

Parks & Community Services Board

Regular Meeting

March 13, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall

Room 1E-113

450 110th Avenue NE

Bellevue, WA



Boardmember Kumar inquired if impervious surface technology is changing to allow for better drainage. Mr. Bradley highlighted some of the mitigation that is used in conjunction with other departments to use low impact options.

Boardmember Deng discussed mitigation efforts where dogs were utilized to chase away geese in the park during the Newcastle Beach Park Backyard Campout.

Boardmember Hamilton asked how the Board can help and support the Natural Resource Division's efforts. Mr. Bradley encouraged Boardmembers to participate in Arbor Day and continue to advocate for parks and open space.

B. Downtown Park's NE Corner Entry

Mr. Kost provided an overview of the NE Corner Entry project. This project encompasses approximately two acres. The scope of work includes:

- New entry plaza at Bellevue Way and NE 4th Street
- Possible new water feature
- Integration of public art
- Pedestrian connection to the Downtown Park Circle
- Connection to the Formal Garden
- Integration of the Union High Arch
- Connection to the Downtown Park Belvedere

Mr. Kost noted that the Grand Connection is an identified hub and major art opportunity. Mark Fornes is the selected artist to create a large-scale, site-specific structure and public art piece.

Mr. Kroeger highlighted some of the design concepts that have been prepared for the NE Corner Entry project.

Motion by Boardmember Trescases and second by Boardmember Deng to extend the meeting until 8:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Kost reviewed some of the project challenges, which include:

- Existing right of way/alley
- Topographical/ADA concerns
- Treatment of boundary with coin store
- Public art coordination
- Long-term vs. short-term view of neighboring properties
- Integration of Formal Garden and Union High Arch
- Water
- SEPA (Land Use Process) for 'new' uses
- Schedule

Motion by Boardmember Trescases and second by Boardmember Kumar to extend the meeting until 8:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

