

**CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON**  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**  
**September 12, 2012**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ed Dacy                      Hiede Holmes  
Sheryl Knowles          Jean Spohn  
Daniel Mendes          Annie Morton

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Chris Ndifon

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Michael LaFreniere, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director  
Steve Roemer, Parks Development and Operations Manager

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Matt Wendland, Katherine Wendland, Kellie Bassen, Kate and Kaare Bysheim, Lauren Dunham and their well-behaved canine companions

Sheryl Knowles, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

**AGENDA CONFIRMATION:** The agenda was approved with addition to add discussion about a new dog park 6/0/0

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** 6 community members spoke to recommend Hazel Valley Park as an off-leash park. This is close to Puget Sound Park, right in the center of Burien and includes rest room facilities. They offered a wide range of volunteer activities, such as fundraisers, fence repair and invasive plant removal. They would like to do it without much help from the city. Steve responded that the B-patch board runs the garden and would expect the dog park volunteers to elect a board and manage the business of the off-leash park. He noted that it will take some time, working through the Parks Board meetings as a public forum, to develop and forward a proposal to Council and that currently no funding is available for this work item. He commented that volunteers could begin to clean up blackberries, as Adopt-A-Park volunteers, get publicity and advocate for this project to be on the Parks Board's work plan for 2013. A potential dog park is suggested in the PROS Plan. He and the Board would need the City Council to approve this as a Work Plan item in order for parks to take action on this project.

**APPROVAL OF June 13, 2012 MINUTES:** The minutes from the June meeting were approved - 6/0/0.

**BUSINESS:**

Playground Standards for Private Development

Jean moved that the Parks and Recreation Department recommend that private developers be required to follow ASTM standards for playground equipment and installation. The

motion would support the PaRCS Director's recommendations in a September 17, 2012 Memorandum addressed to Burien's Senior Planner, David Johanson. The motion passed by a vote of 4/2/0.

Annie noted that she voted in favor, but expressed concern that these standards might make playgrounds in low income multi-family residences cost prohibitive.

### Updates on Park Projects

#### **Seahurst Park**

Students from New Start High School built up the nature trail, put in crushed concrete and dug drainage for pathway. Volunteers for Outdoor Washington and staff from the Environmental Science Center provided supervision. Parks received a grant from King Conservation District for supplies. For the seawall removal, bids are coming and will be evaluated shortly. Funding by the Army Corps of Engineers is still not secured.

#### **Dottie Harper Park**

The park was posted for arsenic and cleanup to start on Monday 9/17/12. Workers will haul out potentially contaminated soil and replace with clean soil in three areas. Steve also applied for a grant to fund replacement of playground equipment at the park.

#### **Moshier Park**

Turf renovation has been completed. Drainage improvement for the practice field has also been completed.

### Council Discussion on Community Boards and Commissions/ planned ordinance changes

Michael shared enhancements planned by the City Council that specifically impact Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. They extend eligibility and redefine quorum size. A member who has served two full terms may reapply to serve on the board after a period of **two** years has elapsed. A quorum was changed to mean a **majority** of the persons present.

### 2013/2014 Budget Discussion

Steve is looking to cut around 10K by reducing open restroom months, reducing irrigation and mowing.

### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- Thirty families participated in a campout at Seahurst Park. REI provided 30 tents, cooking equipment as well as directions on food prep and activities.
- Ed sent around an article about a novel plan for reducing the pollution in Hicklin Lake by using artificial islands with lots of native plants

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR QUESTIONS:**

1. Health and Wellness Programming for all Ages
2. Candidate locations for dog park or off-leash areas , criteria needed for such a facility, demand in community for such a facility
3. Community Garden topics
4. Science and Ecology Education options- current and opportunities – nature clubs
5. Volunteer Services

The next meeting is October 10, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Submitted by Jean Spohn, Secretary