troy Wigestrang to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

  
Signature

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

April 8, 2014 @ 4:30 P.M.

*City Hall Conferencing Center--7<sup>th</sup> Floor*