

PARK BOARD MINUTES – December 14, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

The December 14, 2011 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, Shawn Fenn, Ted Marx, Barbara Ramey and Adam White.

Sue Contreras and Amy Johnson were excused.

Shelley Kloba arrived at 7:02 p.m. with homemade cookies.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. White moved to approve the November minutes as presented. Ms. Davies seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No items.

5. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Kamuda requested that Board members review the list of assignments for Board member representation to the neighborhood associations.

6. PRESENTATIONS

No items.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Correspondence

Ms. Schroder shared Ms. Contreras' email updating the Board on her community involvement.

b. Staff Reports

Ms. Schroder reported on Recreation revenue, special events, youth sports, moorage and boat launch fees, athletic fields, 132nd Square Park.

c. Committee Reports

Mr. Marx announced the formation of the Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance and added the "Christmas Ships" bonfire on December 19th at O.O. Denny Park to the event list published in the Staff Report.

Ms. Kloba reported on activity within the Lakeview neighborhood and encouraged the Board to attend an upcoming Washington Recreation and Park Association's legislative action day. Ms. Schroder shared additional information about the day.

Ms. Ramey commented on the Kiwanis tree lot at Juanita Beach.

Ms. Keller attended the Highlands neighborhood meeting and reported on a Nourishing Networks committee meeting.

d. Comments from the Chair

Mr. Kamuda commented on this being a productive year for the Board and thanked the Board for their work.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Tobacco-free Parks Plan

Ms. Schroder presented options for the Board to consider regarding tobacco-free parks: do nothing, recommend adoption of an ordinance banning tobacco use in parks, or create a department administrative policy discouraging tobacco use in parks.

The Board provided feedback on the options presented and shared a preference for an administrative policy discouraging tobacco use near child play areas in parks.

b. Eastside Rail Corridor

Mr. Cogle provided the Board with an update on City Council's approval of the acquisition of the Eastside Rail Corridor, shared details on potential interim funding mechanisms for the acquisition as well as shared options for longer-term funding mechanisms for acquisition, development and maintenance and operations.

c. Park Funding Exploratory Committee

Mr. Cogle provided the Board with an update on the work of the Park Funding Exploratory Committee.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2012 Work Plan

Mr. Cogle reviewed the Board's 2011 Work Plan, presented a draft of the 2012 Work Plan for consideration and answered questions related to potential work plan items.

b. Juanita Beach Picnic Shelter

Ms. Schroder announced that Frontier Communications will provide the City with a donation to fund the building of a picnic shelter at Juanita Beach Park.

Mr. Cogle shared considerations for the location and shelter design.

c. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. White nominated Ms. Keller for the position of Chair. Ms. Davies seconded. Ms. Keller was elected (6-0, Mr. Marx was absent from vote, Ms. Keller abstained from vote).

Ms. Keller nominated Mr. Fenn for the position of Vice Chair. Ms. Davies seconded. Mr. Fenn was elected (6-0, Mr. Marx was absent from vote, Mr. Fenn abstained from vote).

10. MEETING EVALUATION

"We reviewed a lot and got a lot done."

"We covered a lot of territory."

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fenn moved to adjourn. Mr. White seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Jennifer Schroder, Director
Parks and Community Services

Robert Kamuda, Chair
Park Board