

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

Tuesday
June 12, 2012
6:00 p.m.

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

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Robinson, Vice-Chair Grindeland, Boardmembers Evans, Powell, Van Hollebeke

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: Boardmembers Heath, George

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Shelley Brittingham, Cherie Clayton, Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Pam Myers, Terry Smith, Helena Stephens, Annamarie Solomonson

OTHERS PRESENT: Reiner Decker, Cory Jainga, Jennie Kim, Michelle Mattson-Hamilton, Mike Ogliore, Bill and Elfi Rahr

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 Vice-Chair Grindeland to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Boardmember Evans and second by Boardmember Van Hollebeke to approve the May 8, 2012 regular meeting minutes of the Parks & Community Services Board as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

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

Cherie Clayton, City of Bellevue, Parks & Community Services and Mike Ogliore, Bellevue Downtown Association

Mr. Ogliore and Ms. Clayton invited Boardmembers to the 21st annual Symetra Bellevue Family 4th celebration at Bellevue Downtown Park. Attendees can enjoy a C-17 flyover from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, live music, children's activities, an international food court, a community spotlight pavilion and free family entertainment, and a spectacular fireworks show. Fireworks will be synchronized to a live performance by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Shelley Brittingham, City of Bellevue, Parks & Community Services

Ms. Brittingham invited Boardmembers to the Bellevue Botanical Garden 20th Anniversary Celebration, which will be held on June 23.

Reiner Decker

5249 – 10th Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Decker requested that the Bellevue Golf Course be altered to allow access across the southern boundary so pedestrians can reach the Metro B bus line. He explained that there is no bus service on 140th Avenue Southeast, near this location, and it is extremely difficult to get to a bus stop on 148th Avenue Southeast.

Bill Rahr

16509 SE 18th Street, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Rahr is a member of the Antique Tractor Club. The Club restores old tractors and demonstrates tractors throughout the year in parades and other events. Since 1988, members of the Antique Tractor Club have pulled the hay wagon at Kelsey Creek Farm. Mr. Rahr explained that the hay ride is extremely popular at Kelsey Creek. Each year, members of the Tractor Club have a difficult time accommodating all of the guests at the Kelsey Creek Farm events. The lines are typically lengthy and the tractor drivers work long hours to accommodate as many people as possible. Mr. Rahr requested that an additional wagon be purchased to accommodate people at Kelsey Creek.

Elfi Rahr

16509 SE 18th Street, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Rahr expressed her concern about the discharge of storm water in the I-90 office complex. She feels that the restoration programs around the corridor and Phantom Lake have failed. In addition, Ms. Rahr is concerned about the toxic algae blooms in Phantom Lake and suggested that the toxic plants be harvested.

5. **CHAIR COMMUNICATION:**

Chair Robinson made the following report:

- Attended the Ravine Experience Grand Opening
- Hiked the new trails in Woodridge
- Visited Downtown Park and Bannerwood Park

6. **BOARD COMMUNICATION:**

Boardmember Powell made the following report:

- Attended the Ravine Experience Grand Opening
- Visited Robinswood Park
- Toured Ashwood Park

Boardmember Evans made the following report:

- Attended the Ravine Experience Grand Opening
- Volunteered at the North Bellevue Community Center Mother's Day luncheon

Boardmember Van Hollebeke made the following report:

- Visited Bellevue Botanical Gardens
- Enjoyed Meydenbauer Bay Park

Vice-Chair Grindeland made the following report:

- Attended the Ravine Experience Grand Opening
- Visited Northtowne Park, McCormick Park, and Ashwood Park
- Attended the Youth Link Awards Ceremony

7. **CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:**

None.

8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Foran called attention to the memo included in the Board packet from Carol Helland regarding "Status Update regarding Preparation of Planning Commission Draft Shoreline Master Program." Mr. Foran suggested that further discussions be postponed until the Draft Shoreline Master Program has been released.

Mr. Foran reported that Council is evaluating the process for the Ashwood Master Plan Update. In particular, Council is evaluating fire station placement and whether or not a station will be located in the Ashwood Master Plan. Further updates will be provided to Boardmembers as information is made available.

There was a general discussion regarding the popularity of the hay rides at Kelsey Creek Farm. The ultimate goal is to have another hay wagon donated so the community can be accommodated.

9. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. Youth Link Update

Mr. Foran commended the Youth Link Board for their comprehensive evaluation process to evaluate the Youth Link program.

Ms. Mattson-Hamilton explained that in December 2010, as part of the budget review process, the Bellevue City Council requested the Youth Link Board to re-evaluate Youth Link's role and respond to the following goals:

Goal 1—Governance Model: Review, evaluate and recommend an organizational structure or governance model for Bellevue's youth leadership program.

Goal 2—Long Term Community Partnerships: Establish long term partnerships with the Bellevue community—dollars, resources, labor, or in-kind donations from businesses, individuals, schools, non-profits and other organizations.

Ms. Mattson-Hamilton discussed the Youth Link Board's work evaluating Youth Link's role, researching national best practices, developing governance proposals, investigating partnerships, and proposing next steps.

Based upon their evaluation, Youth Link recommends the following changes for the 2013-2014 budget cycle:

An "enhanced" Youth Leadership model that transitions the current Youth Link Board to an eight-person youth leadership board (four youth and four adults, two-year terms of office) and maintains the current Bellevue Youth Council.

Responsibilities of the Youth Leadership Board would include:

- Continue to serve as the official "youth voice" for the community;
- Establish and provide oversight for a structured youth leadership curriculum to serve as a revenue-generating program;
- Establish and oversee a separate fundraising entity that would consist of adults with interest and expertise in fund development; and
- Assume a proactive role in community initiatives, such as Eastside Pathways, Nourishing Network, and other related youth issues.

In addition, the Youth Link Board recommended that the City of Bellevue continue to fund youth leadership at the 2011-2012 budget allocation of \$230,000 for the annual operations of Youth Link as Youth Link transitions to a "Shared Fiscal Responsibility" (SFR) Model. Ms. Mattson-Hamilton explained that the SFR Model demonstrates a sustained funding level in which the City of Bellevue would maintain funding for Youth Link at 2011-2012 budget levels. Increased funding for youth leadership would be secured through a fund development plan that includes an annual Partnership Campaign, foundation grants, and revenue-generating youth leadership programs.

Although several companies have expressed interest in a partnership, Ms. Stephens clarified that no financial agreements have been secured to date for the Youth Link program. Mr. Smith added that the Youth Link program has traditionally been funded by government. However, the research conducted showed that the most successful models have shared fiscal accountability.

Boardmembers commended Youth Link for their efforts and the thorough research conducted.

Chair Robinson suggested that Youth Link offer free advertising in exchange for funding or sponsorships. In addition, Boardmember Van Hollebeke suggested that a connection be made between the youth programs and youth stability in school.

Miss Kim explained that some youth have expressed concerns about fee-based programs. However, they were relieved to learn that scholarships will be available.

B. Kelsey Creek Farm Park Program Overview

Ms. Solomonson discussed the mission of Kelsey Creek Farm Park and provided a brief history on the farm's origins.

In addition to the two major events offered at Kelsey Creek Farm Park (Sheep Shearing and the Farm Fair), Ms. Myers discussed the various events and programs held at the farm.

Ms. Myers explained that volunteers are an integral part of the programs offered at Kelsey Creek Farm Park. This year, Mr. Jainga utilized Kelsey Creek Farm Park for his Eagle Scout project. He discussed the process involved in completing his service project. Mr. Jainga had over 230 volunteer hours involved in his Eagle Scout project for Kelsey Creek Farm Park.

Ms. Solomonson discussed the partners and site amenities for Kelsey Creek Farm Park. Kelsey Creek Farm Park serves over 250,000 visitors throughout the year and is open 365 days per year.

Chair Robinson views the Kelsey Creek Farm Park as an icon for Bellevue and would like an identification sign added to the freeway to let people know about the farm.

C. Park Board Elections

- Chair

Chair Robinson opened nominations for the Board Chair position.

Motion by Vice-Chair Grindeland and second by Boardmember Van Hollebeke to reappoint Lynne Robinson as the Board Chair.

Chair Robinson requested other nominations for the Board Chair position. There were none. Therefore, nominations were closed.

At the question, motion carried unanimously (5-0) to reelect Lynne Robinson as the Board Chair.

- Vice-Chair

Motion by Boardmember Van Hollebeke and second by Chair Robinson to reappoint Sherry Grindeland as the Board Vice-Chair.

Chair Robinson requested other nominations for the Board Vice-Chair position. There were none. Therefore, nominations were closed.

At the question, motion carried unanimously (5-0) to reelect Sherry Grindeland as the Board Vice-Chair.

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

A. Network on Aging

No report.

B. Other Groups

No report.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Future agenda items

Chair Robinson requested that options be researched to satisfy the wagon requested during Mr. Rahr's Oral Communication comments.

Boardmember Van Hollebeke requested an update regarding the transient boat moorage at the Meydenbauer Bay marina. In addition, Boardmember Van Hollebeke requested an update regarding the light rail impacts on Surrey Downs Park. Mr. Smith explained that Council is involved in the light rail process and is currently determining cost mitigations. Staff is closely following the developments and will keep the Board informed about the impacts on Surrey Downs Park.

Boardmember Evans suggested that Board meetings be periodically held at offsite locations. Boardmembers discussed other venues for meetings.

Motion by Boardmember Evans and second by Boardmember Grindeland to conduct two meetings per year at offsite locations.

Motion by Chair Robinson and second by Boardmember Van Hollebeke to amend the above motion and hold one offsite meeting per year, in addition to the Board retreat. Motion carried unanimously (5-0) to approve the amendment.

At the question, motion carried unanimously (5-0) to approve the amended motion for offsite meetings.

Boardmember Evans suggested that a tour of the Meydenbauer shoreline be conducted for Boardmembers.

12. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. CIP Project Status Report
- B. Memo from Park Board to City Council re Budget
- C. Memo to Board from staff re annual 4th of July event
- D. Memo to Board from Carol Helland (DSD) re Shoreline Master Program

13. **INFORMATION:**

- A. List of upcoming Parks special events
- B. July 4th – Bellevue’s Symetra Family 4th of July at Downtown Park
- C. July 10 – next scheduled regular Park Board meeting

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

None.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Boardmember Van Hollebeke and second by Vice-Chair Grindeland to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

