

City of Renton - Board of Park Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2015

4:30 p.m. – City Hall – 7th Floor Conferencing Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

In Attendance

The following members were present:

Members: Cynthia Burns, Al Dieckman, Troy Wigestrang, Mike O'Donin,
Marlene Winter, Larry Reymann

Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Roberta Graver, Leslie Betlach,

Guests: Avni Mungra, Preeti Shridhar, Benita Horn, Jim McClafin, Valerie O'Halloron, Clint Kurtz

Chair, Troy Wigestrang, called the September 8, 2015, meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken; Tim Searing was not present. Marlene Winter motioned to excuse his absence, Larry Reymann seconded. Tim Searing's absence was excused.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Larry Reymann made a motion, seconded by Al Dieckman to approve the September 9, 2015 agenda as presented. All were in favor; motion carried; the agenda was approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mike O'Donin made a motion, seconded by Marlene Winter to approve the June 9, 2015 minutes as written. All were in favor; motion carried; the minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Renton Sailing Club Presentation

Jim McClafin shared updates about the Renton Sailing Club replacing their fleet of smaller boats for larger ones, modifying the dock, and providing a cleaner look to the stored boats with new covers. These and more details about their increased membership and celebrating their 50th Anniversary are included in the attached Power Point presentation and informational sheet.

May Creek Vandalism

Larry Reymann shared concern about vandalism, strewn garbage and potential pollution affecting salmon and other wildlife along the May Creek. He shared some photos he took. Leslie Betlach and Terry Higashiyama thanked him for this information and stated that Kelley Beymer has followed up with the Police, and that Leslie has spoken with Code Compliance in

pursuing the homeowner to clean up the area. Terry will follow up with the appropriate departments for next steps.

V. BOARD COMMUNICATION

City Center Plan—Mike O'Donin

Mike shared a document with updated information on the downtown city center development. The City Center Advisory Committee will present to the Committee of the Whole on September 28th regarding various topics including raised intersections, benches, and two-way traffic revisions. This document is attached and will be emailed to the board commissioners. The next City Center Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for November 5th, 6pm in the 7th floor Conferencing Center.

VI. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

No communication at this time. The City Council will reconvene September 14th after an August hiatus.

VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS.

Preeti Shridhar, the City of Renton Deputy Public Affairs Administrator and Benita Horn, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant with the City of Renton shared an extensive overview of the City's Inclusion Team and plan for the next year as it identifies needs, resources and relationships for the team to address. Their goals and strategies are aligned to the City Business Plan. Details are laid out in the attached Power Point presentation.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Terry stated that a list of new employees will be identified at the October 13th meeting. She also thanked everyone who attended and participated in the Renton Library opening. Cynthia agreed stating, "We maintained tradition and are reaching toward the future," [with this incredible project completed].

Upcoming Park Board meetings: October 13th at Maplewood Golf Course, November 10th at Renton Library, December 8th at the Renton Museum ("Social" with the Library Board as well).

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Project Updates – Leslie Betlach

Riverview Bridge –The bridge grand opening has been delayed until Spring 2016. The City issued a stop work to rectify quality assurances in the fabrication process. She distributed a photo collage of the current fabrication process.

Coulon Park Paver Project – moving along with an excellent contractor. Sections being completed with final completion slated for mid-October.

Southport Intersection / Traffic Lights – Larry Reymann asked about the status of the traffic lights and stopping lines. Terry confirmed that the project is waiting on Burlington Northern to sort out issues with the crossing 'arm' before initiating the traffic light use. Issue should be resolved in next few weeks.

Quendall Terminal – see attached document with updated information.

Meadow Crest Playground – Phase II – Going out for bid in November for construction of the back nature area. The tennis and basketball courts are being renovated now, as well as a community garden being installed this fall. Updating the parking lot and curbing will happen next year.

New Land Acquisitions – Leslie is working on land acquisitions to enhance Cascade Park parking and accessing May Creek Trail; all to be purchased with grant and mitigation money.

Heritage Park – Al Dieckman shared concern about vandalism at Heritage Park. Terry will check into the camera surveillance and next steps to address the situation.

X. INFORMATION

September 12th – **City Day of Service**. See attached draft list of volunteer opportunities for both city and community projects which will enlist close to 900 volunteers this year.

September 12th - **C.A.S.T. for Kids – Fishing Derby** at Gene Coulon Park

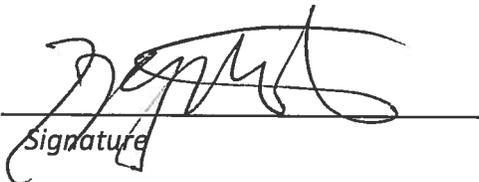
September 12th – **Pooch Plunge** at Henry Moses Aquatic Center

September 19th - **C.A.S.T. for Kids – Take a Warrior Fishing** at Gene Coulon Park

Community Services Fall Program Brochures – see attached

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Larry Reymann and seconded by Cynthia Burns to adjourn the September meeting at 6:20 p.m. All were in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.


Signature

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: OCTOBER 13, 2015 @ 4:30PM,
MAPLEWOOD GOLF COURSE**