

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
MEETING MINUTES
Date – January 13, 2010
Time - 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Ndifon Jean Spohn Larry Moormeier

Ted Fosberg Ed Dacy

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Sheryl Knowles

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Lafreniere, Parks Director
Steve Roemer, Parks Development and Operations Manager
Kristy Dunn, Recreation Supervisor
Bophary Du, Recreation Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT

Kim Johnson, Jim Branson

Chris Ndifon called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 PM.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Kim Johnson introduced herself, stating that she had applied for the Parks Board vacancy, was active in the community and interested in participating and contributing to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department and its goals.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA & AGENDA REVIEW

No changes.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the December 9, 2009 meeting were approved 5/0/0.

AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

PRESENTATION

- Michael Lafreniere provided an update on the new Burien Community Center, which will be located in the old King County Library site at 14700 6th Ave. Burien.

- ✓ The new center will have about 1000 sq. ft. additional programming space beyond the current center, but more importantly will provide a much more comfortable and inviting setting for our customers, with activity rooms designed for their intended functions.
 - ✓ Programmed spaces will include rooms for teens and seniors, health services, such as foot care, computers, dance, exercise, meetings, and large gatherings, such as wedding receptions with a kitchenette to support food service.
 - ✓ Current schedules have staff to move in during mid April 2010, programming to start immediately following, and an Open House event in May 2010.
- Kristy Dunn and Bophary Du presented an overview of the Adult and Senior Programs and opportunities within the Department.
 - ✓ The broad topics of Adult Programs offered include; dance, yoga, fitness, sports and special interest.
 - ✓ Adult classes offered include; cooking, dog obedience, finances, softball, basketball, karate, pilates, yoga, ballroom and tap dancing, to name just a few of the opportunities.
 - ✓ For Seniors the Department offers Programs, Services, Activities and Travel options.
 - ✓ Senior topics include; health, computer skills, transportation options, attorney and financial services, local and overnight travel, Wii bowling, movies, group games, such as cards or Bunco, and even special events, such as Taste of Tuscany or Bunny Breakfast.
 - Board officers were elected, resulting in Ted Fosberg assuming the position of Board Chair and Ed Dacy assuming the position of Vice Chair, both effective as of the close of this evening's meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR QUESTIONS

- Community Garden topics, as necessary and a tour of existing community gardens
- Parks Capital projects updates
- 2010 Parks budget reductions
- Annexation as related to the parks and tour of new parks
- Update on volunteer activities at Shorewood and Salmon Creek Parks
- Recreation program updates
- Potential for future passive recreational opportunities in parks, ie. frisbee golf, bocce ball.
- Impact of annexation on recreation staff.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- The Board thanked Chris Ndifon for serving as Board Chair during 2009.
- Sustainable Burien is excited about the potential for a community garden and they are coordinating with staff during the early stages of development.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Roemer, Parks Manager, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services