

**CITY OF BELLEVUE
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Saturday
September 29, 2007
9:00 a.m.

9th Floor Board Room
Key Bank Building
10655 NE 4th Street
Bellevue, Washington

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Keeney, Vice-Chair Bennett, Boardmembers Aron, Henrickson, Karle, Maxim

BOARDMEMBER ABSENT: Boardmember Roland

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Foran, Shelley Marelli, Terry Smith, Doug Sanner, Nancy Harvey

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Chelminiak, Myrna Basich (City Clerk)

MINUTES TAKER: Nancy Harvey

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Keeney at 9:00 a.m.

2. OPENING REMARKS

Chair Keeney welcomed the group.

Boardmember Henrickson welcomed the Board to his company's building. He explained a bit of his personal and professional background and described the construction project he is managing across the street.

3. BOARDMEMBER PROTOCOL FOR POTENTIAL VOTER INITIATIVE

Ms. Basich reviewed handouts related to protocol for boardmembers relative to a voter initiative. She explained

- Boardmembers can do/say what they want as individuals. When they are representing the Board, there are rules they must follow.
- Public facilities cannot be used for campaign purposes.

These minutes were approved by the Parks & Community Services Board on 11-7-07.

- Local government has the right and obligation to inform citizens about ballot propositions. The City can produce a fact sheet which the Board can distribute.
- Roles change when the City Council approves a measure for the ballot. At that point, campaign activities begin, and the Board cannot take a formal position.

Vice-Chair Bennett asked about penalties if the rules are not followed. Ms. Basich explained that fines can be levied against the City and against individuals.

Boardmember Karle asked if parks are considered to be public facilities. Deputy Mayor Chelminiak explained that parks can be used for campaign purposes if they are available to all sides. He reminded the Board not to use City email for discussions related to ballot measures.

Chair Keeney asked about boardmembers endorsing an individual or ballot measure. Ms. Basich explained that boardmembers are free to endorse who or what they want to as individuals, and they can state that they are members of the Park Board. But they cannot say they are representing the Board.

Ms. Basich assured the Board that they can contact her or the City Attorney if they have further questions.

4. CITY INITIATIVES

Mr. Foran reviewed several handouts related to service drivers and building blocks of a great city. He and the Board discussed several Department initiatives responding to these ideas.

Deputy Mayor Chelminiak mentioned that the Council is interested in recruiting diversity to boards and commissions to better reflect the community.

The Board and staff discussed various ideas to create a better community, especially at a neighborhood level.

5. POTENTIAL VOTER INITIATIVE

Mr. Sanner outlined the process for a voter initiative and the Board's role, including gathering citizen input.

Deputy Mayor Chelminiak and the Board discussed strategies and approaches related to the potential parks voter initiative.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Keeney adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.