

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
MEETING MINUTES
Date – September 9, 2009
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

Chris Ndifon called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

CITIZEN COMMENT

E-mail correspondence attached regarding community gardens from Rob Johnson, John Feeney, Wayne Sykes, Jean Spohn and Ed Dacy.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA & AGENDA REVIEW

No changes.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the August 12, 2009 meeting were approved 5/0/0.

AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

PRESENTATION

- Steve Roemer presented on the parks potentially involved in the annexation.
 - ✓ Hazel Valley, Puget Sound, Arbor Lake, Salmon Creek and Hilltop Parks
 - ✓ Discussion focused on the capital and operational needs for these facilities.
 - ✓ Potential future uses of the parks were discussed, including community gardens, dog parks or athletic fields.

POLICY DISCUSSION

- Community Gardens: The Board and staff discussed community garden program development focusing on the topic of Garden Rules of General Use.
 - ✓ Garden should be organic, as described in Seattle's P-Patch Rules #2.
 - ✓ Produce grown may not be sold.
 - ✓ Users may request 1 plot per year, on a yearly basis and by lottery if demand exists.
 - ✓ Plots to be adopted by persons 18 years or older.
 - ✓ Burien residents have preference.
 - ✓ A Garden Board formed of plot users will manage the daily operations.
 - ✓ Pets will not be allowed inside the Garden.
 - ✓ Plot Use as described by Seattle's P-Patch Rules #1.
 - ✓ Smoking is not allowed.
 - ✓ Garden to be operation year a round, if not used in winter by an individual plot user, then plot must be winterized.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR QUESTIONS

- Community Garden topics
- Seahurst Park North Shore restoration project update
- 2010 Parks budget reductions
- Annexation as related to the parks
- Update on the Department's move to the old Library
- Recreation program updates
- Potential for future recreational opportunities in parks, ie. frisbee golf, bocce ball.
- Impact of annexation on recreation staff.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Steve Roemer spoke of the Mathison family reunion in Mathison park and the reuse of woodchips from cleared trees, as trail material.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

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