CITY OF BELLEVUE
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday
November 15, 2012
6:00 p.m.

Conference Room 1E-113
Bellevue City Hall
Bellevue, Washington

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Robinson, Vice-Chair Grindeland, Boardmembers Evans[1], Heath, Powell, Van Hollebeke

BOARDMEMBERS ABENT: Boardmember George

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Shelley Brittingham, Nancy Harvey, Glenn Kost, Camron Parker, Terry Smith, Scott VanderHyden, Smitha Vijayan, Jon Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT: Patrick Bannon, Scott Cameron, Cherie Carchano, Christina Fay, Arnold Gunderson, Kathy Haggart, Bill Rahr, Bruce Ryan, Keith and Dixie Swenson, Phillip Wood, Matt Yeatts

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Boardmember Van Hollebeke and second by Boardmember Powell to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Boardmember Van Hollebeke and second by Vice-Chair Grindeland to approve the October 9, 2012 regular meeting minutes of the Parks & Community Services Board as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

[1] Arrived at 6:10 p.m.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Patrick Bannon, Bellevue Downtown Association

Mr. Bannon discussed the many events throughout the community that the Bellevue Downtown Association sponsors. He thanked Boardmembers for their continued support. The capital priorities for the City are also the priorities for the Bellevue Downtown Association, including the NE 4th project and the Meydenbauer Bay project.

Bill Rahr, 16509 SE 18th Street, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Rahr is part of the Northwest Vintage Iron and Tractor Club. Since 1990, the Club has supported the Kelsey Creek Sheep Shearing and Farm Fair events by giving tractor-pulled hay wagon rides to attendees. Mr. Rahr encouraged Boardmembers to keep Kelsey Creek Farm as a wonderful asset of Bellevue.

Boardmember Van Hollebeke asked staff to provide an update regarding Mr. Rahr's previous request for an additional wagon at Kelsey Creek Farm for the Tractor Club.

5. CHAIR COMMUNICATION:

Chair Robinson made the following report:

- Met with members of the Meydenbauer Bay Neighborhood Association to discuss the proposed park.
- Working with staff to get speed limit information for the Meydenbauer Bay area.
- Met with Old Bellevue Merchants Association.
- Attended the City Council meeting to provide an update regarding Parks Board activities.

Chair Robinson reminded Boardmembers that the Annual Holiday celebration for the Parks & Community Services Board and the Human Services Commission will be held on December 4.

6. BOARD COMMUNICATION:

Vice-Chair Grindeland made the following report:

- Attended the annual Kelsey Creek Farm Fair.
- Walked through Hidden Valley Park.
- Attended the community meeting for Hidden Valley Park.

Boardmember Van Hollebeke made the following report:

- Monitored the Capital Investment Plan budget request from the Parks Board to City Council.
- Conducted outreach with the Old Bellevue Merchants Association.

- Attended the Hidden Valley Park tour.
- Visited the Bellevue Botanical Garden.
- Looking forward to completion of the Downtown Park and Meydenbauer Bay Park.

Boardmember Evans made the following report:

- Attended the Transportation Commission.
- Volunteered at the North Bellevue Community Center luncheon.

Boardmember Powell made the following report:

- Visited Robinswood Park.
- Attended the Hidden Valley Park tour.
- Visited Killarney Glen Park.
- Visited Surrey Downs Park.
- Attended the recent City Council meeting.
- Attended the "Zombies" play at Bellevue Youth Theatre.

Boardmember Heath made the following report:

- Attended the annual Kelsey Creek Farm Fair.
- Attended the Hidden Valley Park tour.
- Attended the community meeting for Hidden Valley Park.

7. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

None.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Smith reported that Council is deliberating about the budget. He noted that there were no significant changes to park related items on the proposed budget.

Mr. Smith thanked Chair Robinson for attending the recent City Council meeting to provide an update on Parks Board activities as well as encourage the Council to continue their work on the 2008 Parks Levy projects, including completion of Downtown Park and moving forward to initiate development of Meydenbauer Bay Park.

9. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

A. Hidden Valley Park Partnership

- Staff Presentation

Mr. Kost provided a background about the Hidden Valley Park proposed partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue. In addition, he discussed the following items:

- Common Interests.
- Other City Partnerships.
- Policy Guidance.
- Legal and Regulatory Requirements.
- Advantages of Hidden Valley Park.
- Proposed Business Points.
- Proposed Site Improvements.
- Proposed Floor Plan.
- Estimated Costs:

	BGCB	City	Total
Gymnasium	$4.0M	$0.0M	$4.0M
Site Improvements	1.0M	1.0M	2.0M
Sportsfields	1.8M	1.8M	3.6M
Total	$6.8M	$2.8M	$9.6M

- Elements of an Agreement.
- Community Outreach.
- Next Steps.

- Public Hearing

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Robinson called the Public Hearing to order.

Bruce Ryan, 10618 NE 18th Street, Bellevue WA

Mr. Ryan supports the proposed improvements to Hidden Valley Park. He expressed his concern with transportation issues and loitering of unsupervised young adults, and encouraged planners to take this into consideration.

Phillip Wood, 45 Cascade Key, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Wood is a Boardmember of the Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue and looks forward to building a partnership with the City.

Keith Swenson, 1920 – 109th Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Swenson supports the proposed improvements to Hidden Valley Park. He expressed his appreciation to planners for adding landscaping to mitigate transportation and parking concerns.

Mr. Swenson encouraged planners to incorporate a loop around the perimeter of the park. In addition, he suggested that educational opportunities be incorporated into the park to teach young people about environmental protection. He also encouraged planners to include a green roof.

Scott Cameron, 9623 Vineyard Crest, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Cameron supports the proposed improvements to Hidden Valley Park. In particular, he feels that the turf fields will be a great asset.

Matt Yeatts, 9855 NE 23rd Street, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Yeatts supports the proposed improvements to Hidden Valley Park. In addition, he expressed his enthusiasm about the partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue.

At 6:57 p.m. Chair Robinson closed the Public Hearing.

- Board Comments

Boardmember Heath encouraged the BGCB to allow ample space between the sports courts so that basketball players could use the full court without fear of running into another player on an adjacent court and so that there was room for spectator seating. Ms. Haggart clarified that there will be at least seven feet between each court to allow room for bleacher type seating.

Boardmember Heath called attention to the e-mail correspondence from Scott Gode, included on pages 27-28 in the Board packet, regarding partnerships of public land and the usage rights. Mr. Kost clarified that any organization can submit partnership opportunities for the City's consideration. He also discussed the parameters for legal/regulatory issues regarding such partnerships. Mr. Kost stressed that the partnership with the BGCB does not provide them with special treatment or privileges.

Boardmember Heath expressed his support for the proposed Hidden Valley Park partnership with the Boys & Girls Club. He encouraged park planners to incorporate citizen suggestions for creating neighborhood access so that pedestrians and bikers do not have to travel on the busier street, adding a looped walking trail around the perimeter of the park, and developing the infrastructure with a mind to the future.

Boardmember Powell expressed her support for the proposed Hidden Valley Park partnership with the Boys & Girls Club and encouraged park planners to incorporate an EPA LEED certification and/or green roof for the project.

Boardmember Evans questioned how much time will be allocated for the City to use the gymnasium. Mr. Smith explained that programming schedules typically depend upon the school schedules. However, a holistic approach will be used to evaluate all user groups within the community.

In regards to Mr. Ryan's comments during the Public Hearing, Boardmember Evans asked if there have been loitering issues that have occurred at other park facilities. Mr. Kost explained some of the typical loitering issues that occur at park facilities. In addition, Mr. Smith discussed the collaboration involved between the Police Department and other entities that occurred during the planning process for South Bellevue Community Center. This process helped identify potential problem areas and will be utilized for Hidden Valley Park.

Boardmember Van Hollebeke encouraged park planners to incorporate a looped walking trail around the perimeter of the park, as well as environmental sustainability for the park facilities.

Boardmember Van Hollebeke expressed his concern about the 2008 Park Levy funds being used for the Hidden Valley Park facility. He is frustrated that the budget currently being reviewed by City Council specifies a request to transfer levy funds from the Surrey Downs Park project to Hidden Valley Park. Boardmember Van Hollebeke does not view these projects as geographically equivalent. In addition, he feels that there are other levy projects that still need completion.

Vice-Chair Grindeland expressed her support for the proposed Hidden Valley Park partnership with the Boys & Girls Club and encouraged park planners to incorporate a looped walking trail around the perimeter of the park.

Chair Robinson expressed her support for the proposed Hidden Valley Park partnership with the Boys & Girls Club and encouraged park planners to incorporate a designated drop-off/pick-up area for park users. In addition, Chair Robinson concurred with Boardmember Van Hollebeke's concerns regarding the use of 2008 Park Levy funds.

Motion by Boardmember Van Hollebeke and second by Vice-Chair Grindeland to encourage City Council to legally investigate the use of 2008 Park Levy funds that were originally allocated for the Surrey Downs Park project and reallocated for the Hidden Valley Park project.

Mr. Smith explained that because of Sound Transit and the potential implications of route alignment at Surrey Downs Park, it is unrealistic to continue to develop the park as a community park. Therefore, further park development at Surrey Downs Park has been postponed until Sound Transit routes are finalized.

Boardmember Van Hollebeke explained that the Parks Board requested that the levy dollars originally allocated for Surrey Downs Park be reallocated toward another levy project (i.e., Downtown Park), since planning efforts for Surrey Downs Park were postponed. He expressed his frustration that the Parks Board was not notified when the levy dollars were reallocated from Surrey Downs Park to Hidden Valley Park, which is a non-levy project.

Motion by Vice-Chair Grindeland and second by Boardmember Van Hollebeke to extend the meeting until 8:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

At the question, motion denied (2-4) to encourage City Council to legally investigate the use of 2008 Park Levy funds that were originally allocated for the Surrey Downs Park project and reallocated for the Hidden Valley Park project.

Chair Robinson requested that staff educate Boardmembers on the flexibility of levy funding. In addition, Boardmembers requested that the City Attorney review the legality of reallocating levy funds, originally allocated for Surrey Downs Park, to Hidden Valley Park.

B. Comprehensive Plan Update

Mr. Parker explained that the Comprehensive Plan is the City's primary tool to forecast future growth for Bellevue. Periodically, the City reviews the Comprehensive Plan to see what is relevant and what has been accomplished. Currently, the city is in the process of reviewing the documents.

Ms. Vijayan invited Boardmembers to attend the Joint Boards/Commission Forum, which will tentatively be held on January 24, 2013, to cooperatively help define the scope of the Comprehensive Plan Update.

C. Parks Board Meeting Times

Since many of the Parks Board meetings tend to run past the scheduled end time, Vice-Chair Grindeland suggested that future Parks Board meetings end at 8:30 p.m., rather than 8:00 p.m. Boardmembers concurred with this suggestion.

Motion by Vice-Chair Grindeland and second by Boardmember Powell to change the regularly scheduled Parks Board meetings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to 6:00-8:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

10. BOARDMEMBER COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS:

A. Network on Aging

Chair Robinson called attention to the memo included in the Board packet from the Bellevue Network on Aging regarding the recommendation that the Bellevue Botanical Garden provide transportation through the garden on a motorized cart driven by a BBG volunteer. Mr. Smith clarified that the cart request is being reviewed.

B. Bridle Trails Neighborhood Park Update

Boardmember Heath explained that the State has changed its position and wants the Acheson property to be more closely aligned with the State Park. Therefore, further negotiations with the State have ended.

C. Board Liaison to Transportation Commission for Transit Master Plan

Boardmember Evans provided an overview of the recent Transportation Commission meeting.

Motion by Vice-Chair Grindeland and second by Boardmember Evans to extend the meeting until 8:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

D. Other Groups

No report.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Future agenda items

Boardmember Van Hollebeke would like to discuss the Board's overall process at a future Board meeting.

12. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

A. CIP Project Status Report

B. Email and attachment from Sherwin Lee re diversity

C. Letter from Bellevue Network on Aging to Bellevue Botanical Garden re transportation for mobility-impaired visitors

13. **INFORMATION:**

A. List of upcoming Parks special events

Boardmember Evans commended Ms. Harvey for her efforts to keep Boardmembers apprised of upcoming Parks special events.

B. REMINDER—No regular Parks Board meeting is scheduled for December

14. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Boardmember Van Hollebeke and second by Vice-Chair Grindeland to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).