

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
MEETING MINUTES
Date – October 14, 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
Debbie Zemke, Recreation Manager

GUESTS PRESENT

None

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

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA & AGENDA REVIEW

No changes.

MEETING MINUTES

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

AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

PRESENTATION

- Debbie Zemke provided an overview of the Department's Recreation Division including Cultural Services, Youth and Family Services and Adult and Senior Services.
 - ✓ Cultural Services includes Moshier Arts Center, City-wide Arts Special Events, Arts Commission and Economic Development role.
 - ✓ Youth and Family Services includes Programs and Classes for youth and teens, Family Events and Programs, Facility Scheduling and Department Promotions.

- ✓ Adult and Senior Services includes Adult Exercise classes, Dance, Enrichment classes and Sports activities. Senior Enrichment classes and Day Trips, Drop In Clinics and Activities, Support Services, and Volunteer Opportunities.

Board member Ted Fosberg asked about the elimination of funding for the SCORE, after school enrichment program for youth. This Seattle based program lost its regional funding and would no longer be able to operate, and in response Burien ended its contribution of funding for this eliminated program.

- Steve Roemer provided an overview of the Parks Division Budget Reductions for 2010.
 - ✓ The Division reduced the budget \$73,068 with the largest portion coming from the Landscape maintenance services (\$53,970).
 - ✓ The reduction strategy attempts to insulate the impacts directly to the public as much as possible.
 - ✓ The most visible impacts will be the closure of restrooms during the winter months of November through February, and the elimination of the flower pot beautification program at 40 locations within Burien.

Board members suggested greater use of volunteers, especially for tasks such as litter and graffiti removal, and increased park adoptions by local businesses.

POLICY DISCUSSION

- Community Gardens: The Board and staff discussed community garden program development focusing on the topics of fees, support services such as garbage or porta-potties, basic irrigation installations, and the provision of tools.

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

- The Board requested that the November Park Board meeting be rescheduled to the 18th, since the second Wednesday falls on the Veteran's Day Holiday.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:20PM.

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