

City of Renton

Board of Park Commissioners



Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2013

4:30 p.m. – Maplewood Golf Course

I. CALL TO ORDER

In Attendance

The following members were present:

Members: Larry Reymann, Marlene Winter, Tim Searing, Cynthia Burns,
Mike O'Donin, Al Dieckman, Troy Wigestrund

Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Sandy Pilat, Leslie Betlach, Kelly Beymer, Tim Williams,
Bonnie Rerecich, Carrie Olson, Mike Toll, Steve Meyers, Terry Flatley

Guests: Rudy Chase, Adriana Barajas

Chair, Larry Reymann, called the April 9, 2013, meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Terry Higashiyama requested the Arbor Day presentation by Terry Flatley be moved up to follow Mike O'Donin's City Center Plan Report. Cynthia Burns made a motion, seconded by Mike O'Donin to approve the agenda with suggested amendment. All were in favor, motion carried, the April 9, 2013, agenda was approved with amendment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mike O'Donin and seconded by Al Dieckman to approve the March 12, 2013, minutes as written, all were in favor, motion carried. The minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Rudy Case, Renton Trails, was in attendance noting the Trails groups would be participating with the City on Earth Day.

V. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Mike O'Donin attended the City Center Planning Committee meeting on March 14, 2013. Chip Vincent reviewed the priorities of the Council retreat focusing on six priorities in the next one to three years. Following the retreat the Council moved sidewalk cafes to #1. The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing one way vs. two –way streets. The group plans to meet every three months.

VI. INFORMATION

Terry Flatley was in attendance and presented a powerpoint on 2013 Arbor Day/Earth Day to be held Saturday, April 27, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. He reviewed the May Creek location and project area we will be working on. Most of the blackberries have been removed utilizing a grant to clean up the site. Terry gave out the phone number to call to pre-register. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m.; planting begins at 10 a.m. with lunch at noon. We hope to plant 90 trees and 1,400 shrubs.

Two proclamations were e-mailed to the members on Volunteer Month and Arbor Day/Earth Day.

VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Kelly Beymer introduced RiverRock Manager, Adriana Barajas-Aydincerem. Adriana explained they try to provide the best possible restaurant and banquet service. They are looking forward to providing live music on Thursdays and Saturday on the patio and are planning a Mother's Day Brunch. The Pro Shop and RiverRock are working on more cross promotions. Kelly outlined some facility improvements they were planning such as a new hot water heater/boiler, audio visual upgrade and security cameras.

Kelly introduced Steve Myers, Golf Course Superintendent. Steve has been with the city for 19 years and oversees four full-time and five part-time employees. In the summer they hire an additional 2-3 staff. They maintain 90 acres and have one mechanic that handles 40 pieces of rolling stock including golf cars and beverage carts. In 2009 they became Audubon certified. They enjoy wild life at the course such as eagles, coyotes, bear, deer and elk. Last year they involved the golfers as well as the high school teams in assisting in maintain the course by hosting a Divot Party.

Mike Toll, Golf Pro, was also at the meeting and has been employed by the City for 18 years. Mike focuses on marketing and getting golfers out more frequently by promoting specials such as the "Trifecta". Mike provided a comparative value printout showing the costs of golfing at Maplewood compared to other similar courses in the area. Three years ago a membership package was instituted that has shown a steady increase in membership each year. Numerous events including shotgun tournaments, the Ladies State Invitational, as well as various leagues are going on. They have raised

sponsorship money for Jr. Camps and a new project to donate money to Jr. Golf and Clubs for Kids.

Bonnie Rerecich introduced our newest employee, Farmers Market Coordinator, Carrie Olson. She already is busy securing sponsorships and getting to know other Farmers Markets in the area. Carrie said she is learning a lot and looking at a five-year Business Plan. She formerly worked for the City of Enumclaw and the King County Fair. Carrie lives on a small farm in Enumclaw. She said they are always looking for volunteers and new ideas.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Family Fun and Films Sign-up

Tim Williams announced the return of the Family Fun and Films commencing July 19 at Piazza Park. Tim requested as part of the event a Park Board Member be present at each film to kick off the event with a game, such as trivia, and announce the movie. A signup sheet was passed around, and those that need to check their schedule can email Sandy their choice of dates.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Park Rules and Regulations

Kelly Beyer distributed a summary of proposed park rules and regulations for the board's review. A few changes include elimination of inflatables for private groups, clarification of language in several places including no commercial filming without approval. Kelly will submit her suggestions to City Attorney for review and return to next month's meeting with the final version to be presented for approval.

Trail Ranger Report

Kelly Beymer noted the program has been a great success and runs May thru September. Al Dieckman is currently scheduling this year's volunteers, as well as providing training. They always work in two's for safety reasons and use electric golf cars.

Next meeting

We will be back at City Hall and have the Airport Manager updating us on the work along the river/Boeing Bridge, aerospace training and the proposed closure of the towers.

Upcoming Events

Terry noted the upcoming events including Arbor Day, Volunteer Recognition Event and the KCLS Presentation to City Council on April 15th. Time constraints prevented us from getting to the budget carry forwards; we will review at May meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Marlene Winter and seconded by Mike O'Donin to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. All were in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Signature

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

May 14, 2013 @ 4:30 P.M.

City Hall Conferencing Center--7th Floor