

# ***City of Renton***

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



### ***Meeting Minutes***

October 8, 2013  
4:30 p.m. – North Highlands Neighborhood Center

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

##### **In Attendance**

The following members were present:

Members: Mike O'Donin, Marlene Winter, Troy Wigestrang, Cynthia Burns,  
Al Dieckman, Sojin Thompson

Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Sandy Pilat, Leslie Betlach, Kelly Beymer, Todd Black,  
Kris Sorenson, Kris Stimpson

Chair, Cynthia Burns, called the October 8, 2013, meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken; Larry Reymann and Tim Searing were unable to attend this month's meeting.

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

Marlene Winter made a motion, seconded by Mike O'Donin, to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favor, motion carried, the October 8, 2013, agenda was approved.

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

A motion was made by Marlene Winter and seconded by Al Dieckman to approve the September 2013 minutes as written, all were in favor, motion carried. The minutes were approved as submitted.

#### **IV. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

Terry thanked Tim Searing and Cynthia Burns for attending the Committee of the Whole presentation on the Department's Emerging Issues held on October 7, 2013.

## **V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### *Summer Wrap-Up*

Kris Stimpson presented a PowerPoint outlining the Recreation Division summer wrap-up. She thanked all the other divisions that supported the recreation programs. We had great weather this summer contributing to increased revenues in all our programs and the pool, but staff costs were also up. The scholarship program awarded \$5,708 to 91 residents to participate in our summer programs. The Summer Lunch Program was co-sponsored by the Renton School District and served over 2,000 lunches at Royal Hills and 1,356 at Highlands Neighborhood Center to children ages 1-18 regardless of family income. Special Events included a Tiki Party celebrating the ten-year anniversary of the Aquatic Center, record numbers for the Pooch Plunge and six concerts at the Coulon Family Concert Series with attendance of 1,800.

Upcoming events include Truck or Treat October 18, Craft Bazaar at the Senior Activity Center, Hassle Free Holiday Bazaar at RCC, Thanksgiving Day Dinner at the Senior Center, the K9 Candy Cane 5K Fun Run and Ivar's Clam Lights. Kris thanked the Park Board Members for their participation at "Movie Nights" making it a huge success.

### *Human Services Needs Assessment/Housing Inventory/Human Services and Older Adult Strategic Plans*

Karen Bergsvik and Kris Sorenson addressed the City of Renton Community Needs Assessment for Housing and Human Services. They explained there are essentially five tasks to accomplish, project launch and ongoing coordination, data collection and analysis, baseline conditions, indicators and tracking tools, and the final assessment and policies. One objective is to engage stakeholders in the process and develop a common understanding of community needs. This will be accomplished by key informant interviews, four focus groups, community stakeholder workshop and information sharing. This information will serve as a resource to identify gaps in services and track progress toward the future. Information was provided on statistics including age, household size, racial and ethnic composition and languages spoken at home. The goal is to have the plan completed by the March funding cycle.

Informational sheets were passed out informing citizens of their access to health coverage and where to find assistance. Terry thanked Kris and Karen for all the information and they will return to update the Board.

## **VI. BOARD COMMUNICATION**

Mike O'Donin reported on the last meeting of the City Center Community Plan, noting how productive they were and the participants all have a positive attitude. The next meeting will be late October or early November. He distributed the City Center

Community Plan Advisory Board Annual Report for 2013 outlining the accomplishment of goals, objectives, and implementation strategies from the adopted Plan.

**VII. INFORMATION**

Terry suggested adding to the agenda “Student Report” where Sojin could provide updates and input on school and pertinent issues to youth under Board Communication. She reminded the Board when they are attending city functions and out in the community and comment on issues they are commenting as their right as a citizen and not speaking as a representative of the “Park Board.” She also announced that Marlene Winter was selected as one of the *Citizens of the Year* and would be honored at an upcoming dinner.

Upcoming events include our department appreciation luncheon and we have had two retirements—Dennis Murdoch and John Slaney. Dana Appel will be interim supervisor for Parks Maintenance. Our next meeting will be at City Hall and we will have the Neighborhood/Special events summer wrap up and our December meeting will be at the Museum.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Troy Wigestrang and seconded by Mike O’Donin to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. All were in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

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

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