CITY OF BELLEVUE
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday
May 8, 2012
6:00 p.m.

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

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

COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT: Councilmember Wallace

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Mike Bergstrom (PCD), Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Paul Inghram (PCD), Camron Parker, Doug Sanner, Terry Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin Turner

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robinson at 6:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Vice-Chair Grindeland and second by Boardmember Evans to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Boardmember Evans and second by Boardmember Powell to approve the April 10, 2012 regular meeting minutes of the Parks & Community Services Board as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

[1] Arrived at 6:06 p.m.

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

Kevin Turner, Chair of the Bellevue Planning Commission

Mr. Turner thanked Chair Robinson for attending the recent Planning Commission meeting. He explained that the Planning Commission has been working on the Shoreline Master Program for the past three years. He welcomed comments and/or questions from the Park Board.

Chair Robinson asked Boardmembers if they would like to alter the meeting agenda to include a discussion with Mr. Turner.

Motion by Boardmember Powell and second by Boardmember Van Hollebeke to revise the meeting agenda to allow a dialogue with Mr. Turner.

Since information about the discussion item with Mr. Turner was not included in the Board packet, Boardmember Van Hollebeke suggested that the Board review the proposed information and discuss it at the next Park Board meeting. Chair Robinson added that this might allow the Planning Commission time to present questions to the Park Board.

Boardmember Evans explained that he has attended several Planning Commission meetings. He suggested that Boardmembers review the Planning Commission meeting minutes to understand key elements of the Meydenbauer Bay proposal. Boardmember Evans clarified that there is a significant amount of discussion that has occurred over the past three years about the Shoreline Master Program. He cautioned that trying to summarize this information could take a significant amount of time.

Mr. Turner explained that the Planning Commission has submitted all of its final comments for the Shoreline Master Program. Planning staff is moving forward with these revisions.

As a point of order, Boardmember Van Hollebeke encouraged Boardmembers to take action on the motion at hand. In addition, he requested that all items discussed at Park Board meetings be included in the Board packet, which is sent out prior to the Board meeting. Boardmember Van Hollebeke also pointed out that the Meydenbauer Park and Land Use Plan was approved by Council with the implementation principles in December 2010.

Boardmember Evans expressed his concern about the timing of discussions and the possibility of the Park Board missing opportunities to provide feedback to the Planning Commission.

Boardmember George suggested that Park Boardmembers let the Planning Commission handle the planning process with the Shoreline Master Program and not interfere with that process.

Vice-Chair Grindeland concurred with Boardmember Van Hollebeke and requested that discussion materials be provided in the Board packet.

Councilmember Wallace suggested that Boardmembers postpone further discussions so staff can sort out the issues at hand. He clarified that the Shoreline Master Program needs to be submitted

to the Council for approval, and there will be ample time for Park Boardmembers to provide feedback.

Boardmember Evans clarified that the Shoreline Master Program is different than regular discussions with community members.

At the question, motion denied (6-1) to continue further dialogue with Planning Commission Chair Kevin Turner.

Mr. Foran requested that the Planning Commission postpone any action items related to the proposed permitting process until Park Boardmembers have an opportunity to discuss the issue.

Councilmember Wallace suggested that Planning and Parks staff and Councilmember liaisons work together to provide adequate opportunity for input on the Shoreline Master Program's impact on the Meydenbauer Park & Land Use Plan.

Further discussions were postponed until the next Board meeting.

Boardmembers expressed their appreciation to Mr. Turner for attending the meeting.

5. **BOARD COMMUNICATION:**

Boardmember Heath made the following report:

- Attended Sound Transit Open House
- Visited Surrey Downs Park
- Visited Winters House and the blueberry farm
- Visited Downtown Park

Boardmember Powell made the following report:

- Attended the Sheep Shearing event at Kelsey Creek Farm
- Watched the Sound Transit Open House
- Visited Downtown Park
- Visited the dog area at Robinswood Park

Boardmember Evans made the following report:

- Volunteered at the North Community Center Anniversary Luncheon

Boardmember Van Hollebeke made the following report:

- Attended the Rotary breakfast 5k/10k event that started and ended at Downtown Park
- Kayaked on Meydenbauer Bay

Boardmember George made the following report:

- Toured Lake Hills Greenbelt

In addition to being involved in Youth Link, Vice-Chair Grindeland made the following report:

- Visited Lake Hills Greenbelt
- Visited Highland Park
- Visited Crossroads Park
- Visited Robinswood Park
- Visited Ivanhoe Park

6. **CHAIR COMMUNICATION:**

Chair Robinson made the following report:

- Attended Sound Transit Open House

7. **CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:**

Councilmember Wallace made the following report:

- Staff continues to work on the budget
- The Sound Transit Value Engineering discussions are productive
- Council will discuss the Ashwood Park Master Plan in the near future

8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Foran made the following report:

- Over 50 proposals were turned in for the Operating Budget. These will be evaluated by the Results Teams.
- Boardmembers are encouraged to attend the grand opening of the Ravine Garden and the Mother's Day celebration at the Bellevue Botanical Garden.

9. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. Eastgate/I-90 Land Use Plan

Mr. Bergstrom reported that the Final Report of the Council-appointed Citizen Advisory Committee was presented to Council. The Report establishes a vision that will guide future growth and evolution of the Eastgate/I-90 corridor over the next 20 years. Mr. Bergstrom highlighted the study area as well as the Council Principles for this project.

Mr. Bergstrom discussed the Land Use Concepts, which address the following:

- Establish Transit-Oriented Center (TOD)
- Transit-Oriented Center Features
- Existing Parks, Open Spaces & Recreation
- Green Opportunities

- Mountains-to-Sound Greenway Trail
- Ped/Bike Improvements
- Range of Activities
- Visual Character
- Early Wins and Next Steps

Boardmember Powell questioned if Bellevue will create a new definition of what the transit-oriented development looks like. Mr. Bergstrom clarified that these developments will likely take a different form due to the space limitations in the area. In addition, Boardmember Powell questioned if Bellevue can partner with other entities (i.e., Mountains-to-Sound) to leverage funding. Mr. Bergstrom clarified that the City is working to create partnerships and other leveraging opportunities.

Boardmember Evans questioned if the traffic congestion in the Factoria area will be addressed during the planning process. Mr. Bergstrom explained that the I-90 underpass limits options for the Factoria area.

Boardmember Van Hollebeke expressed his appreciation to the Citizen Advisory Committee for their work on the corridor project.

Boardmember George questioned if bicyclists will need to cross the freeway in order to continue westbound from the existing I-90 biking trail to the planned new part of the trail. Mr. Bergstrom clarified that all options are being researched. Boardmember George expressed her concern with the abundant amount of parking lots in the Eastgate corridor area. Mr. Bergstrom explained that there isn't a citywide effort to review parking requirements.

Vice-Chair Grindeland questioned how the Mountains-to-Sound Greenway will be accommodated in the limited space provided. Mr. Bergstrom explained that the Greenway will most likely be a narrower profile than in some other areas, such as rural settings. Vice-Chair Grindeland encouraged decision-makers to retain the bowling alley and Lil' Jon's.

Chair Robinson encouraged staff to evaluate designs for the corridor area that can accommodate people with disabilities.

B. <u>2013-2014 Budget Update</u>

Mr. Sanner called attention to the Parks 2013-2019 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Memo that was included in the Board packet.

Boardmember Evans thought the memo captured all of the Board's comments regarding the Parks 2013-2019 Capital Investment Program (CIP).

Ms. Powell questioned if Surrey Downs will be utilized as a staging area for Sound Transit. Mr. Foran explained that the courthouse precludes Sound Transit from utilizing the space for equipment staging.

Boardmember Evans questioned if there is an alternate plan for the budget. Mr. Foran clarified that there isn't a "Plan B." All of the big projects are incorporated in the current proposed CIP. If there isn't enough money for these projects, priorities will need to be rearranged.

Boardmember Van Hollebeke suggested that the memo draw closer attention to the Park Board's priorities.

Overall, Chair Robinson agreed with the memo.

Boardmember George questioned if anyone has asked the Surrey Downs community if it wants to defer the levy project as the memo proposes. In addition, she questioned whether or not there is enough money to complete all of the levy projects with anticipated general fund matching dollars and also spend $9 million for the first phase of Meydenbauer Bay planning. Mr. Foran said that staff had not asked the Surrey Downs community if it favors deferral because deferring the funding would merely rearrange the schedule, due to Sound Transit. When the Sound Transit issues are resolved at Surrey Downs Park, the funding allocation would be restored. He clarified that the $9 million allocated for Meydenbauer Bay is a new request for funding and was not included in the levy or CIP match. He added that this money would not be competing for levy dollars. Boardmember George asked if the $17.5 million in matching funds would be competing with Transportation and other things for funding. Mr. Foran clarified that the $17.5 million in matching funds is from the general fund but is not competing in the sense of the policy question of whether we're going to do it or not; it's competing in terms of "when." Council has made the commitment to appropriate funds to finish the levy projects.

Motion by Boardmember Van Hollebeke to amend the 2013-19 Parks Capital Investment Program (CIP) memo to explicitly state that the $7 million originally allocated to the planning phase for Surrey Downs be reallocated to other projects until Surrey Downs Park is ready for planning, at which time the Surrey Downs funding should be restored. At the question, motion carried (6-1) to amend the memo.

Motion by Boardmember Van Hollebeke and second by Vice-Chair Grindeland to approve the 2013-19 Parks Capital Investment Program (CIP) memo as amended.

Boardmember George expressed her concern that the $9 million requested for the Meydenbauer Bay project would compete for funding with the $17.5 million in City matching funds which are needed to complete voter-approved levy projects, because both the Meydenbauer and the levy match requests are for general fund money. Boardmember Van Hollebeke explained that Board is not yet sending a letter to the Council to prioritize Parks CIP projects; the Board is asking for the $17.5 million in levy matching funds and the $9 million for Phase 1 of the Meydenbauer project. If it looks like all of the Board's requests will not be funded, the next step would be prioritization. Boardmember George suggested that an amendment be made to the memo to consult with the Surrey Downs community prior to deferment of funding. Boardmembers did not support this amendment since progress cannot be made until the light-rail decisions are finalized.

At the question, motion carried (6-1) to approve the 2013-19 Parks Capital Investment Program (CIP) memo as amended.

10. **BOARDMEMBER COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS:**

A. Network on Aging

No report.

B. Other Groups

No report.

Motion by Boardmember Evans and second by Vice-Chair Grindeland to extend the meeting for 5 minutes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Future agenda items

None.

12. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

A. Letter from Lynne Robinson, Park Board Chair, to Kevin Turner, Planning Commission Chair

13. **INFORMATION:**

A. List of upcoming Parks special events

B. June 12 – next scheduled regular Park Board meeting

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

None.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Boardmember Van Hollebeke and second by Boardmember Evans to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).