CITY OF BELLEVUE
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday
December 13, 2007
6:00 p.m.

Conference Room 1E-112
Bellevue City Hall
Bellevue, Washington

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Keeney, Vice-Chair Bennett[1], Boardmembers Aron, Karle, Maxim, Roland

BOARDMEMBER ABSENT: Boardmember Henrickson

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Paul Inghram (PCD), Glenn Kost, Shelley Marelli, Terry Smith

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Keeney at 6:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Boardmember Maxim and second by Boardmember Roland to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously (5–0).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Boardmember Maxim and second by Boardmember Karle to approve the November 7, 2007 Meeting Minutes of the Parks & Community Services Board as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

[1] Arrived at 6:12 p.m.

5. CHAIR COMMUNICATION:

None.

6. BOARD COMMUNICATION:

None.

7. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

8. CONSENT ITEMS:

None.

9. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

A. Bel-Red Corridor Policy Discussion

Chair Keeney read the Charge to Commissions as directed by the City Council on October 1, 2007. Boardmember Maxim expressed concerns with the last sentence of the first page, "…will be addressed in a separate process." He questioned the term "separate process."

Boardmember Roland summarized her role as the liaison to the Bel-Red Corridor Task Force committee. She pointed out that the current policy is not specific. She views the policy as a good start for the planning process. She also commented that the development process has brought an added awareness to the Parks system, which is a benefit..

Boardmember Aron questioned the process for daylighting streams and what the difference will be between what is desired and the final outcome for this process.

Mr. Inghram explained the processes for funding open spaces. The General Policy identifies the need and vision for the area. The process for the next few months will be to review the policy outline and try to develop a Draft Subarea Plan as well as a project list at the comprehensive plan level. There will be various opportunities for boards and commissions to provide feedback on how to incorporate the specific areas into the plan.

Boardmember Maxim cited the Wright Runstad property as an example of the lack of poor planning and implementation. Mr. Inghram clarified that the codes have not been drafted yet. The plan can help identify the types of opportunities envisioned in the Bel-Red Corridor.

Chair Keeney suggested supporting the Draft General Policy as presented and specify that the codes make special consideration for the parks and open spaces.

Mr. Foran commented that an infrastructure has been identified. However there is currently no mechanism to ensure that the infrastructure is in place. He encouraged all commissions and boards to follow the process to the end and not stop when the land use section is determined. In addition, the internal roles and jurisdictions need to be identified. Every commission needs to pay close attention to how the public elements are included and ensured in the regulatory and financial pieces. He encouraged boardmembers to monitor the process and offer suggestions when the mechanisms are being discussed.

Boardmember Karle called attention to the Financing Plan discussed on page 5-4 of the Bel-Red Corridor Project Steering Committee Recommendation. He suggested reviewing the impact fees for the parks and open spaces.

There was a discussion on whether or not commissions should comment on financial strategies for the corridor project. Mr. Foran encouraged boardmembers to comment on any part of the plan in a broad overview.

Boardmember Maxim suggested adding verbiage to the proposed recommendations so there is an opportunity to review the code amendments and that parks and open spaces would benefit from impact fees.

There was a discussion regarding #7 of the General Policy Direction/Bel-Red Parks & Open Space System. Overall, this policy was viewed as too vague.

Motion by Boardmember Karle and second by Boardmember Maxim to implement a financial strategy that brings our current financing strategies in line with neighboring communities. In addition, distribute a portion of funds raised more equitability between various city needs to include Parks Open Spaces.

Motion withdrawn.

Mr. Inghram explained impact fees and the process for collecting these fees.

Mr. Kost noted that the General Policy Direction/Bel-Red Parks & Open Space System will be incorporated into the Subarea Plan. Chair Keeney recapped the Boardmembers' concerns regarding this project. They are as follow:

- Financial strategies, including impact fees.
- Process—review the Draft Subarea Plan.
- Code and the Draft Land Use Code.

Chair Keeney would like the Park Board expectations of staff members drafted in writing so there is a clear understanding of the duties assigned.

Overall, Boardmembers agreed with the General Policy Direction; however, they would like to have input in the implementation portion of the policy.

Motion by Boardmember Karle and second by Vice-Chair Bennett to direct staff members to review and craft a recommendation for subsequent approval to include the following items:

- **Address financial strategies for parks and open space to ensure adequate funding to meet Parks requirements, including park impact fees.**
- **Provide the Parks & Community Services Board with an opportunity to be involved in the process throughout and to review the Draft Subarea Plan.**
- **Ensure the Code be written to assure Parks and Open Space are specifically provided for and provide the Parks & Community Services Board with an opportunity to review the Draft Land Use Code.**

At the question, motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Boardmember Maxim suggested including additional green roof incentives in the Land and Urban Design Policy. In addition, he suggested referencing the Critical Areas Ordinance within the stream interface. Lastly, Boardmember Maxim would like the connection to the Lake-to-Lake trails and a potential trail to Marymoor Park included within the policy. The policy identified, "Comprehensive trail system that connects internally within Bel-Red and to wider City-wide parks system." is too vague. After further review of the document, Mr. Kost noted that there are several references to the Critical Areas Ordinance within the document. In addition, he explained that there are many Natural Drainage Practice recommendations, which include green roofs.

Traffic mitigation was discussed. In particular, traffic on 124th and 130th.

Mr. Inghram explained the specific guidelines for daylighting streams. He added that although incentives are developed to encouraged stream daylighting, the Critical Areas Ordinance does not typically require the daylighting of a pipe stream. Mr. Inghram reviewed some potential incentives that might be provided to a builder to encourage stream daylighting.

Vice-Chair Bennett suggested changing the word "should" to "will" on page 25, Parks and Open Space, the second paragraph, "Bel-Red <u>will</u> connect with and play an important role in larger city-wide system."

Motion by Boardmember Roland and Second by Boardmember Maxim to endorse the Draft Bel-Red Subarea Outline with the following amendments:

- **Add guidelines for a connection to the Lake-to-Lake trails and a potential trail to Marymoor Park.**
- **Change the verbiage on page 25, Parks and Open Space, second paragraph, "Bel-Red <u>will</u> connect with and play an important role in larger city-wide system" rather than the previously stated "<u>should</u>."**

At the question, motion carried unanimously (6-0)

Chair Keeney thanked the board and staff members, in particular Boardmember Roland, for all of their hard work on the Bel-Red Corridor project.

Vice-Chair Bennett shared an article recently published in the *Seattle Times*, entitled "Bellevue's 36-acre 'urban village' proposal unveiled."

10. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Foran reminded Boardmembers that the Crossroads Holiday Dinner will be held on December 14. In addition, he encouraged Boardmembers to visit the Garden d'Lights at the Bellevue Botanical Garden.

Mr. Foran also reported that there was a recent acquisition on Lake Sammamish as well as Meydenbauer Bay.

The next Surrey Downs Public meeting will be held on January 31, 2008. In addition, January 17, 2008 is the final public meeting for the Bellevue Botanical Garden Master Plan. Ms. Harvey will send out a reminder for both of these meetings.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Public follow-up

B. Boardmember committee/liaison reports

Chair Keeney recapped the recent Meydenbauer meetings.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Future agenda items

13. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Staff Reports

B. CIP Project Report

C. Letter from David Plummer re Bel-Red Project

D. Email from Howard Katz re addressing the Park Board

14. INFORMATION:

A. List of upcoming Parks special events

B. January 8, 2008 – next Park Board meeting

15. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Boardmember Maxim and second by Boardmember Roland to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).