

# ***City of Renton***

## ***Board of Park Commissioners***



### ***Meeting Minutes***

February 12, 2013

4:30 p.m. – Parks Maintenance Shop @ 1100 Bronson Way North

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

##### **In Attendance**

The following members were present:

Marlene Winter, Al Dieckman, Larry Reymann, Mike O'Donin, Tim Searing,  
Cynthia Burns

Absent: Troy Wigestrang

Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Sandy Pilat, Leslie Betlach, Kelly Beymer, Tim Williams,  
Peter Renner, Dave Perkins, Kris Stimpson, Mark Santos Johnson

Guests: John Walker, Valerie O'Halloran

Chair, Larry Reymann, called the February 12, 2013, meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken; Troy Wigestrang had notified Sandy he was out of town and would be unable to attend the meeting.

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

Cynthia Burns made a motion, seconded by Tim Searing, to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favor, motion carried, the February 12, 2013, agenda was approved.

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

A motion was made by Marlene Winter and seconded by Mike O'Donin to approve the January 2013 minutes as written. All were in favor, motion carried, the minutes were approved as submitted.

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Walker, President of Renton Sailing Club, introduced himself and explained the Club would like to partner with the Board to expand their existing program. Currently they have 100 families in their club and would like additional space to accommodate

more people. They are working with a limited budget. Terry Higashiyama indicated the staff would work with the club. Valerie O'Halloran, Clubmember, was hoping to offer more classes, however, are limited due to lack of space for boats.

**V. TOUR OF FACILITY**

Kelly Beymer introduced the Parks Maintenance Supervisors, John Slaney and Steve Brown. They spoke briefly about the different areas their crew maintains and events they are responsible for. Steve Brown gave a tour of the facility. Mike O'Donin commented how friendly and approachable all the parks staff is to the public.

**VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

Tim Williams, Recreation Director, introduced Dave Perkins, Recreation Coordinator. Dave has been working the last couple months on a collaboration to make Renton a healthier place to live and assist the community in making healthy choices. Dave presented health statistics outlining the gravity and effects of this growing problem of negative reversible health statistics and ways we can start to make a difference. Currently we are partnering with Valley Medical Center, City of Auburn, Kent, Tukwila, Seattle & King County Public Health, King County Parks, and recently joining the team is Burien, Des Moines, SeaTac and Normandy Park. We hope to bring awareness to the community about benefits of healthy living and services offered in their local area. Larry Reymann acknowledged Dave Perkin's involvement and his appreciation to his commitment.

**VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Leslie Betlach reported on her participation and meeting with legislatures In Olympia. We had requested one million dollars be included in the 2013-15 Capital Budget to replace the pedestrian bridge at Riverview Park. We applied unsuccessfully for two grants. The 2013 Legislative priorities at a glance was distributed.

Terry indicated the Farmers Market position, which is .75 with limited benefits, will open soon. We will partner with the Piazza Group in our selection.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

Peter Renner, along with Mark Santos Johnson updated the Board on the two libraries. The Highlands Library is the anchor to the Highlands redevelopment. Peter Renner provided seismic reviews of the Library over the River and design concepts. Mike O'Donin, Park Board Member, expressed concerns over the many businesses leaving downtown. Terry indicated addressing a revitalization of the downtown is a priority to the Mayor.

**OLD BUSINESS (continued)**

*Update on Carco Theatre Lease/Operations*

Peter reviewed the leave with PSA and the transition period as they take over the theatre from the City. They are planning on upgrading equipment and some remodeling. Kris Stimpson sees the transfer as seamless; Carco will continue to have the same recurring programs as before. The positive side is that we will now have much better equipment to offer the community in their rentals. VJ Orduna will be on staff until March 31, 2013, and after that date Andy O'Brien will be the city contact. The phone number will remain the same for a one-year period.

**IX. INFORMATION**

Terry announced the date of April 6, 2013, for the upcoming Rotary auction. The final report of Renton River Days was distributed as well as the yearly festival guide. Leslie distributed a new brochure for the Meadow Crest Playground outlining details and Master Plan Components and information about donation opportunities.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mike O'Donin and seconded by Tim Searing to adjourn the February 12, 2013, meeting at 6:00 p.m. All were in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

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*Signature*

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

March 12, 2013 @ 4:30 P.M.

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