CITY OF BELLEVUE
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday
June 11, 2013
6:00 p.m.

North Bellevue Community Center
Bellevue, Washington

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

BOARDMEMBER ABSENT: Boardmember George

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Cherie Clayton, Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Terry Smith, Cathy VonWald

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Ogliore

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robinson at 6:11 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Boardmember Evans and second by Vice-Chair Grindeland to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by Vice-Chair Grindeland and second by Boardmember Evans to amend the meeting agenda and add: "Discussion/Action Item: Grant for Hidden Valley." Motion carried unanimously (5-0) to approve the amendment to the meeting agenda.

At the question, motion carried unanimously (5-0) to approve the amended meeting agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Boardmember Van Hollebeke and second by Boardmember Powell to approve the June 11, 2013, Parks & Community Services Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

[1] Arrived at 6:20 p.m.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Mr. Ogliore and Ms. Clayton invited Boardmembers to the annual Symetra Bellevue Family 4th Celebration at Bellevue Downtown Park. Attendees can enjoy a family fun zone, international food court, live music, and a spectacular fireworks show. Fireworks will be synchronized to a live performance by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Last year, the Symetra Bellevue Family 4th Celebration was named *American Profile Magazine's* "Top 10 Firework Displays in America."

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

None.

6. CHAIR COMMUNICATION:

Chair Robinson encouraged Boardmembers to attend the 4th of July celebration. In addition, she discussed the recent gathering by Bellevue High School students at Downtown Park. Students gathered at the park for Senior Prom pictures. The event was a great message for the community about inclusiveness.

Chair Robinson commended the user-friendly program on the City's website that maps out bike routes for riders.

7. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

Vice-Chair Grindeland made the following report:

- Visited Lewis Creek Park and enjoyed the new picnic area.
- Visited Wilburton Hill Park.

Boardmember Heath made the following report:

- Visited Wilburton Hill Park.
- Visited Bellevue Botanical Gardens.
- Visited Hidden Valley Sports Park.
- Enjoyed the Mountains-to-Sound booklet that was distributed at the last Board meeting.
- Walked around Meydenbauer Beach Park—looking forward to the park's future development.

Boardmember Powell made the following report:

- Visited Robinswood Park off-leash area.
- Visited Mercer Slough Nature Park.
- Attended the Downtown Livability Committee meeting.

Boardmember Powell asked why the produce stand is not open. Staff will research the produce stand hours, etc. and get back to Boardmember Powell.

Boardmember Evans made the following report:

- Volunteered at the North Bellevue Community Center Mother's Day Luncheon; also scheduled to volunteer at the Father's Day Luncheon.

Boardmember Van Hollebeke made the following report:

- Observed the Bellevue High School prom picture event at Downtown Park.
- Spoke with the President of the Old Bellevue Merchant's Association about ways the Association is advocating for a more friendly, inviting atmosphere in Old Bellevue during the 4th of July celebration.
- Congrats to the Parks Department for the ongoing positive letters regarding park maintenance throughout the city.

8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Foran informed Boardmembers that former Park Boardmember Merle Keeney's wife, Julie Anne Keeney, recently passed away. Memorial services will be held on June 22 at the South Bellevue Community Center.

The Community Leadership Awards Ceremony was held on May 29 to honor Bellevue youth. Mr. Foran noted that the event was inspiring.

The City recently conducted a community outreach session for Cultural Diversity. There were approximately 150 people in attendance at the event. The information gathered will assist in updating the City's Diversity Plan.

9. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. Grant for Hidden Valley

Mr. Foran explained that the Boys & Girls Club would like to apply for a $75,000 Youth Sports Facility Grant (YSFG) from King County for the Hidden Valley project. The City, as property owner, must co-sponsor the application. Mr. Foran noted that this funding source has been used for previous projects, such as the Crossroads Water Play Area and Highland Skate Park. Boardmembers reviewed a letter of support for this project.

Motion by Boardmember Van Hollebeke and second by Boardmember Powell to approve the Boys & Girls Club application co-sponsorship and letter of support for the Youth Sports Facility Grant (YSFG) from King County for the Hidden Valley project. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

B. Board Elections

Chair Robinson opened nominations for the Parks & Community Services Board Chair position.

Motion by Boardmember Van Hollebeke to appoint Vice-Chair Grindeland as Parks & Community Services Board Chair.

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

At the question, motion carried unanimously (6-0) to elect Vice-Chair Grindeland as the Parks & Community Services Board Chair.

Chair Robinson opened nominations for the Parks & Community Services Board Vice-Chair position.

Motion by Boardmember Powell to appoint Boardmember Evans as Parks & Community Services Board Vice-Chair.

Motion by Chair Robinson to appoint Boardmember George as Parks & Community Services Board Vice-Chair.

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

At the question, motion carried (4-2) to elect Boardmember Evans as the Parks & Community Services Board Vice-Chair.

C. Bellevue's Aging Population

6:43-7:03 p.m. Boardmembers toured the North Bellevue Community Center

Ms. VonWald provided a presentation on the demographic/census for older adults, City of Bellevue and Parks & Community Services role in serving older adults and an update on the Network on Aging. In particular, the following items were discussed:

- Age Cohort Growth
- Age Distribution Trends
- Older Adult Age Distributions
- Geographic Distribution of Older Adults in 2013
- Change in the number of Older Adults from 2000 to 2010

- Growth of Foreign-born
- Percent Foreign-born by Age
- Race & Ethnic Diversity of Bellevue's Older Adults
- Disability Types
- Percent of Older Adults in Poverty
- Tenure by Age of Household
- Units in Structure by Age of Household
- County Comparisons of Older Adults
- City Services for Older Adults:
  - Parks & Community Services
  - Police Department
  - Fire Department
  - Utilities Department
  - Planning & Community Development
- Senior Service Review Project
- Segregation versus Inclusion
- Bellevue Network on Aging
- Bellevue/Kirkland Regional Projects
- Future Strategies
- Aging Initiatives

Boardmember Evans questioned if there is a correlation between the services that are offered in Bellevue and the population of older adults. Ms. VonWald thinks that there is a direct correlation.

Ms. VonWald explained that there was a Senior Services Review project conducted in 2004 to identify ways to better meet the needs of current and future older adults in Bellevue. A copy of this study was distributed to Boardmembers. Ms. VonWald reported that a review of this study's findings will commence later in 2013.

Ms. VonWald reported that the Bellevue Network on Aging has been praised in various national documents for their ability to get aging residents involved in the community. She will forward this information to Boardmembers.

Vice-Chair Grindeland asked what the City is doing to assist with various language barriers. Ms. VonWald explained that there are partner agencies that assist with language issues. In addition, there is a language phone line that offers services to translate many different languages.

Boardmember Evans inquired if the North Bellevue Community Center represents the largest percentage of diversity within the community. Mr. Smith explained that all of the community centers have a diverse demographic representation, particularly Crossroads and South Bellevue.

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

A. Network on Aging

Chair Robinson reported that the Bellevue Network on Aging recently participated in the Eastside Housing Forum, which is working to end homelessness on the Eastside.

B. Bridle Trails Neighborhood Park Update

Boardmember Heath explained that community members are being solicited for their feedback to finalize a name for the park being developed in the Bridle Trails Neighborhood. Construction of the park is expected to begin in the fall.

C. Transit Master Plan

Boardmember Evans reported that the Transit Master Plan was presented to City Council on May 20, 2013. There are currently no fiscal impacts on future budgets.

D. Downtown Livability Study

Boardmember Powell participated in a Downtown Livability Advisory Committee tour. During a recent committee meeting, committee members discussed incentives to create public open space on privately owned land. Mr. Foran noted that the Downtown Livability Committee will help create some of the zoning rules and guidelines for the Downtown corridor. Boardmembers discussed various scenarios and incentives to encourage developers to include open spaces.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Future agenda items

Boardmember Van Hollebeke suggested that further education about the Downtown Livability Study be added to a future meeting agenda. In addition, he requested that a status update on Surrey Downs be added to a future meeting agenda.

12. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

A. CIP Project Status Report

B. Memo inviting Park Boardmembers to Bellevue's Family 4th of July celebration at Downtown Park

C. Email from N Rauhauser re Coal Creek Trail

D. Email from Andrew Swift re community service project at Skyridge Park

E. Article re Lewis Creek Park's story time

13. **INFORMATION:**

A. List of upcoming Parks special events

B. Next regular Park Board meeting is scheduled for July 9 at Bellevue City Hall

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

None.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Boardmember Van Hollebeke and second by Vice-Chair Grindeland to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).