

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
March 9, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ted Fosberg	Ed Dacy	Sheryl Knowles
Larry Moormeier	Chris Ndifon	Jean Spohn

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Hiede Holmes

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Roemer, Parks Development and Operations Manager
Amanda Morales, Recreation Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT:

David Beal – B-Patch Gardener

Ted Fosberg, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

David Beal and his wife each had a plot last season. This situation is inconsistent with the policy of one plot per residence. However, since a number of plots were available last year, the Beals were granted two. Their understanding was that this could continue. This year they have been grandfathered in as staff felt that there was reason for confusion after the first year, but they will not be able to do so for 2012.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

None

The agenda was approved 5/0/0

MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING: The minutes from the December meeting were approved as corrected 6/0/0. The minutes from February were approved with corrections 5/1/0.

AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS:

Department Teens and Tweens Programming

Amanda Morales gave us a great overview of all Teen and Tween programs offered by Parks and Recreation. We enjoyed seeing the setting of the Eagle Landing room where the afterschool program is held. Budget is \$43,235 for approx. 900 hours of programming. A change from policy used in the old center is that students must stay in the teen room or sign out, rather than wander throughout the center. Volunteers have come in from Highline High School to

provide mentoring or homework support, but are not available every day. We suggested recruiting from senior population and publicizing on B-town blog. Amanda noted that the Student Resource Officer (SRO) helps with finding volunteers. The evening events have grown in participants so Friday night's was moved from here to Sylvester and Saturday's moved from Sylvester to Highline High. Saturday's program brought 73 students. They were allowed to use the gym and weight room and are looking for trainers. Afternoon trips are once a month. They have a 1:12 ratio for staff to students. They extended hours of summer camp from 6:30AM to 6:00PM, and it is fee based at \$130 per week. Steve asked for a comparative participation since the facility change. Amanda reported that the participation after school is 30-35 a day here, and that is nearly double what it was at the old CC building.

Discussion of B-Patch Policies

There has been lack of clarity regarding the 'one plot per residence' policy as to whether it means per 'household' or per 'individual'. Parks Director, Michael Lafreniere, states it will be one plot per residence/household. This policy is also recommended by our Board members. Another unclear policy has been regarding whether or not to permit persons to continue with the same plot the following year. It was noted that we voted in October to approve ongoing use of a plot by the same person year after year. We hope that the B-Patch board will take an active role in determining garden management procedures. However, policies as noted above would be the same for all current and future B-patches. .

Discussion of Parks Board Work Plan

Steve is planning to get citizen input by attending Affinity group meetings that have been established to develop the Vision for Burien. Ted suggested that members of our Board meet with the consultant and affinity groups, Steve is also looking for stakeholders from different neighborhoods and told us that meetings for PROS will start end of April, beginning of May. Steve would like us to assist with the development of PROS plan. Sheryl offered to attend meetings that Steve recommends. At next meeting Steve will have more suggestions as to what our involvement could be.

Election of Board Officers

Sheryl Knowles was elected to be Chair of the Board

Ed Dacy was elected to be Vice-Chair

Jean Spohn was elected to be Secretary

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- Eagle sculpture for Eagle Landing is in process. The design of the housing is complete with labor to be contributed by an Eagle Scout.
- Tides have wrecked the steps nearest to the water at Eagle Landing Park. An alternate design that would make the steps less vulnerable is being reviewed.
- Steve distributed a copy of a letter the department wrote to the Army Corps of Engineers detailing risks to the Seahurst project should the Corps delay a year. The project has received great support from our Washington political delegations, as well as neighboring and partner agencies.
- Ted asked why Community Center is not opened on the weekends.
- Ted and Larry were thanked for their six years each of service on the Board. We will miss their wisdom and energy!

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR QUESTIONS

- Community Garden topics, as necessary.
- Parks Capital projects and operations updates
- Informal recreation opportunities in parks. -
- Potential for future dog park or off-leash areas.
- Discussion of Seahurst Rules and Regulations
- Discussion of park hours of operation
- PROS Plan
- Disc (Frisbee) Golf
- Health and Wellness Programming
- Next location for a B-Patch

The next meeting is April 13, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

Submitted by Jean Spohn, Secretary