

April 25, 2019



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services/Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Attendance

Park Board members present: Christine Southwick, Elizabeth White, Ivan Brown, John Hoey, Sara Raab McInerny, Bruce Amundson, Jeff Potter

Absent: Erik Ertsgaard, Bill Franklin

PRCS Staff present: PRCS Director Eric Friedli, Administrative Assistant III Lynn Gabrieli

Approval of Agenda

Vice-Chair Southwick called for approval of the agenda. Mr. Friedli informed the Board that the Special Events item is delayed until the May meeting. Mr. Hoey moved to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Ms. White. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Southwick called for approval of the March minutes. So moved by Mr. Amundson and seconded by Ms. White. The motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Director's Report

- The Green Cities partnership kickoff was March 30. More information about this partnership is at Greenshoreline.org
- Shoreline is part of the [Whale Trail project](#). Informational signage will be installed at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. The dedication is scheduled for June 21, 2019.
- City Maintenance Facility proposals were presented to Council on Monday. The Council directed staff to proceed pursuing Option A. More information at <http://www.shorelinewa.gov/government/projects-initiatives/city-maintenance-facility-project>
- Merlone Geier Partners, owner of [Shoreline Place](#), has been refining their proposal for over 1300 units and retail space at 155th and Westminster. Plans include open plaza and community park spaces and will generate over \$3 million in Park Impact Fees which could be offset in part by providing park open space. Director Friedli has been actively involved in providing feedback on open space proposals. The City is working on a phased planning agreement that will go to the Planning commission for review first, and then to the City Council.
- Rhiza A+D refined the concept proposal for the art installation at the Park at Town Center with an expected installation timeframe of fall 2019. There will be opportunities for the community to view the designs this summer.

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- King County Conservation Futures application reviewers toured proposed acquisition sites. A decision is expected within the next few weeks.
- David Francis, Dan Johnson, and Eric Friedli were interviewed by 4Culture related to a grant application to refurbish and convert the former caretaker's house at RBSW Park into an artist residency studio. A decision is expected in a month.
- Contract negotiations are in process with EarthCorps for trail work and restoration in Southwoods, Kruckeberg, Darnell, Interurban Trail, and Innis Arden Park.
- The CAPRA accreditation site visit is scheduled for May 21-23. The PRCS/Tree Board is invited to attend a dinner with the accreditation team on Tuesday, May 21 at Anthony's in Edmonds.
- The May meeting includes Board elections for Chair and Vice-Chair.
- PRCS/Tree Board members are invited to serve on the Public Art Panel.
- There are numerous park projects in the works this summer. Check www.shorelinewa.gov/parkprojects for updated information.
 - Ronald Bog Park will be closed to the public for redevelopment as a wetland mitigation site for Sound Transit.
 - Ridgecrest Park will remain open during Sound Transit parking lot construction with limited access.
 - Hillwood Park will be impacted by construction staging for Einstein Middle School for 12-18 months.
 - Upper restrooms at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park will be closed May 15-23 for renovation that include new floors, upgraded plumbing, and new partitions. Sanicans will be provided for the duration of the project.
 - The Sunset School Park parking lot will be resurfaced.
 - New playgrounds will be replacing aging facilities at Twin Ponds and Shoreview this summer. No other impacts to those parks are anticipated. The Sunset playground will be replaced in the fall or spring. New playground installations include upgraded surfacing that is easier to maintain and safer.

Special Events

(Cancelled)

PFAC Recommendation

Mr. Friedli, Director

Summary results from the City of Shoreline Resident Priorities Survey were shared with the Board. These are available online at www.shorelinewa.gov/cac. The results of this survey will be considered by the City Manager and City Council as they determine next steps.

The Board reviewed the Park Funding Advisory Committee's (PFAC) final recommendation as it appears in the Agenda Packet. Board members Jeff Potter and Sara Raab McInerny served on the PFAC and reflected that the process was thoughtful and sensitive to the financial impact of a bond measure on voters.

Mr. Friedli invited the Board's discussion:

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- Mr. Hoey appreciated the open-ended nature of the acquisition recommendation, leaving open the ability to respond to grant opportunities as they present themselves.
- The PFAC was asked to consider whether a financial investment, above and beyond the 1% for the Arts ordinance, should be recommended for a potential tax measure. The final report does not recommend additional Public Art investment. Mr. Amundson expressed concern that this recommendation perpetuates an imbalance between Cultural Services and Parks and Recreation that leaves Cultural Services under-funded by comparison.
- Mr. Hoey also expressed disappointment that the final report does not include \$1,000,000 for public art.
- Mr. Hoey was grateful that the Committee recommended some compromises so that the final recommendation would be financially within the realm of possibility. He was pleased to see Brugger's Bog recommended for the full option, however, because of the significant need at that site.
- Mr. Hoey commended the Committee's work in keeping the dollar figure as low as possible. He affirmed the recommendation to add two additional swim lanes without a separate diving well, and the inclusion of additional senior center space.
- Mr. Amundson requested clarification about the senior center space. The PFAC recommendation includes 6,000 additional flexible-use space for senior center programs.
- Ms. Southwick spoke in favor of co-locating senior center space within the Community & Aquatics Center (CAC) to provide more options for adults who remain active well into their later years. She suggested "senior priority daytime use" for the additional square footage as an alternative to designated space.
- Mr. Hoey encouraged continued conversation with both the senior center and the school district to find mutually agreeable proposals.
- Mr. Amundson inquired about whether any PFAC members were Arts advocates. Mr. Potter and Ms. Raab McInerney responded that the Committee discussed whether to include additional monies above the 1% for the Arts in the final recommendation but felt concerned about the financial impact to the taxpayer.

Mr. Hoey moved to express gratitude to the PFAC and endorse the final recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Potter. Acting Chair Southwick called for the vote.

Members voting in favor of endorsing the PFAC's Final Recommendation: Christine Southwick, John Hoey, Sara Raab McInerney, Jeff Potter, Elizabeth White

Member voting against: Bruce Amundson

The Board's recommendation will be included in the staff report to the Council for the May 20 Council meeting where the CAC recommendation will be presented.

Comments from the Board

Mr. Amundson inquired about whether operations and maintenance costs were factored into the CAC recommendation and staff responded that they are included.

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Adjourn

Hearing no further business, Acting Chair Southwick called for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Mr. Amundson and seconded by Ms. White. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Signature of Vice-Chair
Christine Southwick

Signature of Minute-Writer
Lynn Gabrieli, Administrative Assistant III