

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

Tuesday
February 15, 2007
6:00 p.m.

Conference Room 1E-120
Bellevue City Hall
Bellevue, Washington

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

BOARDMEMBER ABSENT: Boardmember Karle, Roland, White

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Shelley Brittingham, Pam Fehrman, Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Glenn Kost, Terry Smith, Kevin McDonald (Transportation)

ALSO PRESENT: Lisa Goodman, Andrew Gu, Osbaldo Hernandez, Jim Pratt

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Keeney at 6:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Boardmember Maxim and second by Vice-Chair Bennett to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Boardmember Maxim and second by Vice-Chair Bennett to approve the January 9, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Parks & Community Services Board. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Andrew Gu, 16658 SE 57th Place, Bellevue, WA (Youth Link Boardmember) and Osbaldo Hernandez, 14616 NE 44th Street, Unit M1, Bellevue, WA (Youth Link Boardmember) On behalf of the Youth Link Board, Mr. Gu and Mr. Hernandez invited Park Boardmembers to the 9th Annual Gumbo Night scheduled Wednesday, February 28, 2007 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at David and Sherry Grindeland's house. In addition, Mr. Gu and Mr. Hernandez reviewed the 2006-2007 Youth Link Board Goals, which include:

- Establish Youth Court.
- Senior project mini-grants.
- Continue increasing communications with Bellevue Youth Council.
- Create greater external exposure and promotion of Youth Link.
- Support the development of youth programs not already addressed within the community.

Jim Pratt/Lisa Goodman – Bellevue Youth Theatre Foundation

The Bellevue Youth Theatre Foundation is in the process of kicking off the fundraising efforts for the renovation project to the existing theatre facilities. They reviewed the upcoming programs and noted the capital campaign is ongoing. All boardmembers are invited to attend the theatre events.

5. CHAIR COMMUNICATION:

Chair Keeney requested that boardmembers let Ms. Harvey know in advance if they are not able to attend a board meeting.

6. BOARD COMMUNICATION:

Boardmember Maxim attended the Network on Aging meeting. In addition, he thanked Ms. Harvey and the Parks staff for assisting with the persistent camper in Wilburton Hill Park.

Boardmember Aron walks around Juanita Bay Park in Kirkland and has received comments from park goers about how impressed they are with the quality of the Bellevue Botanical Garden.

Chair Keeney attended the Bellevue Youth Theatre presentation at City Hall and said it was phenomenal.

7. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

8. CONSENT ITEMS:

None.

9. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

A. Bel-Red Update

Mr. McDonald gave a project overview of the Bel-Red Corridor project. In addition, he provided an overview of the major components of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), particularly as they relate to parks, open space, and the natural environment. He also discussed the process for the steering committee's work to develop a preliminary preferred alternative. The boardmembers are encouraged to comment on the DEIS by March 12, 2007. In addition, comments can be given to the Steering Committee until March 29, 2007.

The DEIS is available online or on a CD.

Mr. McDonald reviewed the purpose of the programmatic EIS. In addition, he reviewed what the EIS evaluated, which included zoning issues. There were four alternatives concluded from the study, which Mr. McDonald reviewed:

- No Action Alternative.
- Alternative #1: Mid-range future employment
- Alternative #2: Low employment and high housing
- Alternative #3: High employment and high housing

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement was reviewed, which included the park facilities projections for each action alternative. The draft environmental action alternative was reviewed, which provided standards as a starting point for considering recreational needs. There was a general discussion regarding the potential jobs that will be created for each alternative.

Boardmember Maxim expressed his concern with the lack of trees within the City, in particular the Bel-Red Corridor. He requested that private builders be required to have additional greenery as part of their building plans.

Mr. McDonald addressed concerns with the increased densities and the necessity for transportation improvements.

B. CIP Overview/Update

Mr. Kost reviewed some of the recent CIP Projects as well as discussed funded CIP Projects for the next few years.

Mr. Foran reviewed some of the reasons for the Streetscape Initiative.

Regarding the Kelsey Creek Stream restoration, Boardmember Aron reminded Mr. Kost of the beaver residents.

Mr. Kost discussed some of the Master Planning Projects, which included the Meydenbauer Bay Waterfront. There was a general discussion regarding this project. Boardmember Aron suggested incorporating the Meydenbauer Bay Whaling Fleets as part of the Bay history.

The Surrey Downs Park project has been funded. Mr. Kost showed some pictures of the site.

There are other planning initiatives, which Mr. Kost reviewed. The funding for the projects was also discussed. Mr. Kost commended Project Manager Pam Fehrman, all the other project managers, Norm Johnson and Rotary International for all of their efforts.

There was a general discussion on whether or not Burlington Northern Railway will become a CIP Project.

C. Board Speaker's Bureau

Speaking points for the Speaker's Bureau will be provided at the next board meeting. In the meantime, if anyone has comments to share, please forward them to Ms. Harvey.

Boardmember Aron expressed his concerns with the ultimate goal of the program to advocate for the Department. After a brief discussion, there was consensus to remove the word "Department." The overall goal of the Speaker's Bureau is to support the Parks system and the City's mission.

10. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Foran discussed a transition process that will occur for the Department's liaison to the Board. Mr. Foran is realigning the Department's workload so Terry Smith will become the new staff liaison.

On behalf of the board, Chair Keeney commended Ms. Brittingham for her efforts and welcomed Mr. Smith as the new liaison.

Motion by Boardmember Aron and second by Boardmember Maxim to extend the meeting until 8:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

A. Meydenbauer Bay Planning Process

11. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Public follow-up

B. Boardmember committee/liaison reports

Chair Keeney asked the boardmembers to share information about groups they are involved with at the next board meeting.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Future agenda items

13. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Staff Reports

B. CIP Project Report

C. Email from Nell Wade re BBGS and park staff

14. INFORMATION:

Ms. Brittingham called attention to a letter that was received on January 4, 2007 from Lynn and Bonnie Stowell regarding smoking in City parks.

A. List of upcoming Parks special events

Chair Keeney thanked Ms. Harvey for including the multiple-month list for upcoming special events. In addition, he reminded boardmembers to RSVP to Ms. Harvey or Ms. Stephens for Gumbo Night.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Boardmember Maxim and second by Boardmember Aron to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).