

Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Thursday, February 7, 2019 4:00 PM

SeaTac City Hall - Riverton Room

Members: Present: Absent: Commence: 4:05 PM

Adjourn: 5:27 PM

Clyde Hill, Chair x

Pam Fernald x (via phone) Rick Forschler

Other City Council Members Present: Peter Kwon, Joel Wachtel, Stanley Tombs

Staff Present: Joseph Scorcio, Special Advisor to City Council & City Manager; Lawrence Ellis, Parks, Community Programs and Services Director; Gwen Rathe, Administrative Assistant III; Mike Fitzpatrick, Parks Projects & Operations Manager, Cindy Corsilles, Assistant City Attorney; Anita Woodmass, Senior Project Analyst

1. Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM by Chair Clyde Hill.
Approval of Minutes	Approval of the January minutes is being deferred to the March meeting due to only one member being in attendance.
3. Public Comment	None
Update on North SeaTac Park	Joe Scorcio explained that the City, Port of Seattle and King County each own portions within North SeaTac Park. City and Port of Seattle staff have been meeting to resolve some issues with the lease between the two agencies.
	As part of the Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP), the Port wants to take back the 55-acre area in order to build a parking lot for airport employees. The area that the Port wants to develop will adversely affect the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden and the possible trail around Tub Lake. The mountain bike group is the only group that the

City has a Park User Agreement with who would be displaced. Park users are not located in the 55 acre area.

Sunset Park is still owned by King County as the deed was never transferred to the City. There is some possible pollution on the site. A level one analysis is currently being done by an independent consultant. If the property is clean, King County will probably transfer ownership to the City.

Councilmember Fernald said she is advocating strongly for the park and stated that the proposed parking lot does not belong anywhere north of S. 142nd Street. She stated that it would bring too much traffic into the neighborhood area. Deputy Mayor Hill said that Councilmember Fernand's comments should be noted in the SAMP.

Councilmember Kwon noted that the Port could build a parking garage on their existing employee parking lot.

Joe Scorcio said there are some projects budgeted in the 2019-2020 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for North SeaTac Park. He said one project is the soccer fields located on the City-owned portion of North SeaTac Park. A street on the west side of the property needs to be vacated prior to the project. Other North SeaTac Park projects in the 2019-2020 CIP are the tennis court improvements in Sunset Park, botanical garden improvements, and improvements of the North SeaTac Park baseball fields.

Joe Scorcio asked the Committee for their approval for Lawrence and his team to proceed with vacating the street to develop the soccer fields. Deputy Mayor Hill and Councilmember Fernald approved.

Joe Scorcio said he will continue to update this Committee on the North SeaTac Park issues. He will come back to the March meeting.

 Potential for corporate and private funding for 4th of July fireworks This item was deferred to a future meeting.

6. Inter-local
Agreement with
US Department of
Agriculture,
Animal and Plant
Health Inspection
Service for control
of Canada Geese

Mike Fitzpatrick, Parks Projects and Operations Manager explained the measures of monitoring and lethal control used to eradicate the Canada geese from Angle Lake Park. Parks Operations crew monitors the number of geese on a daily basis. Lethal control includes oiling the eggs, egg addling, or rounding up the geese to be euthanized. The City has been a part of this ILA for several years. Nine agencies are involved with this ILA. Since the ILA has been in place, the urban Canada goose damage and nuisance issues have decreased dramatically.

Mike stated that he is looking for a recommendation from this Committee to continue with the Cooperative Interlocal Agreement for waterfowl management. The Committee approved his request.

7. Review of Veteran's Memorial	Lawrence Ellis noted that the location of the Veteran's Memorial was determined at the January meeting. He provided images of three proposed types of memorials.
	Peter Kwon asked about funding for this project. He inquired about the possibility of getting funding from 4Culture as other cities have already built similar Veteran's Memorials using 4Culture grant month in addition to fundraising. Lawrence said the project is funded in the CIP but some fundraising will occur. Joe Scorcio reminded the Committee that he mentioned the importance of offering fundraising as an option to residents and others in the area interested in supporting the project. The Committee likes option one of the images. Lawrence said he will get some proposed mockups made prior to the March meeting.
8. Adjourn	The Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM.