

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
MEETING MINUTES
Date August 8, 2007
Time: 7:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Flynn Larry Moormeier Chris Ndifon Jean Spohn

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ted Fosberg Gwen Benedict An Pham

STAFF PRESENT:

Michael Lafreniere, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director
Scott Thomas, Parks Acquisition and Development Planner

The meeting was called to order by Chris Ndifon at 7:02 PM.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Barbara Williams- Program Chair for the Environmental Science Center
Joy Neubauer – Head Educator for the Environmental Science Center

MEETING MINUTES: The minutes from the July meeting were approved as amended 4/0/0.

CITIZEN COMMENT: None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Reschedule meeting with the Arts Commission to September as no representative was available for tonight's meeting

AGENDA ITEMS:

SPRAY Art

The Arts Commission is not interested in taking this project on. The Parks Department has reviewed the project and a summary of comments from Myron Clinton after he visited the site. The decision is the same as that of the Arts Commission. We did a straw poll and everyone agreed with the decisions of the Parks Department and the Arts Commission. Our decision was based on concerns over safety and maintenance.

Environmental Science Center Update

Barb Williams described programs for the Highline School District students as complimentary to and coordinated with school curricula. Waskowitz Environmental Leadership High School students are providing services as Beach Naturalists. The ESC is providing after school science

enrichment programs in cooperation with New Futures and also doing beach monitoring to collect data on biodiversity to learn about the effects of restoration. 500 participants attended an evening program held in partnership with Para los Ninos.

The vision for the future is to remodel the caretaker's cottage, add considerably to the educational and science programs and secure funding to update the Marine Tech Lab. Michael asked whether there is some coordination between ESC and the various school districts to limit the number of students on the beach on a given day. Barb noted that the ESC limits the number of school groups they serve on a given day, but they don't serve all districts. She asked if the city is notified before school groups are taken to Seahurst Park. Michael does get some calls but many just show up. He agreed to contact all schools and request notification so that the and ESC can coordinate and hopefully prevent beach 'overload'.

Burien Community Recreation Center Update

Scott reported that the consultant firm is meeting with Parks staff and stakeholders once a month for two and a half days. A planning committee has been formed that includes a broad spectrum of people who have a stake in the Community Center, such as tenants, program leaders and staff. First interviews have been held with all stakeholders.

A bond request will go to voters in August 08. The Community Center will be planned to serve the residents of the city of Burien. However, many non-residents participate. Chris asked about fees for non-residents. Scott said analysis just based on services for city residents. Will work on appropriate pricing structure for programs. Larry asked whether North Highline gave input and was told it did not.

Future Meetings – Pricing policies in October or later.

Ordinance – The City attorney is still looking at it. Request for approval is on the City Council agenda in September. It will be in a new, separate chapter. Attorney has been finding sections that conflict with state laws.

For Good of the Order

All were urged to attend the August 13th meeting with Art Commission and City Council to discuss the process for determining art for Town Square.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

NEXT MEETING:

Date: September 12, 2007

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Burien Community Center

Respectfully submitted by
Jean Spohn, Recording Secretary