CITY OF BELLEVUE
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday
July 8, 2014
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-113
Bellevue, Washington

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Grindeland, Vice-Chair Evans, Boardmembers George[1], Heath, Kumar[2], Powell, Van Hollebeke[3]

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Shelley Brittingham, Angela Ferguson, Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Glenn Kost, Shelley McVein, Terry Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Betsy Hummer, Ward Urion, Patricia Wheeler

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Grindeland at 6:03 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Boardmember Powell and second by Vice-Chair Evans to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Boardmember Powell and second by Vice-Chair Evans to approve the June 10, 2014 Parks & Community Services Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

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[1] Arrived at 6:06 p.m.
[2] Arrived at 6:10 p.m.
[3] Arrived at 6:05 p.m.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ward Urion, LifeWire
1401 – 140th Pl. NE, Bellevue, WA

On behalf of LifeWire, Mr. Urion explained that the organization has been providing domestic violence services and programs to the community since 1982. LifeWire has grown to become one of Washington State's largest domestic violence service providers and a recognized leader in the field. They work closely with local and regional human service agencies to provide life-saving and life-changing programs and services to help victims and their children separate safely from an abuser, restore trust, develop self-sufficiency, and build peaceful families.

Since LifeWire and the City's Probation Division have a close relationship, Mr. Urion thanked the City for their continued support. He noted that the City of Bellevue has been LifeWire's primary and most consistent funder.

Mr. Urion requested additional time on a future Park Board meeting agenda and/or with Parks' staff to discuss further partnership opportunities with the City.

A 2014 LifeWire fact sheet was distributed during Mr. Urion's presentation.

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

None.

6. CHAIR COMMUNICATION:

Chair Grindeland, along with Vice-Chair Evans, attended a recent City Council meeting to accept a Proclamation declaring July 2014 as Parks & Recreation Month in Bellevue. The proclamation urged everyone to enjoy and recognize the many benefits of Bellevue's parks and recreation facilities and programs.

7. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

Chair Grindeland made the following report:

- Along with other Boardmembers and Councilmember Robinson, met with representatives from Ballet Bellevue to discuss alternatives for their business location.
- Attended the Bellevue Botanical Garden's New Visitor Center Grand Opening Celebration.
- Attended the Bellevue Collection Family 4th of July Celebration.

Vice-Chair Evans made the following report:

- Attended the City Council meeting to accept a Proclamation declaring July 2014 as Parks & Recreation Month in Bellevue.
- Attended the Father's Day Luncheon at North Bellevue Community Center.

Boardmember George made the following report:

- Visited the Lake Hills Greenbelt.
- Visited Airfield Park.
- Visited Robinswood Park.
- Attended the Bellevue Botanical Garden's New Visitor Center Grand Opening Celebration.

Boardmember Van Hollebeke made the following report:

- Visited Bellevue Botanical Gardens.
- Expressed appreciation for the book written by Lee Springgate about how some of Bellevue's parks came to fruition.
- Is enjoying the Bellwether sculpture exhibition in the Downtown Park.

Boardmember Powell made the following report:

- Visited Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center.
- Visited Robinswood Park.
- Visited Enatai Beach Park.

Boardmember Heath made the following report:

- Attended the Bellevue Botanical Garden's New Visitor Center Grand Opening Celebration.
- Visited Newcastle Beach Park.
- Visited the SE 40th Street Boat Launch.
- Visited Enatai Beach Park.
- Visited Chesterfield Beach Park.
- Expressed appreciation for the book written by Lee Springgate.
- Suggested that the City encourage everyone to do their part by picking up litter.

In addition, Boardmember Heath discussed the research he is conducting regarding Sound Transit's maintenance facilities in Bellevue. Specifically, Boardmember Heath noted that there are three potential maintenance facilities identified in Bellevue, as opposed to one potential facility identified in Seattle. Boardmember Heath discussed the "Disparate Impact" on the community, noting that there is a high population of first born foreign generations that live in Bellevue. Boardmember Heath implied that Sound Transit may be placing unintended consequences on these citizens without the intent to discriminate. In any regard, he suggested that others may way to be mindful of this possibility as well.

Boardmember Kumar made the following report:

- Attended the Bellevue Botanical Garden's New Visitor Center Grand Opening Celebration.
- Attended the Bellevue Collection Family 4th of July Celebration.
- Visited Airfield Park.
- Visited Weowna Park.
- Visited Lewis Creek Park.
- Suggested that the way-finding signs along the Coal Creek Natural Area needs improvement.
- Visited the Urban Demonstration Garden at Lake Hills.

8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Foran reported that the Bellevue Collection Family 4th of July Celebration was a huge success. He commended Cherie Clayton for her efforts in planning the event along with the Bellevue Police and Fire Departments. In addition, Chair Grindeland commended Nancy Harvey and Shelley Brittingham for volunteering and assisting with the celebration.

9. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. MyBellevue Mobile App

Ms. Ferguson provided an overview of the MyBellevue Mobile app project. She noted that the mobile app makes it possible for residents and workers in Bellevue to use their smart phones to enter service requests and access City news, jobs and social media easily with their phone. If a citizen notices a damaged sign or other problem within the community, they can utilize the MyBellevue app to notify the City in real time, with a photo and GPS location if desired. The app also allows someone to check for other service requests in the area and track these requests until they are addressed. MyBellevue features a home page, new requests, nearby requests, and my stuff.

Ms. Ferguson explained that the purpose of this project was to work interdepartmentally to develop a single, standardized reporting, tracking and data storage system that is simple to use, links with existing applications, provides two-way communication of information, and is capable of providing useful information management.

Ms. Ferguson noted that there are some foreign language options available for the app.

B. CIP Initiatives

Mr. Kost discussed some of the upcoming CIP initiatives at Downtown Park and Meydenbauer Bay. He noted that these projects are not new to Boardmembers but represent a significant amount of work that will occur over the next two or three years in downtown Bellevue. Both

projects are in the design phase of development. Mr. Foran added that it is one of Council's top priorities to have connectivity between Downtown Park and Meydenbauer Bay.

The following is a list of upcoming projects for the two initiatives, which were reviewed by Mr. Kost:

- Downtown Park:
  - Levy Project—the so-called "complete the circle" project
  - Sewer line replacement
  - Inspiration Playground
  - Northeast Entry (CIP budget request)

- Meydenbauer Bay Park
  - Phase 1 development
  - Recent day moorage project
  - House removal
  - Sewer line replacement

Boardmember Van Hollebeke discussed some of the Old Bellevue Merchant Association's concerns regarding the limited amount of parking spaces available near Old Bellevue/Main Street. Mr. Kost noted that the Parks Department evaluated parking and determined the parking at the Downtown Park should accommodate park users. Vice-Chair Evans discussed the significant expense associated with developing parking lots and added that the parking-related issues near Old Bellevue are a larger problem for the City, rather than the Park Board.

Mr. Foran explained that there are a number of operational ideas for parking being considered as Old Bellevue continues to get redeveloped. He added that the Park Board should focus on the Core Principles for parks and open spaces. Mr. Foran encouraged Boardmembers to focus on overall policy discussions for getting more parking spaces in Old Bellevue, rather than focusing on the Downtown Park to solve the parking issues. With this said, Boardmember Van Hollebeke encouraged Parks staff to be involved in policy discussions for parking.

Boardmember Van Hollebeke asked if there will be visible connectivity between Downtown Park and Meydenbauer Bay. Mr. Foran clarified that the circle completion in Downtown Park will include a water feature and promenade that flows toward Main Street. This natural flow will lead people toward the waterfront.

Boardmember Van Hollebeke suggested that a formalized engagement process be implemented with the Meydenbauer Bay Neighborhood Association regarding the implementation of the principles. Mr. Foran clarified that the Meydenbauer Bay Neighborhood Association has been engaged since the Transient Moorage Management Plan began. This ongoing, direct planning will continue through Phase 1. Mr. Foran added that Phase 2 of the project will be more engaging with the community and the City will want to sanction more prescriptive interactions—Phase 2 will be much more complex.

10. BOARDMEMBER COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS:

A. Bridle Trails Neighborhood Park Update

Boardmember Heath reported that construction will soon begin on the Bridle Trails Corner Park.

B. Downtown Livability Study

Boardmember Powell reported that the Downtown Livability Committee has issued their preliminary report. She encouraged Boardmembers to continue advocating for more open space within the Downtown corridor.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Future agenda items

None.

12. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:

A. CIP Project Status Report

B. Memo from Patrick Foran to City Council re Parks & Recreation Month

C. Email from Ernest Frankenburg re Master Naturalist Course

D. Letter from PSE to Mayor Balducci re funding last phase of MSEEC

13. INFORMATION:

A. List of upcoming Parks special events

B. Next regular Park Board meeting—September 9, 2014 (no meeting is scheduled for August)

Motion by Vice-Chair Evans and second by Boardmember Kumar to extend the meeting until 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

14. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Betsy Hummer, 14541 SE 26th Street, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Hummer recently contacted the Parks Department to express concerns about overcrowding of trees. She commended the Parks Department, specifically Maia Pereyda and Melissa Kerson, for their quick response to her concerns.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Boardmember Van Hollebeke and second by Boardmember Powell to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).