



**Minutes for the Parks, Recreation
and Cultural Services Board / Tree Board
Regular Meeting**

**January 28, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

**Shoreline City Hall
Room 303**

1. Call to Order/Attendance

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sycuro at 7:00 p.m.

Park Board Members Present: Jesse Sycuro, William Franklin, Katie Schielke, Lauren Smith, John Hoey, Betsy Robertson, Cindy Dittbrenner, Christine Southwick

Absent: Vadim Dolgov

City Staff Present: Eric Friedli, Director; Maureen Colaizzi, Parks Projects Coordinator; Kirk Peterson, Parks Superintendent; Lynn Gabrieli, Administrative Assistant III

2. Approval of Agenda: Chair Sycuro moved to insert the Director's Report prior to Old and New Business and called for a motion to approve the agenda as amended. So moved by Ms. Southwick and seconded by Mr. Franklin. The motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes: Chair Sycuro called for a motion to approve the October, 2015 Board minutes as written. So moved by Ms. Schielke and seconded by Ms. Southwick. The motion carried.

4. Public Comment

Janet Way representing the Shoreline Preservation Society and resident of 145th Street next to Paramount Park Open Space, expressed concern about the effect the potential rezoning may have on the largest wetland in the City. She referred to the "Comments from the Board" section of the October Park Board minutes that mentioned the potential for Shoreline School District property to be reclaimed for active school use and stated her concern that Paramount School Park could be reactivated by the school district at some point. She requested that the Park Board do everything in its power to prevent that park from ever going away, emphasizing that Shoreline does not have enough parks to accommodate the rezone. Ms. Way also drew the Board's attention to the program, "Salmon in the City" which utilizes ecologically sustainable design in urban areas to protect water quality around Puget Sound.

5. 2016 PROS Plan

Mr. Friedli introduced Brice Maryman of the consultant team MIG who will be leading the PROS Plan update effort. The project scope of work includes the following:

- Asset Inventory and Condition Assessments,
- Market Analysis/Recreation Demand Study,
- Aquatic/Community Center Feasibility Study,
- Light Rail Station Area Park & Open Space Plan,
- Public Art Plan update.

Mr. Maryman stressed the importance of Public Engagement. Strategies to engage the community will include surveys, stakeholder interviews, questionnaires, community event

intercepts, focus groups with underserved communities, topic related public workshops, and a public open house for prioritizing action steps.

The Board was asked to provide input about target audiences, underserved populations public engagement techniques, and where to engage target audiences. Responses included:

- a. Ask the schools (family advocates) which languages/cultures are represented in their schools
- b. Work with the City's Diversity Coordinator
- c. Use social service agencies
- d. Pay attention to where people congregate: the YMCA, Center for Human Services in North City, The Senior Center or other gathering places for Seniors, including Aegis Living.
- e. Youth would respond to an engaging quick and easy online survey especially geared toward youth. Maybe use a QR code or link through Facebook, Twitter, or other social media.
- f. Dog owners
- g. Kids who consistently use the REC. Conduct a Tween Night intercept
- h. Park stewards and volunteers
- i. Neighborhood associations, acknowledging that these are likely to be the people most likely to respond to invitations to public meetings, surveys, and questionnaires
- j. All past Park Board members
- k. Light Rail citizen groups
- l. Facebook groups like "shorelinewamoms"
- m. Farmers' Market
- n. Ridgecrest food trucks
- o. Crest Theater lines
- p. Night Out Against Crime
- q. Organized sports groups
- r. Introduce a Facebook page for the PROS Plan
- s. Trader Joes, especially at the opening
- t. Potential Shoreline residents; those who are likely to live here, but don't yet
- u. Interview other Light Rail Station area residents in Seattle to find out what has worked, what hasn't.

Mr. Maryman identified upcoming milestones:

- Communication & Staff/Public Outreach Plan
- Asset Inventory & Condition Assessments
- Public Outreach Toolkit – intercept training
- Online Questionnaire
- Community Survey Results

6. North Maintenance Facility/Hamlin Yard

Mr. Friedli introduced Randy Witt, Public Works Director, who described proposed designs for a North Maintenance Facility located next to Brugger's Bog. Hamlin Yard has historically been used to house both Streets and Parks Maintenance crews and equipment. As the City has grown, this space has become increasingly crowded. The assumption of Ronald Wastewater makes the expansion of maintenance facilities to house Public Works staff and equipment all the more pressing. Mr. Witt solicited the Board's feedback about proposed preliminary plans as presented in the Agenda Packet. The Board asked clarifying questions and discussed the interface of the facility with the park boundary.

Kirk Peterson described the impacts of this project on the Parks Maintenance facility and described the reconfiguration of existing space as depicted in the Agenda Packet.

The City Council will review proposed plans by the end of February with more detailed design to follow. Construction is anticipated to begin late in 2016; the ideal completion date would coincide with the Ronald assumption in October 2017.

7. **Hidden Lake Update**

John Featherstone, Surface Water Operations

Uki Dele, Surface Water Utility & Environmental Services Manager

Mark Ewbank from Herrera Environmental Consultants presented the results of the Alternatives Analysis (available online) and requested Board feedback.

Alternative 1: Do nothing. The lake will naturally fill with sediment. Flow would eventually go over the dam. The City could build a spillway, but would otherwise leave things alone. Ms. Dittbrenner inquired about impact on existing beaver habitat and requested an environment that supports mutual habitation.

Alternative 2: Design some stream channels, stop short of Innis Arden Way, and allow a chance for the stream to meander. This alternative produces a fairly steep upstream end, and flat downstream end.

Alternative 3: Construct a stream channel, cross the road, eliminate culverts and put in a bridge, remove the dam, and keep the stream on City parkland.

Staff described how Alternative 2 appears to have the highest benefit to the Parks system, but the price tag is high for what is gained. The Board suggested the downstream sediment effects on salmon recovery ought to be reflected in the alternative comparison summary. Are there benefits for the near shore? Could this qualify us for additional grant funding?

Staff recommends Alternative 3, provided grants could be secured to fund the project within the next 5 years.

- The Board requested clarification about the current relationship with adjacent property owners, and whether the opportunity exists to modify Alternative 2 to include attractive components of Alternative 3 without buying the whole 3rd option package.
- Modify Alternative 3 to more closely reflect the natural flow of the stream.
- Questions were asked about how to separate park from private land? What would be the deterrents that would keep people from moving from one area to the other?
- **The Board expressed unanimous support of a five-year grant seeking timeframe to support Alternative 3 as described by Staff, and encouraged continued efforts to collaborate with homeowners.**

8. **Public Art Report and Subcommittee Appointment**

Mr. Friedli summarized the Art Subcommittee's recommendation for more defined structure and process for subcommittee appointments:

1. The Art Committee will meet monthly, preceding Park Board meetings in the same room, and/or at other times as needed.
2. The Public Art Coordinator will serve as Chair of the Committee.
3. New members may be appointed to the Art Committee following the Committee's review of the candidate's biographical statement, and majority vote of the Park Board.

Ms. Southwick moved that the Board approve the Art Committee's recommendation; seconded by Mr. Franklin. The motion carried.

The Art Committee recommended the purchase of “Enshrouded in the Tempest” by Henry van Voast for \$200. So moved by Mr. Franklin; seconded by Ms. Southwick. The motion carried.

Ms. Southwick tendered her resignation from the Art Committee. Any other Board members wishing to serve should communicate with Chair Sycuro.

9. Director’s Report

- The Clerk’s Office is currently receiving applications to fill Jesse Sycuro’s unexpired term this summer. Applications will be accepted until February 26.
- Staff recommends the incoming Board member overlap with the outgoing Board member as an observer before officially beginning their term.
- The Board discussed the timing and process of filling the vacancy.
- 10 additional plots have been added to Sunset Community Garden.
- The City Manager has convened a Financial Sustainability Citizen Advisory Committee to provide input on how best to support the financial resources that ensure the long-term delivery of basic services to the community. Applications were received until January 13.
- Threats at Kellogg Middle School resulted in lock down of the school and vacating of Hamlin Park this afternoon. Results and motives are not known.
- Shoreline’s newly elected mayor is Chris Roberts.
- Mr. Friedli will be on vacation from January 29-February 19. Director duties will be shared between Kirk Peterson and Mary Reidy.

10. Old and New Business

- The Board acknowledged community concern about the potential for the school district to reclaim their properties in the future, and encouraged future discussion around how the City might obtain more public park land.
- The Board reiterated their request to meet with School District heads. Mr. Friedli responded that District staff is open to the conversation, but would prefer to meet in June.
- The Board recommended Ballinger Park as the focus of future improvements.
- The Board requested adding the Board’s Mission and Vision to a future agenda.

11. Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chair Sycuro called for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Ms. Southwick and seconded by Ms. Schielke. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Signature of Chair
Jesse Sycuro

Date

Signature of Minute Writer
Lynn Gabrieli

Date