

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Record of Meeting
Date – December 10, 2008
Time - 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Gwen Benedict Ted Fosberg Jean Spohn

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Christopher Ndifon, Sr., Larry Moormeier

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Roemer, Parks Development and Operations Manager
Debbie Zemke, Recreation Manager

GUESTS PRESENT

Gordon Wilson, FCS Group
Rochelle Flynn, Arts Commission Chairperson

Jean Spohn called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 PM.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Regarding Cost Recovery Fee Policy:

- Look at more equitable ways to tier fees, not just based on age. More subsidized for the community serving programs, less subsidized for the individual serving programs.
- Serve residents first, identify their needs. Currently, low income subsidies limited to first year only.
- Preschool requirement for documentation might eliminate customers that have a need.
- Maybe charge more for the more popular programs.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA & AGENDA REVIEW

No changes.

MEETING MINUTES

A quorum was not available to approve the November 2008 minutes.

AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

POLICY DISCUSSION

- Recreation Manager Debbie Zemke and Gordon Wilson with FCS Group discussed the upcoming Recreation Cost Recovery Policy changes. Gordon explained the fundamentals of revenues and cost recovery percentage, in the context of recreation programs. The different

levels of cost discussed included incremental cost, ongoing program cost, Department cost and full cost. In addition, the "General Fund subsidy" was discussed, which refers to the degree to which taxpayers pay part of the cost of a program, above what revenues provide.

Gordon posed to the Board that one of the questions in developing a fee policy is the degree to which a particular type of activity (or activities serving a particular type of customer) should be expected to recover a lower percentage of its costs than other types of activities.

For example potential lower cost recovery activities could include:

- ✓ For senior programs: basic health services vs. travel and enrichment classes.
- ✓ For teens: supervised activities during times when teens are prone to risky behavior, such as after school and on Friday or Saturday nights.
- ✓ Special events where it is not practical to collect a fee.
- ✓ Programs explicitly targeted to low-income customers, such as Gym Jam and Moshier Art Center classes for special populations.

A second question Gordon posed to the Board was whether it would be appropriate to charge a separate (and higher) price for non-residents who participate in City recreation programs or rent City facilities.

Responses to these questions from citizens in attendance have been listed above in the Citizen Comments, and the Board asked to provide further feedback to staff. Debbie offered to receive Board comments over the following weeks.

PRESENTATIONS

- Rochelle Flynn provided an update on the Art Commission for 2007 and 2008. The Arts Commission comprises of 9 members.
- Public Art Highlight in 2008 included:
 - ✓ Burien Interim Arts Space (B/IAS) beginning with "The Passage"
 - ✓ Downtown Burien Art Walks
 - ✓ Summer Concerts and movies
 - ✓ Strawberry Art Walk
 - ✓ Family Fiesta
 - ✓ Burien Little Theater
 - ✓ Arts Summit
 - ✓ King County Suburban Cities Performance Network
 - ✓ Burien Aesthetic Master Plan, "Branding Burien"

- Park Manager Steve Roemer gave an update on Seahurst Park North Shore Feasibility, providing the Board with the four design alternatives proposed. The alternatives represent varying amounts of shoreline armoring removal, restoration of the beach and addition of recreational improvements.
 - Alternative 1 represents maximum restoration with removal of all shoreline structures and armoring, to be replaced by beach nourishment. The Marine Technology Lab would be relocated and one small lawn area and playground would be located near the existing restroom.
 - Alternative 2 represents the Master Plan design as approved by City Council and includes the removal of shoreline structures and armoring for 75% of the shoreline, maintaining the structures supporting the Marine Technology Lab location. A wetland/estuary habitat zone would be created within the existing play area unit and a more natural north creek would replace the existing concrete channel.
 - Alternative 3 represents many of the same elements as Alternate 2, with the exception of the wetland/estuary habitat zone.
 - Alternative 4 represents minimum restoration with only a small amount of rock rip-rap removed at the perched beach area and the seawall remaining intact. Beach nourishment would be provided extensively along the entire shoreline and minimal riparian plantings would occur.

PARK NAMING SUGGESTIONS (continued from July)

- Action on naming of the 141st Street Stormwater Pond Park was deferred to a future date in order for the Board to further research the name “Linde Hill Park”.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR QUESTIONS

- None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Steve suggested for future discussion the possibility of moving the Board start time to 6:30pm.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:25PM.

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