

## Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

## Thursday, March 7, 2019

## 4:00 PM

## SeaTac City Hall - Riverton Room

Members: Present: Absent: Commence: 4:00 PM

Adjourn: 5:24 PM

Clyde Hill, Chair x (via phone)

Pam Fernald x Rick Forschler x

Other City Council Members Present: Mayor Erin Sitterley, Peter Kwon,

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; Marlon Olson, Recreation Supervisor

1. Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Councilmember Pam Fernald.
2. Approval of Minutes	Minutes from the January 3, 2019 meeting were approved as written.  The February minutes were not approved because the present Councilmembers were not present for the February meeting.
3. Public Comment	Vicky Lockwood shared some statistics that she found from the Seattle Audubon Society regarding Canada geese. She said she supports controlling the goose population.
4. Update on North SeaTac Park	Joe Scorcio explained that the City team including himself, Carl Cole, Lawrence Ellis, Mike Fitzpatrick, Anita Woodmass, and Ingrid Bulpin are continuing to work on issues related to North SeaTac Park. Mike Fitzpatrick will be the point person on the discussion whether the City continues with a level two environmental analysis on the Sunset Park area of North SeaTac Park.

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Meetings with the Port of Seattle have taken place regarding the lease and there are no major issues. Information about the groups that sublease areas of the park was sent to the Port.

Staff is making sure some of the road right-of-ways have been vacated. Near the soccer fields south of S. 128<sup>th</sup> St. there are some streets that need to be vacated in order to go forward with the soccer field remodel project that is in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Joe Scorcio said someone will continue to bring monthly updates to this Committee after his upcoming retirement.

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

Councilmember Fernald asked the Committee if they had a chance to review the answers given by Mike Fitzpatrick to her questions regarding the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) to control the Canada geese population.

Councilmember Forschler asked how the Port of Seattle is weighing in on this topic. Councilmember Fernald said the Port has a robust program to keep geese and other birds away from the airport. Mike Fitzpatrick mentioned that the Port is a member of the ILA.

Councilmember Fernald said the Port has not reached out to us regarding this issue and we have not received any complaints from the public. Deputy Mayor Hill said, as a homeowner on the lake, the goose population does cause issues but the residents are not informing the City. He also stated that he supports controlling the Canada geese population.

Lawrence Ellis stated that prior to starting the Interlocal Agreement several years ago, there was a large problem with goose feces at Angle Lake Park causing swimmer's itch. He is concerned that people will go to the spray park to clean off the lake water and it may cause issues with the filters and cleanliness of the spray park. During the summer months, staff is already very busy cleaning the park each morning. Additional goose feces would require them to spend even more time cleaning.

Councilmember Fernald requested that we try to educate the public regarding not feeding the fowl. Lawrence Ellis said we will put up some signs as well as put the information on the website.

Mayor Sitterley said that she approves of the ILA.

Councilmember Kwon stated that the FAA concern is secondary to participating in the ILA just to keep the park clean.

Mike Fitzpatrick will follow up with the Port for feedback regarding the importance of the ILA and airport safety.

All three Committee members agreed that they are ready to refer this topic back to the full City Council.

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6. Update on Special Events	Marlon Olson gave an update on special events for 2019 and distributed a handout with a complete list. He shared some information about a new event on the plaza at the Angle Lake Station. Lawrence Ellis mentioned that the department is scheduling more events in neighborhood parks in order to provide more entertainment throughout the City. He said a new event is also being planned at McMicken Heights Park. At Riverton and McMicken Heights Parks residents may walk to the park to enjoy the events.
7. Adjourn	The Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:24 PM.