



Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Thursday, April 4, 2019

4:00 PM

SeaTac City Hall – Riverton Room

Members:	Present:	Absent:	Commence: 4:01 PM
			Adjourn: 5:27 PM

Clyde Hill, Chair	x
Pam Fernald	x
Rick Forschler	x

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

Staff Present: Lawrence Ellis, Parks, Community Programs and Services Director; Gwen Rathe, Administrative Assistant III; Mike Fitzpatrick, Parks Projects & Operations Manager, Cindy Corsilles, Assistant City Attorney

1. Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM by Deputy Mayor Clyde Hill.
2. Approval of Minutes	Minutes from the February 7, 2019 and March 7, 2019 meetings were approved as written.
3. Public Comment	Vicky Lockwood expressed concern regarding Parks Maintenance staff spraying chemicals and how it may affect their health. She suggested maybe hiring a company to do that work. Councilmember Pam Fernald asked what is sprayed and is it toxic. Mike Fitzpatrick explained staff's qualifications including that all full-time staff have pesticide licenses from the Washington State Department of Agriculture.
4. Update on North SeaTac Park	Lawrence Ellis stated that he has started the process to vacate the streets in North SeaTac Park where the soccer fields are built over the streets. He said the next meeting with the Port of Seattle to discuss items related to North SeaTac Park will be held in July so he will bring an update to this Committee in August.

	<p>Mike Fitzpatrick gave an update on Sunset Park. He said the Phase 1 analysis is almost complete. He said the three main concerns regarding this park site are 1) underground fuel storage tanks at the King County shops. 2) Asarco plume contamination. 3) bunker oil. The underground storage tanks near the King County shops have been removed. Department of Ecology provided a letter regarding the cleanup work that was performed to remediate the Asarco plume contamination.</p> <p>Mike Fitzpatrick added that staff is finalizing comments back to consultant Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc. and this information will be passed on to King County when complete. Staff is working on a scope of work for a Phase 2 analysis for soil/groundwater testing.</p> <p>Councilmember Forschler said he would like to know where the bunker oil is and where it is going due to water runoff.</p> <p>This topic will continue to be on the agenda as an information topic or as a request for recommendation if needed.</p>
<p>5. Staffing of Parks Maintenance. Revisiting 2019 Decision Card.</p>	<p>Mike Fitzpatrick presented and explained a handout that shows the current acres of developed park land per staff person. It also explains the costs of the request. The request is for two additional full-time staff in 2019 with another being added in 2020. Mike explained that we are at the same staff staffing level as in 2000 and the City has added more developed park acres and amenities in that time. He acknowledged that the City Council did allow for additional seasonal employees in that timeframe but the need is for more qualified full-time staff.</p> <p>Councilmember Forschler said he is not against the request but needs more information. He asked that the table in the handout be updated with a column that shows the cost per acre to maintain. He asked if staff has looked into requesting assistance from King County or the Port of Seattle for the areas that are regional attractions. He asked if the City of Burien gets funds from elsewhere to subsidize the maintenance of Seahurst Park.</p> <p>Councilmember Fernald would like more information to make sure we show the need for these additional staff in order to maintain our parks.</p> <p>Councilmember Wachtel noted that City of Burien contracts out their park maintenance. He said maybe we should consider hiring a company to mow.</p> <p>Lawrence Ellis will look at neighboring cities and the impact of regional parks.</p>
<p>6. RAVE Foundation proposal to upgrade Futsal soccer facility at Valley Ridge Park</p>	<p>Rave Foundation proposed to upgrade the current hockey court at Valley Ridge Park into a Futsal soccer court. This court has been used for soccer ever since it was made for hockey. Funding for this project would come from the Seattle Sounders and possibly other contributors. Lawrence Ellis would like to discuss their proposal and move forward.</p>

	<p>He said we will need to address the issue of naming rights and/or recognition of contributors.</p> <p>Councilmember Fernald said she would be OK with having the Seattle Sounder logo on the court but would not want other commercial logos. She said she would approve of a plaque at the site for the commercial donors to be listed.</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Hill recognized that this is a generous offer. He said we could go out to bid and allow others to bid on the project.</p> <p>Maya Mendoza-Exstrom from the Rave Foundation explained that this would be a gift to the City of SeaTac. She explained the Rave Foundation's part in developing new soccer fields at Yestler Terrace in Seattle and at Beverly Park School. They are starting a Master Plan to adopt SeaTac. They currently work with Bow Lake Elementary and Chinook Middle School and would like to work with Tyee High School.</p> <p>Scott Logan from Highline School District explained the positive, long-standing relationship between the Highline School District and the Rave Foundation.</p> <p>The Parks and Recreation Committee recommends that this topic be brought to the full City Council.</p>
<p>7. Director's Update – Veteran's Memorial design update and upcoming special events.</p>	<p>Lawrence reported that architect John Barker was hired to prepare three conceptual drawings of the memorial. He was able to get more information about the brick pavers. All orders for pavers will need to be confirmed by August in order for them to be engraved by November. The cost of each paver will be approximately \$100.</p> <p>Lawrence informed the Committee of special events that are happening this month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 2 there was a Fix-it event at the SeaTac Community Center.• Saturday, April 20, 9:00 AM ~ Easter Egg Hunt at Angle Lake Park.• Saturday, April 20, 10:00 AM ~ Arbor Day tree planting event at Riverton Heights Park.• Friday, April 26, 6:00 PM ~ Community Kitchen Night at the SeaTac Community Center.
<p>8. Adjourn</p>	<p>The Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM.</p>