CITY OF BELLEVUE
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday
June 14, 2011
6:00 p.m.

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

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-Chair Robinson, Boardmembers George, Grindeland, Stokes

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: Chair Roland, Boardmember Van Hollebeke

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Shelley Brittingham, Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Glenn Kost, James McClain, Camron Parker, Kit Paulsen (Utilities), Terry Smith, Brian Ward (Utilities)

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt LaPine, Jesse Pacem

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Boardmember Stokes and second by Boardmember Grindeland to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Boardmember Stokes and second by Boardmember George to approve the May 10, 2011 regular meeting minutes of the Parks & Community Services Board as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

5. BOARD COMMUNICATION:

On behalf of the City Council, Vice-Chair Robinson read a Commendation for Mr. LaPine to thank him for serving on the Park Board. In addition, Mr. Foran presented Mr. LaPine with a plaque and framed picture as a token of appreciation.

Boardmember Stokes recently attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at Newport Hills Park to celebrate the new synthetic turf sports field. He commended staff for the fantastic park and was amazed by the upgrade to the park. In addition, Boardmember Stokes distributed a Strawberry Festival flyer to invite Boardmembers to the upcoming Strawberry Festival.

Boardmember George enjoyed spending time at Crossroads Park. In addition, her son participated in a Youth Court session. She was impressed by the session and encouraged Boardmembers to attend one of the Youth Court sessions.

Vice-Chair Robinson attended the ribbon-cutting celebration for the new "Pond Lily Wet Lab 2 Building" at Mercer Slough. In addition, she visited the Crossroads Golf Course, Kelsey Creek Farm, and attended the Newport Hills Park ribbon cutting ceremony. Vice-Chair Robinson said that Representative Marcie Maxwell was impressed with the energy efficient lights at Newport Hills Park.

6. CHAIR COMMUNICATION:

None.

7. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

None.

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

A. State of the Streams System

Mr. Ward provided a PowerPoint presentation on the State of the Storm and Surface Water System in Bellevue. He explained that the information was originally compiled as part of the update to the Storm and Surface Water Comprehensive Plan, last written in 1994. The goal with this Stormwater Plan update is to evaluate the condition of the existing system against the City's existing programs and set out a long range plan to meet the goals and objectives of the Utilities Department mission statement.

Mr. Ward explained that the mission is to have a surface water system that controls damage from storms, protects surface water quality, supports fish and wildlife habitat, and protects the environment. Mr. Ward added that stormwater is a collective responsibility of many entities.

Mr. Ward discussed the physical attributes of open streams. He noted that runoff is the greatest challenge for stormwater management. Because of urbanization, there is more water to manage. To assist with this, retention ponds are utilized, which helps mitigate an altered flow regime. In addition, the rapid rise and fall of water levels in creeks causes erosion.

Mr. Ward showed a depiction of the annual peak flows in Kelsey Creek. The measured peak annual flow has increased and become more scattered over time. This affects habitat conditions.

Mr. Ward noted that water quality is a major element of storm and surface water. Particular items assessed to evaluate water quality include:

- Bacteria
- Heavy metals
- Pesticides
- Temperature

He clarified that most stormwater is not treated.

Regarding fishery habitat, Mr. Ward noted that the data collected shows a persistent spawning population; however, the majority of the fish are hatchery strays. Various slides were shown that illustrated pollution levels for a range of waters. In addition to Bellevue's open streams, there are approximately 392 miles of publically owned storm pipes.

Mr. Ward discussed Bellevue's Flood Protection Program, which is evaluated by a national organization. Bellevue's floodplain management ranks in the top 3% nationally.

Mr. Ward noted that the Storm and Surface Water System Plan is scheduled for completion in late 2011.

<u>Board Discussion:</u>

Boardmember Grindeland asked how salmon react to some of the water quality challenges. Mr. Ward responded that the reproductive success of salmon is compromised. In addition, the salmon may wait for conditions that are more ideal for spawning. He cautioned that water temperature is a major challenge for salmon.

In addition, Boardmember Grindeland questioned what is being done about stream pollution. Mr. Ward explained that the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit is a comprehensive permit that addresses water quality. There are also water quality code requirements.

Boardmember Stokes asked what types of efforts are underway to work cooperatively with the surrounding cities. Mr. Ward explained that Water Resource Inventory Area #8 (WRIA 8) has an entire action plan set in place for the City of Bellevue, as well as other jurisdictions. Bellevue has a significant amount of control for local streams.

Boardmember Stokes sits on the planning committees for the Eastgate Corridor and the Cedar River Watershed. He thought the information presented is helpful for both committees.

Boardmember George thought that the city adopted stormwater regulations that were considered a model for other agencies. Yet, this information was not included in the presentation. Mr. Ward clarified that the City of Bellevue was the first jurisdiction in the United States to form a Surface Water Utility in 1974. In the 1970s, Bellevue was considered the leader for stormwater. Today, Bellevue has a more comprehensive detention requirement than most. The city is on par with other regional efforts of improving water quality and the Puget Sound's health.

Boardmember George questioned whether or not Bellevue has a combined sewer overflow. Mr. Ward confirmed that Bellevue does not have a combined sewer overflow, partially due to the age of Bellevue. In addition, Boardmember George inquired how many NPDES facilities are located within Bellevue. Mr. Ward will confirm this information and respond to Ms. George.

There was a brief discussion regarding the area on the connector where the SE 8th Street wetlands have been restored. Mr. Ward clarified that this was a mitigation site through the WSDOT.

Vice-Chair Robinson hopes that the Pond Lily Wet Lab can collaborate with Utilities about stormwater efforts.

B. Bellevue Youth Theatre Program and Construction

Mr. McClain discussed the story and current programming at Bellevue Youth Theatre, the Youth Program Quality Assessment (YPQA), and the future goals of the program.

Mr. Kost explained that the success of the BYT program breeds the need for a larger facility. In 2008, the Park Board and City Council endorsed a new theatre near Crossroads Community Center. The theatre expansion was also part of the voter-approved Parks and Natural Areas Levy in 2008.

Mr. Kost discussed the proposed theatre specifications. The total project cost is estimated at $7.6 million with a funding gap of $1.45 million. The funding includes:

$3.5 million CIP Funds
$2.0 million 2008 levy funds
$0.2 million other funds
$0.045 million foundation fundraising

Depending upon fundraising efforts, the project could be ready to build in first quarter 2012.

A flyover presentation was shown of the potential theatre design. Mr. Kost clarified that another part of the capital program includes improvements at the existing theatre facilities at Ivanhoe, which will continue to be used by the program.

Boardmember George inquired how program participants with Attention Deficit Disorder and other disabilities are identified. Mr. McClain explained the training process for identifying program participants with disabilities and special needs. Mr. Smith added that the registration form allows opportunities to declare special needs or accommodations.

Boardmember Stokes felt that the hillside design of the theatre enhances the park and allows for flexible indoor/outdoor use.

Boardmember Grindeland asked whether or not third party groups will be able to use the theatre facility. Mr. McClain explained that there are various organizations that currently use the theatre facilities. The theatre is utilized for plays and rehearsals. Third party groups will continue to utilize the new facility.

Vice-Chair Robinson expressed her support for the BYT. She commended the program for accommodating children who may not be embraced in other programs.

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

A. Eastgate Corridor Study

Boardmember Stokes reported that the Eastgate/I-90 Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) has been discussing buildings and other facilities. He found the State of the Streams System presentation useful for future CAC discussions and meetings, particularly when discussing the denseness of the area and effects on the watershed.

B. Other Groups

Vice-Chair Robinson reported that the BNOA provided a presentation to City Council regarding Universal Design. In addition, the BNOA originated the idea to have a comprehensive list of available housing for seniors. ARCH now hosts this list on its web site. There are other organizations that support this concept. This is the first non-commercial senior housing list of its kind.

10. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Foran noted that 17 applications are being reviewed for the vacant Park Board position. He also called attention to the numerous upcoming events included in the Board packet.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Future agenda items

Boardmember Stokes recently attended a Collective Impact session for Social Venture's Eastside Pathways program. Approximately 38 organizations from the social services network attended the event. Boardmember Stokes suggested that Bill Henningsgaard, one of Social Venture's partners, make a presentation to the Park Board about the program.

12. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:

A. CIP Project Report

B. Park Board memo to Planning Commission re Shoreline Master Program

C. Newport Hills Turf Field Grand Opening flyer

13. INFORMATION:

A. List of upcoming Parks special events

B. July 12 – next scheduled regular Park Board meeting

14. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Boardmember Stokes and second by Boardmember George to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).