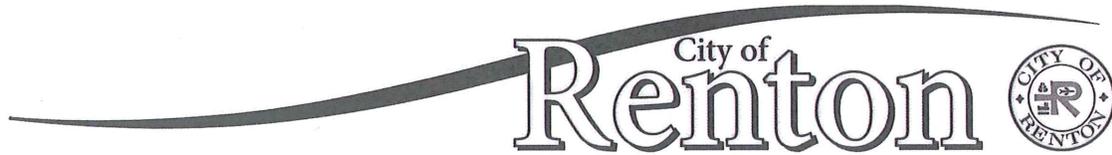


City of Renton

Board of Park Commissioners



Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2014

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

In Attendance

The following members were present:

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

Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Leslie Betlach, Kelly Beymer, Kris Stimpson, Mark Barber, Kevin Milosevich, Steve Brown, Maryjane Ortiz, Casey Stanley, Jennifer Jorgenson

Guests: None

Chair Cynthia Burns, called the June 10, 2014, meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken; all members were present.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Marlene Winter made a motion, seconded by Larry Reymann, to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favor, motion carried, the June 10, 2014, agenda was approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Troy Wigestrang and seconded by Michael O'Donin to approve the May 13, 2014, minutes as corrected to add Kris Stimpson in attendance for the May meeting. All were in favor, motion carried. The May 13, 2014, minutes were approved as corrected.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

V. BOARD COMMUNICATION

City Center Plan—Mike O'Donin

The downtown businesses establishing the core area are working on becoming inclusive and still being manageable in size.

School Report—Sojin Thompson

The Discovery Program is coming to Campbell Hill Elementary next year for students in grades 3-8. For more information, go to:

[http://www.rentonschools.us/FILES/DISTRICT/Community%20Relations/Press%20Release%20Campbell%20Hill%20Discovery%20Program%20open%20in%20the%20fall 6 9 2014.pdf](http://www.rentonschools.us/FILES/DISTRICT/Community%20Relations/Press%20Release%20Campbell%20Hill%20Discovery%20Program%20open%20in%20the%20fall%206%209%202014.pdf)

In response to an inquiry on the opening of the Aquatic Center, Kris Stimpson advised all aquatic facilities will open on June 21 this year.

VI. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

The Park Commission will have their Council presentation later in the year when the budget figures have become more refined.

VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Terry stated she invited three new staff members to attend the meeting so the Commissioners could meet them.

Kelly introduced Steve Brown and explained Steve was recently promoted from the rank of Parks Supervisor to the position of Parks Manager. He has been with the City since 1996 and he has wonderful customer service skills and a wealth of knowledge to help him be successful in this new endeavor.

Kris introduced Maryjane Ortiz as the new Recreation Manager. Maryjane comes to the city as a transplant from San Diego. Maryjane gave a brief overview of her previous duties and skills in the area of Recreation and explained she had recently moved to the area because her husband was accepted and is currently in training at the State Patrol training center in the Shelton area.

Terry introduced Casey Stanley as the new Neighborhoods, Resources, and Special Events Manager. Casey comes to us by way of the City of Burien where she was responsible – albeit on a little bit smaller scale – for many of the same types of

activities that she'll be taking charge of here at Renton. Casey shared a little of her background and spoke of the many things she was involved in at Burien.

The 2014 Farmers Market opened for business on June 3rd with an estimated 3,200 people in attendance.

The Farmers Market–West also opened on June 3rd at the northwest corner of South Third and Logan Avenue South. This will be an area for more of the educational and artisan uses and expands the Market's presence to include more than produce.

Terry commented the area has been fenced off in accordance with the State Liquor Control Board rules, and the City Council recently approved use of the space during the Market to promote not only the State's wineries and breweries, including small taste samples and sales, but also will allow for sale of locally hand-crafted products.

VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Homeless Shelter Removal

Mark Barber provided an overview of the legal ramifications and Policy 1000-01 (attached) for removal of garbage and homeless encampments on public property.

Kelly advised the area(s) to be cleaned up are publicly posted where they are easily seen. She held up an example of what would be posted: staff uses clear plastic envelopes (waterproof) that include the Notice to Vacate, a copy of Policy 1000-01, and a copy of the Park Rules and Regulations. Staff is always accompanied by a uniformed officer when dealing with encampments. Policy is to post the notice for a few days prior to starting the removal process, but it normally takes about a week to get staff and equipment scheduled for the tasks.

Chief Milosevich explained the Police Department is responsible for cataloging and holding any qualified personal effects that are picked up in the process. He explained the officers have been trained to determine what needs to be kept, versus what can be thrown out.

Terry shared that Luther's Table will be closing at the end of June.

Marlene shared what has been going on at the Dog Park lately and with RUFF.

Election of Chair – Multiple nominations to re-elect Cynthia Burns were received; seconded by Marlene Winter; Cynthia was unanimously re-elected as Chairperson for 2014–2015.

IX. INFORMATION

Terry noted the downtown Renton Library will be closed for renovations starting at 5:00 p.m., June 22, 2014. A temporary library will be set up and open for business on June 25, 2014, at 64 Rainier Avenue South, Suite A – directly across from Banner Bank.

The July Board of Park Commissioner's meeting has been cancelled.

Renton River Days will be held July 25th through July 27th this year. Commissioners were asked to volunteer to man the booth for a three-hour segment during the festival.

Leslie invited everyone to the second open house on the Sunset Neighborhood Park Master Plan. It is scheduled for June 18, 2014, from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Commons area of McKnight Middle School.

The bid opening for the Riverview Bridge demolition was held on Monday, June 9th. Two companies submitted bids.

The City is going ahead with the Gabion repair project on the Cedar River.

Kris advised there will be Family Fun and Film evenings held at various locations during the summer months.

Kelly announced the Park Trail Rangers were back in their cart for the summer and already on the trails.

Troy commented that last Saturday, the CAST for Kids fishing derby event was held at Coulon Park. There were 550 children on site to try their luck.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Marlene to adjourn the June 10, 2014, meeting at 5:36 p.m. All were in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.


Signature

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
August 12, 2014 @ 4:30 P.M.

City Hall Conferencing Center--7th Floor