

City of Renton

Board of Park Commissioners



Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2013

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

In Attendance

The following members were present:

Members: Al Dieckman, Mike O'Donin, Marlene Winter, Larry Reymann, Sojin Thompson, Tim Searing

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

Chair Pro Tem, Larry Reymann, called the September 10, 2013, meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken; Troy Wigstrand and Cynthia Burns were absent.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Mike O'Donin made a motion, seconded by Al Dieckman, to approve the September agenda and the June minutes as presented. All were in favor, motion carried, the minutes and agenda was approved.

III. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

October 7, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. the Community Services Department will give a presentation to Committee of the Whole on emerging issues. Topics will include Ivar's/Kidd Valley, Boathouse, KCLS Partnerships, DNR Agreement, Riverview Bridge Replacement, Gene Coulon CIP Projects. Tim Searing requested Sandy send an email with the date and time so all members could get it on their calendar.

IV. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Marlene Winter commented on how enjoyable and enlightening the tour given by Leslie was. Tim Searing and Larry Reymann also acknowledged how much they enjoyed their tour.

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

May Creek Presentation

Leslie Betlach gave a presentation on May Creek and Honey Creek Natural Areas. The long-term vision is to connect Lake Washington to King County's Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, connect the May and Honey Creek corridors and connect King County's Wildland Park to Bellevue's Coal Creek Park. The May Creek Corridor has a total of 22 parcels/55 acres, while the Honey Creek Corridor totals 42 acres and 6 parcels.

Next area is the connection under I-405, Kenyon Dobson Park connection to Honey Creek. Next steps include partnerships and working with Economic Development to fill in the gap, coordinating with neighboring jurisdictions for a coordinated approach, continue to develop the trail sections and inform management through inventories and plans.

Multiple funding sources were combined to secure these properties. May Creek Trail is the newest addition and supports salmon and trout. A pioneer diary recalls the life of Clarissa Colman, a homesteader on May Creek in the 1800s. Leslie thanked Larry Reymann for focusing on the heritage of the property.

Urban Forestry Ordinance—Terry Flatley

Terry Flatley explained the why, who, what, where and how of the Urban Forestry Ordinance. The Renton street trees had excessive maintenance and required higher repair costs and premature removal due to original plantings without considering ultimate size, correct placement and overplanting. This resulted in dead tree and unimproved right-of-ways. We look forward to public outreach and education, tree canopy coverage, and use of regulations to resolve previous problems. The best approach to manage the urban forest is to minimize tree impacts, maximize tree canopy, increase the value of Renton's urban forest, coordinate the planning of the urban forest, and effectively manage and maintain trees.

The Ordinance will provide guidance for managing and maintaining trees on city-owned land and in the public right-of-way. This will reduce operating costs, improve public safety and assist Renton residents, City employees and other agencies when planting, pruning and removing trees. Components of the ordinance will increase canopy coverage and define guidelines for tree planting and pruning.

DNR Presentation—Kelly Beymer

Kelly outlined the history of the DNR land lease initiated in November of 1980, the original 30-year agreement with the Port of Seattle for use of state-owned harbor area. In 1984 the state transferred authority to the Department of Natural Resources. In April of 2010 DNR notified the City of the expired lease and new requirements. The new lease requirements require a survey to identify aquatic lands and non-water

dependant use, rent and leasehold fees, and a land manager's habitat stewardship report. A new 30-year lease has been negotiated.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Terry introduced our newest member Sojin Thompson. His information and application had been sent to the members for their review. Terry also announced our employee luncheon will be October 16th at 11:00 a.m. at the Renton Community Center. John Slaney, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, who has been employed by the city 32 years retired. A party recognizing his years of service will be October 29th at 3:00 p.m. at the Renton Community Center. Other upcoming events include the Healthy Forum on Thursday, the Seahawks Rally and Day of Caring on Saturday. Our October meeting will be at North Highlands Neighborhood Center where we will be able to view the accessible playground.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mike O'Donin and seconded by Marlene Winter to adjourn the September 10, 2013, meeting at 6:05 p.m. All were in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

October 8 @ 4:30 P.M.—

North Highlands Neighborhood Center

3000 NE 16th Street