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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 4621

AN ORDINANCE regarding membership, appointment and terms, powers and duties of the Board of Parks Commissioners and changing the name of the Board to the Parks and Community Services Board; amending Bellevue City Code Chapter 3.62 and Ordinance Nos. 4479, 1433, and 58.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to change the name of the Board of Parks Commissioners to reflect the broader focus of the Department of Parks and Community Services, and to expand the responsibilities of the Board to provide public policy recommendations to the City Council regarding community programs, services, natural resource and land stewardship, cultural diversity, Parks and Community Services Department-related special events, and probation and parole issues; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 3.62.010 and Section 1 of Ordinance No. 58 are hereby repealed.

Section 2. Section 3.62.020 of Bellevue City Code and Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1433 are hereby amended to read as follows:

3.62.010 Creation of board--Membership--Compensation.

There is created a parks and community services board, consisting of seven members except as provided for in Section 3.62.030(F), who shall be appointed by the mayor with the consent of the majority of the city council. No commissioner shall receive any compensation for his or her services.

Section 3. Section 3.62.040 of Bellevue City Code and Section 1 of Ordinance No. 4479 are hereby amended to read as follows:

3.62.030 Terms of commissioners--Filling vacancies

A. The terms for all positions on the board except for initial appointments as hereinafter provided, shall be four years and shall expire on May 31st of the last year of the term. Persons appointed to a position during the pendency of the term for that position shall serve until the end of the term. The expiration date of the terms of the positions on the board shall be staggered so that not more than four positions expire in the same year.

B. No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms, provided a person appointed to fill an unexpired term of less than two years is eligible to serve two successive four-year terms, and provided further, a person who is ineligible to serve for having

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served two terms may again serve after two years have elapsed from the end of the second such term.

C. Annually, the board shall elect a chairperson, a vice-chairperson and such other officers as the board deems necessary.

D. Members of the parks and community services board may be removed at any time by the mayor with the approval of five members of the city council. Whenever any parks and community services board member fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the board, the absences shall be reported to the city council by the chairperson of the board or any member. A majority of the city council may declare vacant the position of such absent member, or may excuse the absences. All vacancies for the remainder of expired terms shall be filled in the same manner in which original appointments are made.

E. A position on the parks and community services board shall become vacant upon a member accepting employment with the City.

F. The initial membership shall be as follows:

1. All current members of the park board shall be appointed as members of the parks and community services board, their terms to be identical with the terms currently being served.
2. One new member will be appointed to a three-year term.
3. One new member will be appointed to a four-year term.
4. The first two positions on the parks and community services board to become vacant through resignation or ineligibility will not be refilled. If two positions have not become vacant through resignation or ineligibility by May 31, 1995, those positions whose terms expire on that date will be filled only if no more than seven members will exist.

Section 4. Section 3.62.050 and Section No. 2 of Ordinance No. 4479 are hereby amended to read as follows:

**3.62.040 Officers of board--Meetings--Quorum.**

Immediately after their appointment, members of the board shall meet and organize by electing from the members of the board a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and such other officers as may be necessary. It shall be the duty of the chairperson to preside at all meetings of the board and of the vice-chairperson to preside at all meeting in the absence of the chairperson. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and

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affirmative votes from a majority of the members present and voting shall be necessary to carry any proposition. A meeting of the board shall be held at least once a month except that no regular meeting shall be held during the month of December.

Section 5. Section 3.62.060 and Section No. 5 of Ordinance No. 58 are hereby amended to read as follows:

The board shall advise the city council regarding the expansion and operation of the city parks and community services facilities and programs, but shall have no administrative or supervisory powers not available to the council. The board shall have the power to advise the city council on policies regarding parks and open space issues such as: park planning, design and construction; development, redevelopment, and renovation; enterprise management; natural resources, land stewardship, and environmental education. The board shall also advise the city council on policies regarding community services issues such as recreation opportunities for a wide range of interests, ages, and abilities; cultural diversity; community centers; Parks and Community Services Department-related special events; and probation and parole services.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage and legal publication.

PASSED by the City Council this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1993, and signed in authentication of its passage this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1993.

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