

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
November 14, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Dacy
Sheryl Knowles
Daniel Mendes

Hiede Holmes
Jean Spohn

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chris Ndifon

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT: None

Sheryl Knowles, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

AGENDA CONFIRMATION: The agenda was approved 4/0/0

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the October 10 meeting were approved - 4/0/0.

BUSINESS:

- Ordinance 566

The Board needs to accept the changes incorporated in the ordinance into our bylaws. Discussion proceeded regarding a quorum and the necessary number to pass a motion. Ed asked whether unexcused absences vs. excused make a difference in the quorum. Steve will ask the city attorney for his ruling on the question.

- Dog Park

We reviewed use options as well as pros and cons of the following locations:

Hazel Valley - A recommendation was made to use just half of the park.

Pros: has a water meter, active volunteer group already raising money and getting contributions of materials and labor, more space than other sites, fences on three sides, asphalt walking path all around, parking on the street or at Puget Sound Park.

Cons: close to many neighbors.

Arbor Lake – North end is suggested area

Pros: some parking

Cons: cost of fencing, parking area, dogs swimming in lake, neighbor reaction would be a push back, not a lot of extra area, would compete with kids, water quality of lake and long range goal to improve water. \

Southern Heights –

Pros: None

Cons: owned by water district 20, including the tennis court. No public access.
Agreed to take this off the list.

Hilltop

Pros: wooded trails

Cons, minimal parking, lack of water, need acquisition of neighbor property, edge of city property, stream running through middle:

Salmon Creek

Pros: minimal usage now, grassy area to the east not surrounded by many neighbors, good parking on quiet street, in center of area

Cons: no water, needs fencing on all four sides.

Based on Pros and Cons, we chose Hazel Valley and Salmon Creek as the best choices.

In next two meetings we will flesh out details: One meeting will include the B-town D.O.G. group to discuss location and amenities such as fencing, water, large dog and small separated. Steve has an offer for pro bono design for landscaping. His plan is for a formal request to go to Council in March. Meeting with neighbors would occur after this.

- Updates on Park Projects

Seahurst Park

Steve sent the Corps a letter asking that the cost sharing provision be amended.

Mosier

Dec. 6 at 1PM is scheduled to dedicate the project.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Holiday Pottery Sale on December 1 from 10AM – 2PM.

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 Dec. 12, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM

Submitted by Jean Spohn, Secretary