

**CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
September 21, 2011**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Dacy Hiede Holmes Chris Ndifon
Cynthia Raufmann-Trewartha Jean Spohn

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Annie Morton Sheryl Knowles

STAFF PRESENT:

Michael Lafreniere - Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director
Tom Beckwith – Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Consultant

GUESTS PRESENT: None

Ed Dacy, Board Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

CITIZEN COMMENT: None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: The agenda was approved 5/0/0

MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING: The minutes from the July meeting were approved as amended to add Michael Lafreniere to those present. 5/0/0.

AGENDA ITEMS

Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan Update

Tom presented results from a state survey done every six years for Recreation and Conservation plan. We saw the results from King County. The survey sampled households across the state to learn about outdoor activities and was done by region, age, sex, income. One observation is that demand for trails and open space via bonds have been more successful than bonds for ball parks and community centers. This study is useful in getting grant money as facilities or activities most in use will have greater likelihood. Tom noted that our PROS plan needs to state intent to acquire any open space or park-suitable property if such becomes available. The plan also needs to state needs, such as “X” more acres of forest, miles of trails, ball fields.

He reviewed city-wide maps outlining existing and proposed conservancies, trails, picnic tables, wildlife areas, playgrounds, basketball courts, skate parks, tennis courts, baseball-practice fields, soccer practice, soccer competition, other sports, gyms, pools (most are outdoor), meeting rooms (criminal justice facility has huge room), art and interpretive centers, restrooms. We also reviewed pages describing existing conditions at each park and facility and identifying proposed improvements. He noted that the same documents were prepared for each school in Burien and these will be in the appendix. Most improvements are to take out invasive plants, put in picnic tables, add shelters. Also suggestions are to enlarge parks by uniting properties, such as creating a link to school with Hilltop. The total of proposed projects is over \$57,000. The projects will be soft prioritized based on what can get funding for.

Michael asked that board members review the park pages and send him any additions or corrections. Also we are given the opportunity to suggest additional proposals. The document in progress is available in color online as a PDF. Timeframe for suggestions is before the next Parks Board meeting on October 12th. Open House is Sept. 29th.

Marine Reserve Signage Review

Marine Reserve signs modeled after those placed by the Seattle Aquarium have been modified for Burien and printed. Dogs off leash are not permitted as shown by a slash over a picture of an unleashed dog. One sign will be placed in Seahurst Park and one in Eagle Landing Park.

Draft Smoke-Free Parks Policy

The tobacco free park- policy is ready to publish. Burien will be among the first cities to adopt this policy and will install the signage in time to get recognition during the November, declared the smoke-free month.

Updates on Parks Capital, Projects and Operations

Contract to fund completion of the design was signed with Army Corps first week in September. The Corps has until the end of September to contract with the design company. City has authorized check for \$415,000, its share of design; 65% and 100% designs would be done by next April in time to put out contract . Funding for construction, however, has not been secured.

Extensive graffiti and vandalism to park property was suffered this summer. Cameras will be placed at some of the areas.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Day of Caring on September 16th drew 125 people to Seahurst Park and resulted in removal of large amounts of trash and invasive plants.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR QUESTIONS

- Community Garden topics, as necessary.
- Parks Capital projects and operations updates
- Informal recreation opportunities in parks.
- Potential for future dog park or off-leash areas.
- Discussion of Seahurst Rules and Regulations
- PROS Plan
- Health and Wellness Programming
- Next location for a B-Patch
- Astronomy events

The next meeting is October 12, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm

Submitted by Jean Spohn, Secretary