

City of Renton - Board of Park Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2015

4:30 p.m. – Renton Library – Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

In Attendance

The following members were present:

Members: Troy Wigestrاند, Cynthia Burns, Mike O’Donin, Tim Searing, Marlene Winter

City Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Chip Vincent, Leslie Betlach, Peter Renner, Jeff Minisci, Kris Stimpson, Casey Stanley, Maryjane Ortiz, Sonja Mejlaender, Roberta Graver

Guests: John Sheller, Michele Niblock

Chair, Troy Wigestrاند, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken; Al Dieckman, Larry Reymann, and Avni Mungra were not present. Cynthia Burn motioned to excuse the absent board members; Tim Searing seconded. Absences were excused.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Marlene Winter made a motion, seconded by Mike O’Donin to approve the November 10, 2015 agenda as presented. All were in favor; motion carried; the agenda was approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Marlene Winter made a motion, seconded by Tim Searing to approve the October 13, 2015 minutes as written. All were in favor; motion carried; the minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Sheller, King County Library System (KCLS) welcomed all to the library and introduced Michele Niblock, the Renton Library Building Manager. Showed the new Bike Repair Stand to be installed beside outdoor bike rack. He also reported that the library had a 25,000 visitor count in September, and 30,000 in October.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

City Center Plan—Mike O’Donin stated the next meeting is December 3, 2015.

Cedar River Stakeholders—Mike O’Donin and Larry Reymann. Leslie Betlach reported that she received the final plan today (Nov. 10th), which is a culmination of a nine month process.

Student Report – no report due to Avni Mungra’s absence.

V. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

No communication at this time.

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS.

Community Services Recreation Wrap Up / Kristine Stimpson

Kristine shared a slide presentation describing the data and outcomes from the summer recreation programs and special events. Highlights include the '2015 Endless Summer' experienced weather with an average daily temperature of 80 degrees (up one degree average from last year), added summer lunchtime swim lessons, new classes, and a new Adult Kickball program. A volleyball tournament was added to the July 4th event at Gene Coulon Park. The Specialized Program's softball team went to the state level competition and returned with many awards. New community garden installation will commence in November next to the Highlands Neighborhood center, with other smaller ones planned in the area. The Senior Center is now open on Wednesday nights with five computer classes and they are working on getting a looping program, along with having an active Senior Advisory Council and they earned a Renton River Day's Parade award for their float entry. The online Recreation guide is growing into more of a 'magazine' presence with helpful analytics for future design placement and program planning. A small, 'stand-alone' Free Library was installed at the Henry Moses Aquatic Center this summer, which has been moved inside the recreation center for the winter.

Draft Urban Forestry, Street Tree Regulations / Terry Flatley

Terry shared a slide presentation describing the evaluation and implementation process of the Street Tree Regulation, as identified in the Urban Forestry Development Plan. Currently there is no regulation in place for maintaining trees on city property. See the attached slide presentation and regulation description for next steps in the process.

Bird Island Update / Kelly Beymer

Kelly shared the maintenance and development status of the Shoreline Stabilization Enhancement project in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources. Educational and Project Status storyboard signs will be going up soon describing the debris, concrete and metal removal and extension of the boardwalk railing during the 'fish window' in 2016. Marlene asked if the garbage in the CEECO area. Kelly said she would check into it. Troy Wigestrang asked if the trail between Boeing and the lake had an easement. Leslie said that there is an easement, but the city is not currently exercising it because of security issues related to Boeing's military contract.

VII. CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Terry Higashiyami referred to the Mid Biennial Budget Overview handout suggesting it be reviewed at the Informational section, due to the full agenda. Terry introduced new Community Services employees Facilities Manager, Jeff Minisci and Program Assistant, Angela Moorner. Angela is assisting the Neighborhood Resources and Events as well as Community Services as a whole with updating marketing products, utilizing technology and improving online presence.

VIII. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

“City Center Update” - Chip Vincent, Community and Economic Development Administrator shared a Power Point presentation and handouts describing a high level view of the City Center Plan which addresses the advancement of the downtown initiative that has three primary areas of focus: transportation, land use, and community vitality. Refer to the provided Power Point presentation for information. Highlights include establishing six full time officers dedicated to patrolling the downtown area, the Fire Department engaging with business owners to meet code compliance and the conversion of specific one-way streets into two-way street beginning in early 2016. Refer also to the Implementation Matrix for greater detail into specific projects and timelines. Chip was invited to return in early 2016 for further updates to specific property development and code compliance.

“Summer Re-Cap Report” – Casey Stanley, Neighborhood Resources and Events Manager shared a Power Point presentation and handouts describing details of the division’s summer programs, grants, volunteers and special events. Highlights include the expanded Summer Lunch Program, the increase of Neighborhood Program liaisons, the implementation of Electronic Benefits Transfer and Supplemental Nutrition Program at the Farmer’s Market, the 4th of July event and a few 2016 program goals.

“Discovering our Customer – Analytic Discovery” – Maryjane Ortiz and Angela Moorer shared a Power Point presentation with details about how advanced analytics of online marketing assists in identifying customer identification, interest, and effective marketing tactics. For example, posting on various Community Services Facebook accounts can then offer analytics in identifying viewership as what age, gender, mode of viewing and timeframes of the viewers. 2016 goals include creating more marketing content mobile-friendly, increasing email newsletter subscribers and looking at how ‘texting’ features may assist in event planning and scheduling.

IX. INFORMATION

Dec. 4th - Ivar’s Clam Lights at Gene Coulon Park

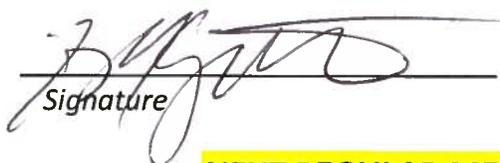
Dec. 5th – Piazza Tree Lighting & Santa House

Nov. 20 & 21 Holiday Bazaar – at the Renton Community Center

Highlands Library Update – possible early 2016 opening

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Cynthia Burns and seconded by Mike O’Donin to adjourn the September meeting at 6:15 p.m. All were in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.



Signature

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: DECEMBER 8, 2015 @ 5:00PM,
RENTON MUSEUM**