

PARK BOARD MINUTES – September 14, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

The September 14, 2011 Park Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Robert Kamuda.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Chair Robert Kamuda, Vice Chair Sue Keller, Sue Contreras, Jennifer Davies, Shawn Fenn, Amy Johnson, Shelley Kloba, Ted Marx, Barbara Ramey and Adam White.

Staff present: Michael Cogle, Jason Filan and Jennifer Schroder.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Keller moved to approve the June minutes. Mr. White seconded. Motion carried (10-0).

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Tracy Doering, Terri Fletcher and Amy Introligator spoke in support of the request to name the new Off-leash Area "Jasper's Park."

5. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

No items.

6. PRESENTATIONS

a. Kirkland American Little League

John Rudolph provided the Board an update on the state of little league softball and baseball in Kirkland and requested the Board consider allowing a league-provided, seasonal batting cage at Everest Park.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Correspondence

No items.

b. Staff Reports

Ms. Schroder and Mr. Cogle answered questions on revenue shortfall.

c. Committee Reports

Ms. Johnson commented on turf fields at high schools.

Ms. Contreras thanked Ms. Ramey and Mr. Marx for their contributions of parks-related articles; asked about soliciting park volunteers; reported on Kudos Kirkland's work; and asked about the state of Kirkland Teen Union Building.

Mr. Marx reported on the progress of creation of a neighborhood association on Finn Hill, and announced upcoming DennyFest.

Ms. Kloba will attend the upcoming Lakeview Neighborhood meeting, and reported on the Connect Kirkland event held partly on the Eastside Rail Corridor and on the reopening of Juanita Beach.

Mr. White is glad to be back and reported on working with Mr. Marx on Finn Hill, and requested volunteers for a playground building event at Sandburg Elementary.

Mr. Fenn reported on use of the re-opened Juanita Beach Park.

Ms. Davies reported on Juanita Beach Park.

Ms. Ramey reported on the Juanita Neighborhood Association board meetings, spoke about a proposal for volunteer work at Edith Moulton Park, and attended the first Park Funding Exploratory Committee meeting.

Ms. Keller reported on volunteering at Cotton Hill Park.

d. Comments from the Chair

Mr. Kamuda spoke about the Park Funding Exploratory Committee meeting.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Off-Leash Area

Ms. Schroder introduced Amy Introligator of Kirkland Dog Off-leash Group (KDOG) who presented proposed rules for the off-leash area. The Board provided feedback on the proposed rules.

Ms. Schroder presented a naming request for the off-leash area currently under construction.

Ms. Ramey moved to recommend the naming of the off-leash facility at Heronfield Wetlands, "Jasper's Dog Park." Ms. Davies seconded. There was additional discussion. Motion carried (10-0).

b. Update on Park Projects and Other Items of Interest

Mr. Cogle, Mr. Filan and Ms. Schroder provided the Board with a briefing on the following items:

- Juanita Beach Park Improvements
- Park Funding Exploratory Committee
- Tobacco in Parks
- Supplemental 2011 Funding for Park Maintenance and Operations
- 2012 Budgetary Issues
- 132nd Square Community Gathering Place Project
- Rose Hill Meadows Park Labyrinth Project and Sidewalk Improvements
- Eastside Rail Corridor
- Totem Lake Park

- Code of Conduct for City Council, Boards and Commissions

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Private Access Easement at Kiwanis Park

Ms. Schroder presented a requested private access easement at Kiwanis Park.

Mr. White moved that the Board recommend that City Council grant the private access and utility easement at Kiwanis Park. Ms. Contreras seconded. Motion carried (8-1, Ms. Kloba voted against, Mr. Kamuda was absent from vote).

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No items.

11. MEETING EVALUATION

Announcement: Boards and Commissions Dinner to be held September 22nd at Peter Kirk Community Center.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Kloba moved to adjourn. Mr. Fenn seconded. Motion carried (9-0, Mr. Kamuda was absent from vote).

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Jennifer Schroder, Director
Parks and Community Services

Robert Kamuda, Chair
Park Board