

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
MEETING MINUTES
Date – March 10, 2010
Time - 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Ndifon Jean Spohn Larry Moormeier

Ted Fosberg Ed Dacy Sheryl Knowles

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Roemer, Parks Development and Operations Manager

GUESTS PRESENT

None

Ted Fosberg called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 PM.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA & AGENDA REVIEW

Deleted Review of Park Board Applications 6/0/0.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the February 10, 2010 meeting were approved 6/0/0.

AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

PRESENTATION

- Board member Jean Spohn provided a presentation on volunteer efforts at Shorewood Park and Salmon Creek Ravine.
 - ✓ Shorewood Park volunteer efforts started in 2007, at this forested, three acre park.
 - ✓ Volunteer Fred Hensey has been involved at Shorewood since the beginning and has been a steward of parks for over 20 years.
 - ✓ Projects completed and ongoing over the years have included; installation of stairs, development and installation of interpretive plant signs, removal of invasive plant

species, such as holly and ivy, planting of native species throughout, such as deer fern and cedar.

- ✓ Volunteer work parties are currently held one Saturday in even months.
- ✓ Salmon Creek Ravine volunteer efforts have recently started in 2009.
- ✓ A new workgroup has been formed focusing on Salmon Creek Ravine. Protecting and enhancing the resources of the Salmon Creek ravine will be a partnership between community volunteers and the City of Burien. Others involved in this collaboration will be representatives from King County, Southwest Suburban Sewer District, Washington State Fish and Wildlife, Trout Unlimited, and a U.W. Graduate Student doing thesis work on this watershed.
- ✓ Initial volunteer work parties have been focusing on ivy removal.

- Steve Roemer provided an update on the Parks capital projects.
 - ✓ Seahurst activities include ongoing 35% design work with the USACE for the north shore restoration. Staff has submitted grant applications to the Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) for LWCF and WWRP funds totaling \$1,000,000 for the recreational improvements to the park following the USACE phase of work.
 - ✓ Mathison Park has a formal dedication scheduled for April 13th and the RCO inspected the project and was very pleased with the results. The project was completed on time and on budget.
 - ✓ Staff is evaluating options for replacing playground equipment in 2010 at either Dottie Harper or Lake Burien School parks.
 - ✓ Staff will be submitting for CDBG grant funds to support the renovation of recreational elements at Puget Sound Park
 - ✓ The new community garden is under construction with a great deal of volunteer support from Sustainable Burien, and should be operational by May 15th.

- Steve Roemer provided a short overview of the WRPA conference coming up in Tacoma and specifically about the Friday, April 16th Economic Summit.

- The Board and staff began review of the 2009 Board Report, which will be presented by Ted Fosberg at City Council on June 7th.

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 members are considering providing a tour of the parks to the public this summer. .
- Ed Dacy reminded all that Council had recently approved an operational budget for the new parks in North Burien.
- Town Square park's fountain is not yet operational , remaining items include final Health Department permitting, adjustment to the runnel weirs to prevent substantial over splashing onto pathways, and connectivity of pump controls to staff computers in order to monitor water quality.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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