

KIRKLAND PARK BOARD

Minutes of Regular Meeting

August 13, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

The August Park Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Adam White.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Chair Adam White, Vice Chair Kevin Quille, Sue Contreras, Ted Marx, Rick Ockerman and Jim Popolow.

Sue Keller arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Rosalie Wessels was excused.

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

Recording Secretary: Katie Cava

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 11th and June 25th were reviewed. Ms. Contreras moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Ockerman seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ken Albinger spoke against Juanita Beach Park as a location for the potential Aquatics, Recreation and Community (ARC) Center.

Sasha Bailey spoke against using the North Kirkland Community Center as a location for the potential ARC Center.

Dave Godfrey spoke against using the North Kirkland Community Center as a location for the potential ARC Center.

Jon Erickson spoke against Juanita Beach Park as a location for the potential ARC Center.

5. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

No items.

6. PRESENTATIONS

Tracy Doering, President of Kirkland Dog Off-leash Group (KDOG) presented a proposal for establishing limited off-leash hours in certain parks.

Ms. Doering addressed questions and concerns raised by members of the Board.

Mr. White requested that the proposal for off-leash dog hours be added as an agenda item for a future meeting.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Correspondence

Ms. Schroder forwarded an email to the Board from Rick Colella regarding the Aquatics, Recreation and Community (ARC) Center.

b. Staff Reports

Ms. Schroder reported on early registration response, increased program participation, revenue update, summer camp and aquatic program enrollment, growth of sport leagues (especially volleyball), annual closures for community center maintenance, Softball World Series at Everest Park, renewed interest in creation of a pickle ball court, Green Kirkland events and changes in moorage fees.

Questions and comments were made regarding Brookhaven Park gravel installation potentially blocking the park entrance, barriers to increasing aquatic and recreational opportunities, North Juanita Open Space update and future plans, Friday Market, what a great job the Maintenance staff has done at Everest Park, positive impact that maintenance is having on the new Kirkland neighborhoods, the Kirkland Levy report is EXCELLENT!

c. Committee Reports

Ms. Keller reported on volunteering with the Green Team at Summerfest.

Ms. Contreras reported on the August 12th ARC Center open house at NKCC and provided a reminder that the City offers scholarships for adults as well as children.

Mr. Quille reported on the August 12th ARC Center open house and commented on the in-water posts at Doris Cooper Houghton Beach Park.

Ms. Contreras asked a questions regarding potential amenities at Edith Moulton and Waverly Beach parks.

d. Comments from the Chair

Mr. White reported on the open house meeting at Edith Moulton Park.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Aquatics, Recreation and Community Center Project Update

Ms. Schroder shared an update on the Aquatics, Recreation and Community (ARC) Center project with the goal that the Board will be ready at its September 10th meeting to finalize a recommendation to City Council.

Questions were asked regarding vehicle and pedestrian traffic and transferring elements of Juanita Beach Master Plan to the North Kirkland Community Center site. Further comments were made about the speed of the decision, foot and bicycle traffic, success of a ballot measure to fund the project, project cost, purchasing land, preserving the tree canopy and maximizing the amount of open space retained at Juanita Beach Park.

Ms. Schroder and Mr. Cogle discussed the next steps in the process prior to the Board making its recommendation on September 10th.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No items

10. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Comments were made about the condition of Marina Park bathroom facilities during Summerfest.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Quille moved to adjourn. Ms. Keller seconded. Motion carried (7-0). Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Jennifer Schroder, Director
Parks and Community Services

Adam White, Chair
Park Board