

City of Renton

Board of Park Commissioners



Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2015

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, Mike O'Donin, Tim Searing, Troy Wigestrang, Marlene Winter

Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Sandy Pilat, Leslie Betlach, Kelly Beymer, Doug Jacobson, Debbie Little, Kris Stimpson, Shawn Daly

Guests: Avni Mungra, Dhanji Mungra, Ruth Perez

The April meeting was called to order by Chair, Cynthia Burns, at 4:30 p.m. following a tour of Liberty Park Library. Roll call was taken; all members were present.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Terry Higashiyama requested to move the notice of Earth Day/Arbor Day up on the agenda. Larry Reymann made a motion, seconded by Al Dieckman to approve the April 14, 2015, agenda as amended. All were in favor, motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Troy Wigestrang and seconded by Mike O'Donin to approve the March 2015 minutes as written, all were in favor, motion carried. The minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Terry welcomed Councilmember Ruth Perez to our meeting and asked Marlene to introduce our guest, Avni Mungra, a student and her father. Avni was interested in attending a meeting and learning about the Parks Commission and possibly applying to serve as a Youth Member. She currently serves on the Youth Leadership Council.

V. BOARD COMMUNICATION

City Center Plan – Mike O’Donin

There was nothing to report this month.

Cedar River Stakeholder Group – Larry Reymann and Mike O’Donin

The next meeting will be in May.

Marlene Winter – Dog Park

Marlene shared pictures and gave kudos to Terry Flatley and Al Dieckman for their help at the Dog Park.

VI. INFORMATION

Earth Day/Arbor Day

Terry Flatley presented the Board members with hats and t-shirts for Earth Day/ Arbor Day. The event will be Saturday, April 25, at Coulon Park and volunteers will plant trees and flowers, spread chips, and clean areas in the park promoting a healthy environment.

VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Lake Washington Boulevard Update – Hotel Projects – Chip Vincent

Chip Vincent, Community and Economic Development Administrator, was present to update the Board members on current hotel projects along Lake Washington Blvd at Exit 5. These projects include Southport (hotel and office), Hampton/Legacy Inn and Residence Inn. The Southport Project will have 350 hotel rooms with 750,000 sq. ft. of office space, 40,000 sq. ft. convention space, and a 10,000 sq. ft. restaurant. Expected completion of construction will be 2017. The Legacy/Hampton Inn will have 105 rooms and be five stories on 1.25 acres with expected construction completion in late 2016. The Residence Inn will also be five stories and have 146 rooms with 146 parking stalls. This project is still awaiting the formal Land Use application therefore building permit and construction dates are to be determined.

Lake Washington Boulevard Traffic Impacts – Doug Jacobson

Doug Jacobson explained the traffic impacts for six proposed developments along Lake Washington Boulevard corridor. Twelve intersections were evaluated and improvements recommended to mitigate the traffic impacts for each development. Graphs were shared showing peak hour traffic and the development vehicle trip generation during peak hours. The key findings included that the majority of Lake Washington Blvd can remain a two-lane roadway. Capacity improvements will only be needed near the I-405/N 44th Street interchange and at the south end of the Lake Washington Blvd near the access to Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park. A traffic signal should be constructed at the North 43rd Street, additional capacity with I-405 improvements will reduce traffic by 15-25% on Lake Washington Blvd. Doug answered several questions from the audience.

Senior Center Business Plan – Kris Stimpson, Shawn Daly, Debbie Little

A copy of the draft Business Plan was distributed to all of the members. Shawn, Kris and Debbie reiterated planning for the increase in and changing preference of older adults in the community. Input was derived from the Planning Committee, Staff, and Stakeholder Focus Groups. This project took a one year period and had numerous meetings between the various groups as well as private interviews. Trends demonstrate the population of older adults in Renton is growing. Additionally it is increasing in ethnic and cultural diversity. Access to services is a challenge for older residents and can cause isolation. We need to increase awareness of our services. Our goals include increase demand programming, increase capacity of Renton's systems of services and supports, and improve access and transportation to improve quality of life for all of Renton's older adults. We also need to build partnerships with organizations and institutions that also serve the older adult population.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

2014 – Carry Forward – Terry Hiqashiyama

Due to time constraints Terry noted we will address the 2014 carry forwards at our May meeting, as well as discuss the Sub-Committee Ordinance Review.

IX. INFORMATION

Terry quickly reminded everyone the brochures for the Renton Community Center and Renton Senior Activity Center were in their packets. Upcoming events include Arbor Day/Earth Day on April 25 and the Volunteer dinner on April 28. Our May meeting will be a presentation on Capital Improvement Projects and we will elect a new Chair effective June 9, 2015.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Larry Reymann and seconded by Tim Searing to adjourn the April 2015 meeting at 6:00 p.m. All were in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.


Signature

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

May 12, 2015

Council Conference Room--7th Floor