

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
MEETING MINUTES
Date – November 12, 2008
Time - 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Gwen Benedict Ted Fosberg Jean Spohn

Chris Ndifon Larry Moormeier

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Flynn

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Roemer, Parks Development and Operations Manager
Casey Stanley, Recreation Supervisor

GUESTS PRESENT

None

Jean Spohn called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA & AGENDA REVIEW

No changes.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the September 2008 meeting were approved 5/0/0 with completed corrections.

AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

PRESENTATION

- Casey Stanley updated the Board on Youth and Family services:
 - Organizational structure
 - Department newsletter, Recreational Guide and Moshier Art newsletter
 - Direct E-mail, My Space, U-Tube, Flickr
 - Zoomerang survey
 - Burien's new WEB site
 - Recent "Battle of Burien" breakdance event was very successful with 200 teens in attendance

- Future
 - ✓ Text Messaging for customer updates/marketing
 - ✓ Social Networks for customer updates/marketing
 - ✓ Carrier route analysis for identifying interest trends/ registration preferences
- Update on the new Fee Policy work currently getting underway. Staff will report back to the Board at a future meeting.

POLICY ACTION

- Smoking Ban in Parks: The Board passed a motion 5/0/0 recommending the development of a proclamation, mirroring the voluntary program of the City of Marysville, which announced an educational campaign requesting park patrons to not smoke in City parks. The proclamation would be approved by Council and endorsed by the Mayor. In addition, the Board recommends a program of “No Smoking” signage to follow this proclamation, to be installed throughout City parks. Lastly, the Board recommends that educational programming on the topic of health hazards related to smoking, be included in Department curriculum offered to the public, and the inclusion of No Smoking education links be provided on the City’s WEB site.

PARK NAMING SUGGESTIONS (continued from July)

- Parks Manager Roemer reviewed the suggestions that had been submitted for naming of the 141st Street Stormwater Pond Park. Board members prefer the name Linde Hill Park, as it would give the neighborhood community identity, but they requested to delay action pending a report from Mark Flynn providing additional background information for the suggested name. Chair Spohn stated that she would contact Board member Flynn so that the information would be available at the December meeting, at which time action would be taken.

POLICY DISCUSSION

- Meeting Broadcasts: The topic of potential Live Stream broadcasts of Board meetings was discussed and received lukewarm interest. Concerns revolved around the interest level of the public based on meeting attendance and the professional quality of the meeting broadcasts, which should be expected to present like City Council meetings.
- Park Memorial Donations Policy: Parks Manager Roemer discussed this draft policy and the need for standardization throughout the park system. The Board supported the policy with no comments for change and staff stated that the policy would come back before the Board for approval after final edits are completed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR QUESTIONS

- Presentation: Seahurst Park North Shore feasibility project update

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Ted Fosberg suggested creating a trailhead in Seahurst Park by the upper parking lot, as suggested during a recent guided park tour.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM.

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