

City of Renton

Board of Park Commissioners



Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2011

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

In Attendance

The following members were present:

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

Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Sandy Pilat, Leslie Betlach, Kelly Beymer, Terry Flatley, Tim Williams, Peter Renner, Vanessa Dolbee

Guests: Jacob Hill, Kim Unti, Ryan Mottan, Lauren Schmitt

Chair, Al Dieckman, called the February 2, 2011, meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. Roll call was taken; all members were present.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Cynthia Burns made a motion, seconded by Mike O'Donin, to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favor, motion carried, the February 2, 2011, agenda was approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mike O'Donin and seconded by Larry Reymann to approve the January 11, 2011, minutes as written, all were in favor, motion carried. The minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Terry noted that the City Council would acknowledge Ron Regis' many years of service at their meeting on Monday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. She invited everyone to attend if possible.

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

2010 Urban Forestry Report—Terry Flatley

Terry gave an overview of the Renton Urban and Community Forestry Development Plan. Accomplishments were noted such as being recognized as Tree City USA in 2009 and 2010, Tree City USA 2009 Growth Award and Washington Community Forestry Council, Canopy Cover Analysis (received grant in 2010 and study underway in 2011), and completed State of the Urban Forest Report. In the last year a tree inventory has been done, including the Benson Hill annexation, a street tree selection list, tree retention regulations update, and consumer literature was made available.

A tree work request form was developed to track work orders and pertinent information. Terry gave a summary of the numbers on tree pruning, planting, removals, etc. He also reviewed some of the larger projects that were completed including North 3rd Street, pruning for clearance, dangerous tree removals along the Cedar River Trail, and Benson Hill tree inventory removals. Upcoming projects for 2011 include SR169 dangerous tree removal, downtown street trees and sidewalks, Burnett Avenue tree pruning and Williams Avenue tree pruning. The top priority projects include the 2011 forestry grant proposal, forestry ordinance, 2011 Tree City USA and Growth Award, Tree Planting Program and Canopy Cover Report.

Library Update—Peter Renner, Facilities Director

Preferred site options have been identified and discussed with Council in closed session. Acquisition of the sites is in process. An Interlocal Agreement is in development to promote and maintain high levels of public input into the design and features of the new libraries. A Request for Proposals has been issued by KCLS for architectural firms.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

PRO Plan—Leslie Betlach

Notebooks were distributed to the Board members with materials that are available on the City's web site to the public. The Needs Analysis Questions were introduced outlining which recreation opportunities should be provided close to home, balancing quality versus quantity, outcomes achieved by our programming, and more. We are looking at our existing conditions, number of acres and programming offered and our next steps. Mid-February an interactive map should be added to the web site.

Tonight's joint meeting with the Planning Commission will give the Park Board an opportunity to interact with the Planning Commissioners and break into groups for discussion. There will be an additional joint meeting in June. 2011.

VII. INFORMATION

The March, April and May meetings will be held the second Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. at the Conferencing Center on the 7th floor of City Hall. The June meeting will be Wednesday, June 15 at 4:30 p.m. and held in conjunction with the 6:00 p.m. Planning Commission meeting.

The Board members were invited to attend the Wednesday, February 9, 2011, employee recognition luncheon at the Renton Community Center at 11:00 a.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Cynthia Burns and seconded by Mike O'Donin to adjourn the February meeting at 5:36 p.m. All were in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

March 8, 2011 @ 4:30 P.M.

City Hall Conferencing Center--7th Floor
