

PARK BOARD MINUTES – September 8, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

The September 8, 2010 Park Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Robert Kamuda.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Chair Robert Kamuda, Vice Chair Sue Keller, Jennifer Davies, Shelley Kloba, Maggie Lehr, Ted Marx, Barbara Ramey, John Smiley and Adam White.

Shawn Fenn was excused.

Staff present: Michael Cogle, Mike Metteer and Jennifer Schroder.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Davies moved to approve the July minutes as presented. Mr. White seconded. Motion carried (9-0).

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Dorothy Jean Guth, spoke about the Kirkland Dog Off-leash Group's (KDOG) receipt of the Watershed Company wetland delineation report and about the result of the "Go Dog, Go!" event.

5. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

No items.

6. PRESENTATIONS

No items

7. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Correspondence

Mr. Cogle commented on correspondence received regarding the Garden Gate Homes park site, also referred to as North Juanita Neighborhood Park Site, and will be providing more information about the site at the October meeting.

Ms. Schroder spoke regarding a letter received by Ms. Carolyn Hale requesting a park to be named after her husband, Stephen Hale, former Kirkland Park Superintendent.

Ms. Schroder shared the City Manager's response to a letter received in support of creating a dog off-leash area.

b. Staff Reports

Mr. Cogle answered questions regarding construction at Juanita Beach.

Ms. Schroder answered questions regarding the status of negotiations with King County regarding the transfer of County parks in the annexation area to City ownership.

Mr. Smiley commented positively on Mr. Metteer's and the City's response to inappropriate activity occurring at Marsh Park.

c. Committee Reports

Mr. Marx has been in communication with the Denny Creek Neighborhood Alliance and spoke regarding Juanita Park Rangers' pursuit of affiliation with Eastside Audubon.

Ms. Kloba shared an update regarding Lakeview Neighborhood Advisory Committee's progress on updating its neighborhood plan and reported on participation in the Kirkland Urban Scramble which was held partially within Kirkland Parks.

Ms. Keller reported on a conversation with the staff representative of the Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods (KAN).

d. Comments from the Chair

Mr. Kamuda reported on attending the combined Norkirk and Highlands Neighborhood picnic. There was a request for a Park Board representative at an upcoming Kiwanis meeting.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Dog Off-leash Area Planning

Ms. Schroder presented the Watershed Company's wetland delineation report of the former Schott property and discussed next steps for continuing with planning development of an off-leash area.

Two timeline options were provided for holding public hearing and the Board's finalization of its recommendation. The Board selected Option two: Public Hearing on October 13th and changing the date of the November Park Board meeting to November 3rd.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. King County Library System (KCLS) Display Program

Ms. Schroder introduced Ms. Elsa Steele of KCLS's Kirkland Library who shared information regarding the upcoming KCLS program of displaying book covers at three Kirkland Park sites.

The Board voted on its preferred book covers for the program.

b. Eastside Rail Corridor

Mr. Cogle introduced Mr. David Godfrey, of the City's Public Works department, who was accompanied by Transportation Commission members, Sandeep Singhal and Tom Pendergrass. Commission members shared public input received regarding the future use of the Eastside Rail Corridor and sought feedback from the Board about the Corridor.

c. Telescope Concession Opportunity

Mr. Metteer shared a proposal received by Point of View Telescopes to install coin-operated telescopes at six sites within Kirkland Parks.

The Board provided feedback.

d. 2011-2012

Ms. Schroder provided a brief update regarding staff's progress in preparation of the 2011-2012 budget.

10. MEETING EVALUATION

"Creative"

"Great"

"Fun"

"We're the envy of the other boards and commissions."

11. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Keller moved to adjourn. Ms. Lehr seconded. Motion carried (9-0).

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Jennifer Schroder, Director
Parks and Community Services

Robert Kamuda, Chair
Park Board