

**City of Renton**  
**Board of Park Commissioners**



**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 11, 2011**  
**4:30 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

**In Attendance**

The following members were present:

Al Dieckman, Cynthia Burns, Mike O'Donin, Larry Reymann, Troy Wigestrland,  
Tim Searing

Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Leslie Betlach, Kelly Beymer, Tim Williams, Elizabeth  
Stewart, Terry Flatley, Bonnie Rerecich, Teresa Nishi, Kris Stimpson

Chair Al Dieckman, called the January 11, 2011, meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Ron Regis was not present. Mike O'Donin made a motion seconded by Troy Wigestrland to excuse Ron Regis. All were in favor, motion carried.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Larry Reymann made a motion seconded by Mike O'Donin to approve the agenda as written. All were in favor, motion carried agenda approved.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Troy Wigestrland made a motion seconded by Cynthia Burns to approve the December minutes as written. All were in favor, motion carried, the December 2010 minutes were approved as presented.

**IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/ACTION ITEMS**

N/A

**V. BOARD COMMUNICATION**

Troy Wigestrland commented that Clam Lites was excellent. Cynthia Burns went on a Waterways cruise and the Captain commented on how happy he was to come to Renton.

## **VI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Terry Higashiyama announced Ron Regis had stopped by her office last week and resigned. He is having health challenges necessitating his decision. We will initiate a press release and open up the position and begin the interview process. We will try to schedule an evening for the Council to acknowledge Ron's many years of service at an upcoming Council meeting, probably February 7, 2011.

A rally for the Seahawks with hotdogs and contests for the most 'spirited' Seahawks attire was held at City Hall prior to the weekend game. The Seahawks were planning a rally for the next game and having fans present at overpasses, waving banners, on the route for the bus going to the airport.

## **VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **Scholarship Program**

Bonnie Rerecich and Teresa Nishi were present to update the Board on the scholarship program. Bonnie noted this program is dear to her heart. She explained the department strives to make recreational opportunities available to everyone interested, regardless of their age or income. City residents (and some within the school district) are eligible for funding, provided by the Sam Chastain Memorial Fund. Eligibility is in line with the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development income guidelines. When available, the scholarships are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Requests have more than doubled in the last four years. The scholarship program is not supported by tax dollars. The success of the program is dependent upon the generosity of service groups, individuals, and the Renton Business Community.

### **2010 Recreation Wrap-up**

Tim Williams, Recreation Director, and Kris Stimpson, Recreation Manager, presented the 2010 Summer Wrap Up. They noted the final numbers from the Summer Lunch Program and attendance at the Aquatic Center as well as fun facts from our summer programs. Special events included moonlight movies, fishing kids, the Coulon Concerts series and the American Kennel Club Dog Owner Day. The Senior Center special events included BlackJack Tuesdays, National Sugar Cookie Day, National Ice Cream Day, Lucille Ball's Birthday Luncheon, National Cupcake Day Luncheon and the Thanksgiving Day Celebration. In 2011 we are looking forward to on-line picnic shelter reservations and memberships including fitness and pool passes.

### **2010 Maplewood Golf Course**

Kelly Beymer, Golf Course/Parks Director gave a wrap up of the golf course for 2010. She explained the golf course operates an Enterprise Fund and the fees collected support all the golf course operations, including internal service costs and utilities.

The bonds will retire in 2015. Year to date the golf course has reduced expenses by \$94,932. Since revenues are weather dependent, the year to date rounds were below last year's level. The golf course is a certified Audubon cooperative sanctuary and achieved re-certification in May 2010.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

Leslie Betlach noted the PRO Plan is moving along. She encouraged everyone to go online and view the survey and information available. We will discuss this further at our meeting on Wednesday, February 2, 2011. The Consultant will be present at the Planning Commission meeting as well as Vanessa Dolbee, Economic Development. The Planning Commission and Parks Commission members will break into groups for discussion.

**IX. CONSENT**

Tim Williams, Recreation Director, supplied a copy of the Cascade Boathouse Lease. The lease was signed for 2007-2010, they are requesting a one-year extension. This one-year extension will give us flexibility to look at other potential vendors. Larry Reymann made a motion seconded by Cynthia Burns to approve the addendum to the lease agreement for one year. All were in favor, motion carried.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Mike O'Donin made a motion seconded by Larry Reymann to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, motion carried meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.



Signature

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, February 2 @ 4:30 p.m.**

**City Hall Conferencing Center**

**7<sup>th</sup> Floor**