

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
MEETING MINUTES
Date May 14, 2008
Time: 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gwen Benedict Ted Fosberg Mark Flynn
Chris Ndifon Jean Spohn

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Larry Moormeier

STAFF PRESENT:

Michael Lafreniere, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director
Scott Thomas, Parks Acquisition & Development Planner
Myron Clinton, Parks Maintenance & Operations Supervisor

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

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

MEETING MINUTES: The minutes from the April 2008 meeting were approved 4/0/0.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: There were no changes to the agenda. Board member Gwen Benedict asked that Dottie Harper Park planning be added to Extended Agenda.

Board Member Chris Ndifon arrived at 7:10 PM

AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS:

Annual Report – Jean Spohn

Jean Spohn, Board Chair, presented a draft of the Board Annual Report that will be presented to the Council. She asked for input and suggested edits. Ted suggested the addition of more information concerning presentations and discussions with Recreation staff. Others suggested references to communications with the Arts Commission, and awards received by Board members. The Annual Report will be made in June, date to determined.

Presentation: Park Maintenance Update – Myron Clinton

Myron Clinton, Park Maintenance & Operations Supervisor, made his presentation concerning park maintenance and briefed the Board about the way in which the city maintains its parks through private contracts. The structure of the contract was outlined, and Myron explained the ways in which he works with the contractor (TruGreen) to ensure accountability. He also made a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted some current and new maintenance issues in the parks system, including wire theft issues and graffiti control.

Capital and Operating Budget Discussion – Michael Lafreniere

Michael Lafreniere, Department Director, discussed the upcoming budget process and solicited input concerning any suggested initiatives or changes to levels of services. Board members suggested the following as priorities for 2009:

- more bike racks in the parks and around the city,
- acquisition and development of the Seattle City Light property,
- acquisition of park property in the South Burien area
- acquisition of the Lakeview Park property in the event it is surplus by the District.

Bond Committee Update – Gwen Benedict

Board member Gwen Benedict provided the Board an update concerning discussions by the Ad Hoc Committee that has been meeting to develop recommendations for the Council concerning the Community Recreation Center project and the associated bond measure. The Committee had reached certain conclusions, i.e. that the timing was not optimal in the foreseeable future and had come to understand that the Council was focused on other major priorities, including annexation, Town Square, etc. It will be recommending “Plan B”, i.e., that 1) current Community Center operations be relocated to the Burien Library when it becomes available in mid-2009, 2) that the Community Center be largely demolished at that time, and 3) work continue towards setting the stage for a bond measure in several years and to build the planned recreation center at that time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

- June: Board members discussed ideas for the annual park tour.

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- Arts Summit: Jean Spohn will be attending to represent the Parks Board.
- WRPA Award: Scott Thomas received an award from the WRPA Park Resources Section for his efforts to form a Planners Roundtable.
- Jean Spohn has spoken with City Hall staff to see if there any citizens interested in serving on the Parks Board.
- Michael Lafreniere shared an article concerning smoking in parks. Gwen Benedict asked that the subject be placed on a future agenda for more discussion.
- Scott Thomas briefed the Board about the Shoreline Master Plan Update process and the community meetings that are being held on this issue. Scott is serving on a technical

advisory committee that is assisting the City's Planning Division. The Master Plan deals with land use regulations of shoreline property.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM

NEXT MEETING (PARKS TOUR):

Date: June 11, 2008

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Burien Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Michael Lafreniere, Director, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services.