

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
City Hall, Miller Creek Room
MEETING MINUTES
Date – November 18, 2009
Time - 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Ndifon Jean Spohn Larry Moormeier

Ted Fosberg Ed Dacy

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Sheryl Knowles

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Roemer, Parks Development and Operations Manager
Rachel Maruska, Recreation Specialist
Amanda Morales, Recreation Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT

None

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

CITIZEN COMMENT

Paul Matson with the Student Conservation Association(SCA) informed the Board that the SCA has been active in King County, specifically at Salmon Creek Park providing volunteer and funded labor and materials. Paul stated that they maintain a native plant nursery at the New Start High School and work in the park removing invasive plants and replacing with native species. Historically, King County has funded their efforts up to \$30,000/year to support their contracted work.

John Feeney with Sustainable Burien spoke to provide support for the establishment of community gardens in Burien.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA & AGENDA REVIEW

No changes.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the October 14, 2009 meeting were approved 5/0/0.

AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

PRESENTATION

- Rachel Maruska and Amanda Morales presented on the Recreation Division's preschool and youth programs.
 - ✓ Active programs, such as dance classes, tumbling, soccer or karate
 - ✓ Preschool and Youth Enrichment programs, such as Little Writers, Parent and Me Music Magic or Cooking with Your Child
 - ✓ Sports Camps, such as baseball, soccer, basketball and tennis
 - ✓ Camp CRAZ, which is for 10 weeks in the summer and currently accommodates 60 kids per week
 - ✓ Free Community Programs, such as Rec and Read, or Gym Jam
 - ✓ Community Partnerships are also coordinated through the department to provide additional programs with groups including New City Dance Company, Momentum Music and Dance Academy, Jungle Gym, Burien Library or Challenger Soccer Group
 - ✓ Special Events produced by staff include Pumpkin Patch Bash, Daddy Daughter Dance, Egg Hunt and Bunny Breakfast

PROJECT UPDATE

- Steve Roemer provided an update on the Seahurst North Shoreline Renovation project.
 - ✓ The City and Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) have entered into a Feasibility and Cost Share Agreement, which will take the project through 35% design, permitting and cost estimates.
 - ✓ Currently, the project schedule shows completion of the 35% design in the Spring of 2010 and start of construction in late Fall 2010, if City Council provides direction to proceed into final design and construction.

POLICY DISCUSSION

- Community Gardens: The Board and staff discussed community garden program development focusing on a summarization of the potential program, its goals and objectives, site amenities, potential locations and general garden operations. Both staff and Board members were asked to continue evaluations of possible garden locations to discuss at the December meeting.

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

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- Ed Dacy spoke to previous owners of the Hazel Valley Park property located within the potential annexation area and shared that the park was once the site of horse riding stables.
- Steve Roemer stated that the Parks Department received a “Rock Award” from the King Conservation District given for Local Government Conservation for 2009, for the work on the Seahurst Park seawall removal, re-vegetation, project monitoring and continued maintenance.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM.

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