

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

Thursday
October 14, 2008
6:00 p.m.

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

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Keeney, Vice-Chair Bennett, Boardmembers George, Karle, Robinson, Roland

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Geoff Bradley, Dan DeWald, Nancy Harvey, Nancy Kartes, Shelley Marelli

OTHERS PRESENT: Michele Cournoyer

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 Robinson and second by Boardmember Karle to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Boardmember George and second by Boardmember Roland to approve the September 9, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Parks & Community Services Board.

Boardmember George added the following comments to page 5, last paragraph of Item 9—Discussion/Action Items; A—Meydenbauer Bay Project Update: “Boardmember George prefaced her remarks noting that she was a new Boardmember and did not have enough information to provide an informed opinion.”¹

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

¹ This change was added to the final version of the September 9, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Parks & Community Services Board.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

5. CHAIR COMMUNICATION:

On behalf of the Parks & Community Services Department and the International Northwest Parks & Recreation Association (INPRA), Chair Keeney presented the Northwest Perennial Alliance and the Bellevue Botanical Garden with the INPRA award and commended the Alliance on a job well done. Michele Cournoyer accepted the award on behalf of the Alliance.

Chair Keeney reported that the Bellevue Network on Aging is looking for people interested in assisting with interviews. Further details will be forwarded to former Boardmembers Maxim and Aron to see if they would like to assist with the project.

6. BOARD COMMUNICATION:

Boardmember Robinson attended the Mercer Slough Grand Opening and the Kelsey Creek Farm Fair. She also noted that there will be a Home Sweet Home Fair on November 8. One of the partner sponsors for this event is the Bellevue Network on Aging.

Boardmember George attended the following events: Mercer Slough Grand Opening, Shoreline Tour, and Lake-to-Lake Walk.

Vice-Chair Bennett attended the Mercer Slough Grand Opening and the Kelsey Creek Farm Fair.

Chair Keeney continues to work on the Meydenbauer Bay Steering Committee. He also noted that six applications are currently being reviewed for the vacant Board position.

7. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

8. CONSENT ITEMS:

None.

9. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

A. Bellevue Botanical Garden Interpretive Kiosk

Ms. Kartes presented information about the Bellevue Botanical Garden's new prototype interpretive outdoor kiosk. Visitors can use the electronic touch-screen kiosk located within the Garden to:

- Identify or find a plant.
- Read the park levy fact sheet.
- Take a survey.
- Visit the BBG website.
- Make a donation.

The kiosk will be tested, fully exposed to the weather elements, for one full year.

There was a brief discussion regarding the project cost and how data is gathered to evaluate the number of kiosk users.

Boardmember Robinson suggested that the kiosk be wheelchair accessible.

B. Kelsey Creek West Tributary Project

Mr. DeWald explained the West Tributary of Kelsey Creek Stream Restoration project. This project is nearly finished, and when complete it will restore 760 feet of the historic stream channel, restore the channel cross-section and hydraulic capacity, enhance stream and wetland habitat for the benefit of native fish and wildlife, remove flow constrictions, construct a new boardwalk, and replace the three bridges to improve stream flow. In addition, improvements to the stream channel and riparian corridor were included in the project, as well as relocation of the historic Fraser Cabin to the hillside to protect it from damaging flood waters.

Mr. DeWald thanked Boardmembers for their support of the project.

C. MSEEC Programming

Mr. Bradley discussed the programming model to be used at the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center. The MSEEC is designed as a multiple use facility with different buildings serving a different niche and audience. It provides classrooms and wetlabs for environmental education, a visitor's center for interpretation, and a community building for rentals, community gatherings, and other environmental programs. Programming at the MSEEC is a collaboration between the City and Pacific Science Center designed to provide a seamless service delivery model reaching a myriad of audiences.

Mr. Bradley noted that a RFP will be issued to develop an overall interpretive plan for the MSEEC.

10. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Boardmember committee/liaison reports

Chair Keeney updated Boardmembers on the Meydenbauer Bay project. He noted that a full environmental impact study will be conducted. A Meydenbauer Bay Open House will be held on October 29, 2008 at City Hall. All Boardmembers are invited to attend.

Research is currently being conducted to prepare for the next Eastgate Area Master Plan Community meeting.

Chair Keeney called attention to the email in the packet from Nancy Daar regarding Yertle the turtle's rescue at Kelsey Creek Park.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Future agenda items

Boardmember Karle requested an update on the Ashwood Park Master Plan prior to the December Board meeting. He also encouraged discussions with the Bellevue Boys and Girls Club to determine partnership opportunities at Ashwood Park.

13. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Staff Reports

B. CIP Project Report and Timeline

C. Memo from Park Board to Council re Bel-Red

D. Memo from staff to Council re Fall Prevention Week

E. Email from Bob Bencze re Eastgate Alternatives

F. Email from Ed Bruns re hornets

G. Letter from David Plummer re Bel-Red Area Rezone

H. Email from Nancy Daar re turtle rescue

14. **INFORMATION:**

- A. List of upcoming Parks special events
- B. November 13—next Park Board meeting

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

None.

16. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The December holiday party will be held at the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center.

Motion by Boardmember Roland and second by Vice-Chair Bennett to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).