

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
May 11, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Annie Morton Cynthia Raufmann-Trewartha Sheryl Knowles
Hiede Holmes Chris Ndifon Jean Spohn

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ed Dacy

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Roemer, Parks Development and Operations Manager

GUESTS PRESENT: None

Sheryl Knowles, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

CITIZEN COMMENT: None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: The agenda was approved 6/0/0

MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING: The minutes from the April meeting were approved as corrected noting that Vice-Chair Ed Dacy served as Board Chair - 6/0/0.

AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS:

Update on the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

Steve reviewed the timeline and activities for updating the PROS plan. This process is repeated every six years to assure that input from residents and customers is gathered. He reported that Beckwith Consulting Group will lead this effort. The PROS plan must support the Burien comprehensive plan and will also help drive the capital improvement program. Steve is doing a very thorough inventory, including turf acreage, trails and buildings. Public Works has been helping with GIS as well as volunteers. Steve has scheduled Park Board meetings focused on this process to be July 13, Sept. 14 and Nov. 9. Steve is looking for more input from the Burien Hispanic community as well as youth. Annie suggested gathering input via surveys at parent-teacher meetings, church groups, high schools, and popular restaurants like LaCosta

Discussion of 2010 Parks Board Annual Report

We agreed to include the following highlights in the report:

- Move to new Community Center at repurposed library. The building has become a gathering spot for community and is much more popular

with the youth.

- Creation of the first Burien Community Garden with 28 happy gardeners.
- Renovations to 6 parks in North Burien. The parks staff and contractors replaced all park signs, repaved the dilapidated asphalt trails, and replaced tables, park benches and garbage cans with new durable and attractive products.
- Walking Path Reconstruction at Lake Burien Elementary Park
- Mathison Park opened for business with play area, interpretive signage and two trails.
- Several community cleanups around Arbor Lake Park
- Planning for New Play Toy at Puget Sound Park
- Development of plan for Seahurst Park Seawall removal and shoreline restoration with Army Corps of Engineers
- Community work parties at Seahurst Park, Eagle Landing, Shorewood and Salmon Creek Ravine to remove invasive plants, restore with native plants and improve trails.
- Water feature at Town Square became operational.

Update on Park Capital and Operations

Seahurst Park is still in a holding pattern regarding funding available to the Army Corps of Engineers. The Project Partnership Agreement is in final stages of approval and final design should begin shortly. Staff have a concern over expiration of state and regional grants. The Estuary Salmon Restoration Program grant is most vulnerable as he needs to spend over \$400,000 by the end of June for planning, unless a budget extension is approved by the State Legislature. His capital budget is very limited and is only funded for Seahurst Park, Puget Sound Park (to replace playground equipment) and the PROS plan. He is applying for a KC Youth Sports and Facilities Grant for playfield improvements at Moshier, and also for a CDBG for a roof replacement at the Community Center.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Seahurst Park has been nominated to be a bird watching site listed in a new Audubon birding field guide.
- Jean urged park board members to fill out the Vision for Burien survey
- Public Works is doing a Transportation Plan and is looking for Steering committee members. This will be on same timeline as the PROS plan.

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
- Health and Wellness Programming
- Next location for a B-Patch
- Tobacco Use in Parks

The next meeting is June 8, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Submitted by Jean Spohn, Secretary