

City of Renton

Board of Park Commissioners



Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2014

North Highlands Neighborhood Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

In Attendance

The following members were present:

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

Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Sandy Pilat, Leslie Betlach, Kelly Beymer,
Shirley Anderson, Kris Stimpson, Tom Puthoff, Todd Black

Guests: Mike Hamilton, Chris Burns

Chair, Cynthia Burns, called the May 13, 2014, meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. Roll call was taken; Sojin Thompson, Youth Member was unable to attend.

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 May 13, 2014, agenda was approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mike O'Donin and seconded by Al Dieckman to approve the April 8, 2014, minutes as written, all were in favor, motion carried. The minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. BOARD COMMUNICATION

City Center Plan—Mike O'Donin

Mike was unable to attend the last meeting where the discussion was concerning the

redevelopment of Columbia City. The next meeting will be on June 1st. Mike wanted to comment on another subject, the Veteran's Park and how great it looks.

School Report-Sojin Thompson

Sojin was unable to attend the meeting this month.

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Sunset Master Plan Update—Leslie Betlach

Leslie was present to review the future neighborhood park connected to the Harrington Avenue Green Connection, the Sunset Neighborhood Park Master Plan. In February of 2014 Community and Economic Development, Community Services, Public Works, and the Executive Department held an Interdepartmental Team Meeting. A Stakeholder Meeting followed in March including the Renton Housing Authority, Colpitts Development, King County Library System, Renton Technical College, Renton School District, and local businesses as well as the Interdepartmental City Team.

Diagrams demonstrated the recommended parking layout and preferred storm water facility layout. The Plan identifies park components including a picnic area, water feature and play area. Additionally other components include performance space, fitness equipment, walking loop, restroom, integration of art, as well as passive open space.

The first Open House meeting occurred May 1, 2014, and reviewed parks, recreation and natural areas plan, site analysis and park parameters, an overview of four park concept alternatives, workshop activity and recap. Questions included what the public felt about the park components, was anything missing, how do you like the park circulation in each alternative, what are the pros and cons of each concept alternative?

Desired park components include active use areas for teens and a variety of ages, (including open turf and hard court surfaces), a pavilion for craft and/ vegetable sales, education components, picnic shelter, benches, tables, fruit tree walk/Community Garden, ADA accessibility, water feature, public art and a perimeter walking loop.

Due to space requirements, all desired park components cannot be accommodated in the future park site. As a follow up to the meeting, staff inventoried existing recreation facilities (tennis, basketball, sports fields and community garden space) located within a one half mile walking distance to the north and south of the future pk. Seven tennis courts, four basketball courts, four baseball/softball fields, three soccer fields and one multi-purpose field are located within walking distance. There is potential space for a raised bed community garden location at the North Highlands Parks.

The Parks Commission did not express any comments or concerns.

The next steps include a Committee of the Whole Presentation on June 2, HBB to develop a Preferred Park Concept Alternative based on up-to-date feedback, a second Open House Meeting scheduled on June 18, 2014, at McKnight Middle School, and the third Open House to be determined in early fall of 2014.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

2014 Goals & Employee Survey

Terry quickly summarized the 2014 goals and the employee survey that was forwarded to the Board members for last month's meeting, but time did not allow discussion.

Larry Reymann inquired about following up with Chip Vincent, who spoke at last month's meeting regarding new development. Larry had some questions on the impact on Coulon Park and traffic. Terry encouraged Larry and all Board members to call on any of the staff whenever they have questions or concerns.

VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Saturday, May 17 at 10:00 a.m. is the Meadow Crest opening. Leslie noted she is looking forward to more partnerships with the school district.

Terry announced and thanked three of the Board members: Mike, Cynthia and Tim for 20 years of services. A photo canvas was presented to them as a thank you for their service.

Terry reviewed the proposed reorganization of the parks maintenance to include promoting our current Parks Supervisor, Steve Brown, to Parks Manager. This will go forward for Council review June 2nd, as well as increasing the current .75 Farmers Market position to full time.

Larry and Cynthia will work on a presentation for Council as an update outlining the work and involvement the Board of Park Commissioners has accomplished the last couple of years.

VIII. INFORMATION

An update was given on vacancies and recruitment process for the Recreation Manager position and the Manager for Neighborhoods, Resources and Special Events.

The 2014 Neighborhood Program Picnic Calendar was distributed.

An email was reviewed regarding signage for May Creek. It was also noted that Terry Flatley successfully completed the requirements established by the Certification Board of the International Society of Arboriculture and was named as ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Tim Searing and seconded Al Dieckman to adjourn the May 13, 2014 meeting at 6:00 p.m. All were in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

June 10,2014 @ 4:30 P.M.

City Hall Conferencing Center--7th Floor
