

City of Renton

Board of Park Commissioners



Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2010

4:30 p.m. – City Hall Conferencing Center—7th floor

I. CALL TO ORDER

In Attendance

The following members were present:

Members: Cynthia Burns, Mike O'Donin, Al Dieckman, Larry Reymann, Ron Regis, Tim Searing

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

Chair, Al Dieckman, called the July 13, 2010, meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken; Troy Wigstrand was absent. Larry Reymann made a motion seconded by Mike O'Donin to excuse this absence. All were in favor, motion carried.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mike O'Donin and seconded by Cynthia Burns to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favor, motion carried, the July 13, 2010, agenda was approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Cynthia Burns and seconded by Ron Regis to approve the June minutes as written, all were in favor, motion carried. The June 2010 minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Jim McClaffin, Renton Sailing Club President, mentioned a couple classes being held. The Club currently has 50 families in their organization and they are planning to participate in the Renton River Days Parade. Jim also noted the positive impact with the bicycle clubs and changes in the parking problems experienced before when the bicyclists were leaving their cars all day at the park while they cycle.

Board Communication

Public Budget Committee

Board member Al Dieckman and Cynthia Burns attended the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee. This Committee is comprised of various citizens by the City initiated to receive feedback and put their best efforts to examine what the community wants. The Committee will meet six times. Al and Cynthia noted one commonality in conversations with the collective group is they "love the parks." Terry noted this is the first year the public has been brought into the budget process. Fifteen finalists are participating in this group.

Coulon Restrooms

Mike O'Donin, Board member, commented that on the previous weekend around 4:00 p.m. the park was very crowded. Comments were made to him that the condition of the restrooms were not up to the usual clean standards. Staff will look into current scheduling and formulate a plan to accommodate the additional traffic and guests when unexpected warm weather arrives.

V. DISCUSSIONS/ACTION ITEMS

Parks Recreation Open Space Natural Resources Plan

An overview of the PRO Plan was presented outlining what the plan will do and why it is important to the citizens of Renton. The plan will promote a healthy community, improve livability, facilitate recreational opportunities, and enhance economic development while increasing funding opportunities. The plan is important to the City by providing a physical policy and funding framework for guiding the City's decision making over a 20-year planning period. It will assess, analyze, and predict the current and future demand and need for recreation facilities and services based upon the population, demographics, trends, and participation rates. When adopted the Plan will be submitted for certification providing the City state grant funding eligibility.

The most recent plan was in 2003. Since completion of the plan the city has identified projects and received \$250,000 in state grant funding and 1.2 million in local funding. The 2010 Plan process is led by the Community Services Department and Community and Economic Development Department and will be approximately a one year process.

The 2010 request for proposal went out for advertisement for consultant services in March with twelve submittals received with a scope of services negotiated from the Inter-departmental team. Other groups participating will include the public, stakeholder groups, steering committee, inter-departmental team, Parks and Planning Commission and the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Troy Wigstrand made a motion seconded by Larry Reymann to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, motion carried meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m..



Signature

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

September 14, 2010 @ 4:30 P.M.

Council Conference Room #720

City Hall

1055 South Grady Way

Renton, WA

Four open house meetings will involve the public and provide hands-on workshops in conjunction with household surveys and interactive websites. The Plan's key elements will include a new natural resources section, green infra-structure components, an inter-departmental stewardship needs assessment, and a recreational program needs assessment. The other essential elements will include an inventory and analysis of parks, recreation facilities and natural areas; level of service assessment; park system standards and classification analysis; trends analysis; gap analysis; conceptual plans for underutilized park areas; six-year implementation plan and comprehensive plan policy language.

Impact Mitigation Fees

Leslie Betlach and Todd Black updated the Board on the impact mitigation fees. The current fees were formulated in 1993 and SEPA based. Fire and Transportation are also going thru this process. Leslie is working with the consultant to review park levels of service (LOS) to determine current park capacity (surplus and shortfall) and utilizing population forecasts to determine future park needs based upon LOS. Maintaining as much latitude for use of the collected fees will be the goal, however under Growth Management, collected fees cannot be used to backfill identified park shortfalls (negative capacity). The parks impact fee schedule will directly tie into the development of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan and Capital Facilities Plan as the impact fee will be a source of funding for acquisition and development. Estimated completion is 2010. CED is coordinating this project for the City.

VI. Administrator's Report

The monthly Community Status Report was not mailed in July – the next mailing should not have repetitious information in it. Terry announced Gloria is retiring June 30th. As part of the budget cuts we are not planning on replacing this position for the remainder of 2010. We are working on getting it back for 2011.

The number of teams for the annual Renton River Days Sam Chastain Golf Tournament is light. We need 16-24 teams to hold the tournament, we will make a decision on Friday if we have to cancel or can go ahead. There will not be an August meeting. Staff is working on revising the park rules and regulations. National Night Out will be held August 3, 2010, from 4:00-7:30 p.m. at Jones Park. Information regarding IKEA Renton River Days and the teen musical was distributed.

VII. INFORMATION

Kelly indicated the golf course would initiate on a trial basis a single rider rate.

Terry invited the Board to attend Gloria Gamba's retirement party on June 28th in the Council Chambers at 1:30 p.m.