

Park Funding Exploratory Committee

Meeting Summary

October 11, 2011, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Welcome

City Councilmember and Committee Chair Amy Walen welcomed committee members and briefly recapped the September meeting.

Introductions

Committee members and staff re-introduced themselves to the group.

Agenda Review

Facilitator John Hoey, Program Manager at Trust for Public Land, outlined the agenda for this meeting.

Overview of Kirkland City Budget and Parks & Community Services Budget

Jennifer Schroder, Director of Kirkland Parks & Community Services, presented an overview of the City's overall budget as well as the Parks & Community Services department budget.

Overview of Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan

Michael Cogle, Deputy Director of Kirkland Parks & Community Services, presented an overview of the City's current PROS Plan adopted by City Council in 2010 and shared some considerations for the next update to the Plan.

Overview of Finn Hill Park and Recreation District

Rick Smith, Chairman of the Finn Hill Park and Recreation District Commission, discussed the formation of the FHPRD for the maintenance and operation of OO Denny Park.

Discussion of Public Outreach Activities

Jennifer and John shared information about two upcoming Open House events and gathered feedback from the committee on the draft parks opinion survey which will be released in conjunction with the open house events.

The Open House events will be held on Monday, October 24th at North Kirkland Community Center and on Tuesday, October 25th at Peter Kirk Community Center. The public is invited to drop in anytime between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Wrap-up and Closing

Councilmember Walen thanked the group and summarized what was accomplished.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 8th, 7-9 p.m. in Room 233 of the Health & Sciences Center at Northwest University

Committee members present:

Chair Amy Walen, Barbara Ramey, Bonnie McLeod, Chuck Bartlett, Don Jury, Don Schmitz, Jackie Pendergrass, Kathy Schuler, Lisa McConnell, Loita Hawkinson, Lynda Haneman, Lynn Stokesbary, Mark Dunphy, June Fletcher (for Nona Ganz), Paul Banas, Rick Ostrander, Rick Smith, Robert Kamuda, Sandeep Singhal, Sants Contreras, Scott Morris, Suzanne Kagen, Tom Reichert

Staff present:

Cheryl Harmon, Jason Filan, Jennifer Schroder, John Hoey, Linda Murphy, Michael Cogle