



# Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Thursday, May 2, 2019

4:00 PM

SeaTac City Hall – Riverton Room

Members:	Present:	Absent:	Commence: 4:00 PM Adjourn: 5:17 PM
Clyde Hill, Chair	x		
Pam Fernald	x		
Rick Forschler		x	

Other City Council Members Present: Peter Kwon, 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 4:00 PM by Deputy Mayor Clyde Hill.
2. Approval of Minutes	Minutes from the April 4, 2019 meeting were approved as written.
3. Public Comment	Vicki Lockwood commented that she does not want the proposed building at the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden to be a municipal building due to the ongoing maintenance and operation costs. She also commented that if additional fulltime Parks Maintenance staff are created, the part-time positions should be reduced.
4. Update on North SeaTac Park/Sunset Park	Mike Fitzpatrick gave an update on Sunset Park. He said the Phase 1 Environmental Site Analysis (ESA) is complete and a copy has been given to King County. Soil and groundwater samples will be taken on Wednesday, May 15 for Phase 2 review. Results should be available in about two weeks after samples are taken. With the Phase 2 information, Maul Foster Alongi will finalize a report with new data. There is a tentative meeting date the week of June 10 to discuss the results with King County. We already know from Phase 1 that the site

	<p>needs additional cleanup. Phase 2 will strengthen the case that additional cleanup is needed.</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>Lawrence said he was tasked with looking into regional parks and how they fund their maintenance. North SeaTac Park is considered a regional park due to the alternative recreation offerings such as the rc car track, disc golf and the BMX track that other cities do not offer. Each city maintains their own regional parks.</p> <p>Mike explained that the City of Burien was primarily using contracted maintenance companies but, due to prevailing wage requirements, they recently switched to using their own City staff. The difference between paying the contracted company prevailing wage rates vs. using their own city staff was about a wash financially.</p> <p>Councilmember Fernald and Deputy Mayor Hill are both in favor of recommending approval of the new positions.</p>
<p>6. Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden Learning Center</p>	<p>Katherine Kertzman and Megan Maguire from Seattle Southside Regional Tourism Authority gave a presentation on the proposed Learning Center for the botanical garden. They are looking for support from the Parks &amp; Recreation Committee to go to the Hotel/Motel Advisory Committee to request \$50,000 for a feasibility study for the proposed Learning Center. Megan shared a PowerPoint presentation on how the Learning Center could fit in to fill hotel beds and promote tourism.</p> <p>Wendy Morgan from the Botanical Garden Foundation is working with Seattle Southside RTA and is excited about the possibility of benefiting from this project.</p> <p>Councilmember Fernald made positive comments about the garden and inquired as to whether the garden could connect to the nature trail at Tub Lake that she has proposed.</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Hill asked if the study would determine if the facility can be self-sustaining. Katherine said that the study would determine that.</p> <p>Councilmember Stanley Tombs would like the feasibility study to answer questions about staffing to operate and maintain the building.</p> <p>Next Wednesday, May 8, this request will go to the Hotel/Motel Committee.</p> <p>The Parks and Recreation Committee supports the proposal feasibility study regarding operation viability for a learning center.</p>
<p>7. Director's Update – PROS Plan; King County Conservation</p>	<p>Lawrence gave an update on the Parks, Recreation &amp; Open Space (PROS) Plan. He explained that a Request for Proposals (RFP) was sent out to four firms but none responded for a variety of reasons. Lawrence reached out to one firm, Berk Consulting, and they said they</p>

<p>Future Tax Levy</p>	<p>would prepare a proposal. Lawrence explained that the PROS Plan is updated every ten years and that it serves as a valuable tool of guidance and for grant funding. Consultant, Berk Consulting, will be introduced to this Committee at the June meeting.</p> <p>Lawrence, along with Public Works Director Will Appleton, applied for a King County Conservation Future Tax Levy Grant to fund the purchase of some Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) property located adjacent to Des Moines Creek Park. The grant request would cover the cost to purchase the property, develop a larger trailhead, a passive park, and a paved trail to link to the existing Des Moines Creek Trail. This is a matching grant however Lawrence is attempting to get a waiver for the match. We meet two out of three of the requirements for a waiver but the third requirement is being discussed. The grant request is for \$1.5 million.</p>
<p>8. Adjourn</p>	<p>The Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:17 PM.</p>