

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
MEETING MINUTES
Date - June 11, 2008
Time - 6:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Gwen Benedict Ted Fosberg Mark Flynn
Chris Ndifon Jean Spohn

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Larry Moormeier

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Thomas, Parks Acquisition & Development Planner

GUESTS PRESENT

None

Jean Spohn called the meeting to order at approximately 6:10 PM.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the May 2008 meeting were approved 4/0/0.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda. The agenda was approved 4/0/0.

Board Member Chris Ndifon arrived at 7:00 PM

AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

Tour of Parks – Scott Thomas

1. Burien Community Center
2. SW 141st Street “Pond Park” – This is a remarkable and lovely new park, so different from other water retention sites.
3. Chelsea Park – This is a popular park well used by the neighbors.
4. Jacob Ambaum Park – features of this park that Scott pointed out - pervious cement on all pathways, lighting of the park all night, restroom with security features, landscaping artwork, and innovative toys, such as the galaxy. Mark estimated seeing 150 people using the park at one time on Sunday.

5. Seahurst Service Road & Restroom – We visited the site where the path was repaired on May 29th The project was led by Volunteers for Outdoor Washington.
6. Lake Burien School Memorial Park – Residents seem happy with the new plantings. The park hosts a lot of ad hoc soccer games.
7. Farmers Market Location
8. Triangle Park – This park is being enlarged by Public Works with the addition of land used by a cutoff street. This cutoff was dangerous, so turning it into a park is a double win.
9. Lakeview Park- Parks owns part of the property and is still trying to negotiate with Highline School District to get the rest of the property.
10. South Burien Park Site #1 (Whisler) –
11. South Burien Park Site #2 (Walker Creek)
12. Des Moines Memorial – Future plans call for enlarging this by using the grounds of the school behind it.
13. SW 144th Street Public Works Revegetation Project
14. SeaTac Park Bike Path- COB is working with SeaTac to extend the path south to connect with a new trail through a wetland. The trail will be constructed over a sewer line now being installed.
15. Chelsea “Pond Park” - We were treated to an unusual view of a pond with water in it.
16. Seattle City Light Soccer Field
17. Burien Community Center

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR QUESTIONS

- June: Board members discussed ideas for the annual park tour.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Annual Report – The date has been switched to July 14 and Jean will be out of town. Next in line to deliver the report to the City Council is Larry and Jean will coordinate with him.
- Salmon Creek – Jean reported that Trout Unlimited has surveyed Salmon Creek and observed that with some repairs would again support salmon spawning. Initial recommendations are to watch for salmon above the culvert, build some in-stream structures, remove invasive plants and even to plant Coho salmon fry early next year. This survey was sent to the Mayor, Dave Upthegrove and Dennis Clark as well as others but as far as I know, no action has been taken on any of the recommendations. Jean will send the survey to Board members.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Spohn, Chair, Parks and Recreation Department Advisory Board