

**CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2010

Time: 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ted Fosberg	Hiede Holmes	Ed Dacy	Cheryl Knowles
Chris Ndifon	Jean Spohn	Larry Moormeier	

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Roemer, Parks Development and Operations Manager
Lisa Aumann, Volunteer Coordinator
Debbie Zemke, Recreation Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

Ted Fosberg, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.
The minutes from the September meeting were approved 7/0/0.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

The agenda was approved 7/0/0, with no additions

AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS:

Report on Adopt-A-Park Activities for 2010 – Lisa Aumann

Lisa reported that as of Sept 30th, 238 different volunteers contributed 756 hours of work on parks in Burien. Eagle Landing, Manhattan, Mathison, Salmon Creek Ravine, Seahurst and Shorewood Parks have been adopted. In addition to park neighbors, volunteers came in organized groups from schools, companies and other volunteer groups. Highline High School, St. Francis Elementary, Jobee Daycare, YMCA Earth Service Corps. Americorp, Hawkeye Company all deserve kudos for supporting our parks with workers.

Salmon Creek Park in the newly annexed area of Burien has been adopted by New Start High School teachers and students. They have removed a lot of blackberry and will plant native plants they have been nurturing at the school nursery. Park staff

have met with a New Start High School teacher to determine where to plant plants from their nursery.

At Arbor Lake Park, also in the annexed area, a first work party to remove invasive plants is scheduled for Nov. 20th. Ted encouraged park board members to attend. Neighbors appeared very eager to get started.

Kevin Alexander who has been leading monthly work parties at Seahurst Park will move to Port Townsend and Lisa is trying to find another who will adopt the park. Lisa devotes just 5 hours a week to supporting all of her volunteers who have adopted parks.

Overview of Recreation and Arts Activities for 2010

Debbie Zemke reported that the community has embraced the new Community Center. People use it extensively just to visit and sit in the main room. Program registration has increased 19%. By 10:30 AM the parking lot is generally full. Some students are at the center all of their out-of-school time.

Planning is underway to add after school programming, specifically exercise programs, and programs located at neighborhood schools. Another new effort is to bring exercise classes to low income apartment complexes. The old Community Center building is now called the Annex and is fully leased by non-profit organizations. The Dottie Harper house has been repurposed for rental and the first tenant is Refugee Woman's Alliance. The Arts Commission has decided to spend \$48,000 of the public art fund and will be presenting their plan to City Council. The Commission has also coordinated having banners made using student art, about community topics, to be hung along 153rd and 152nd streets. There have been rotating art displays in the Community Center. The mother of a developmentally challenged child was so impressed with an exercise program that she gave a large check to fund anyone who could not pay. Debbie explained that a great number of their activities appeal to all ages. This facility is a reason people are happy they live in Burien. Debbie asked us to keep our eyes and ears open for what our neighbors might need.

Update on Park CIP and Operations

Steve reported that Seahurst Park will have to be closed after the 2011 summer season. The work to remove the seawall will require large equipment and major earthwork, and will make the shoreline of Seahurst unsafe and not accessible for visitors. Steve has met with Joe Weiss, High School Teacher at the Marine Technical Lab and Caroline Bobanick, Environmental Science Center Executive Director, to let them know of the project impacts to their programs. He cited an 800 page federal environmental approval report for the project. The Army Corps of Engineers has verbally reported that their share of funding is available and Burien has the remaining funding through a combination of grants and capital funds. He has also applied for an ESRP grant to supplement City funds.

Steve reported being able to hire Earth Corps to remove invasive plants from Seahurst, Eagle Landing and Salmon Creek Ravine parks. Also the trail into Salmon

Creek Ravine along the sewer treatment plant fence was significantly improved which makes it possible for folks of all ages to safely walk into the ravine. We are also getting new park furnishings in all North Burien annex area parks.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR QUESTIONS

Community Garden topics, as necessary.

Parks Capital projects and operations updates

2011-2012 Capital and Operating Budgets

Additional discussion on informal recreation opportunities in parks.

Impact of annexation on recreation staff.

Potential for future dog park.

Environmental Science Center update from new Executive Director

Discussion of Seahurst Rules and Regulations

Discussion of park hours of operation

For the Good of the Order

- Chris spoke to his idea that students should learn about city government so they can learn what it takes to make the city work. Could such classes be offered by the Recreation Dept?

The next meeting is Dec. 8th

Our January 12 meeting will be a potluck dinner with the Arts Commission and will start at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by Jean Spohn,