



# Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Wednesday, April 1, 2021

4:00 PM

\*Virtual Meeting\*

Members:	Present:	Absent:	Commence: 4:00 PM Adjourn: 5:20 PM
Clyde Hill, Chair	x		
Senayet Negusse	x		
Stanley Tombs	x		

Other City Council Members Present: Deputy Mayor Peter Kwon

Staff Present: Lawrence Ellis, Parks, Community Programs & Services Director; Gwen Rathe, Administrative Assistant III; Gwen Voelpel, Deputy City Manager; 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 Councilmember Clyde Hill.
2. Approval of Minutes	Minutes from the March 4, 2021 meeting were approved as written.
3. Public Comment	None
4. Sunset Park Update	<p>Representatives from King County Parks, Warren Jimerez, Monica Leers, and Shazaad Jarrahan gave a presentation on the contaminated soil at Sunset Park and a proposed plan to remediate the area.</p> <p>Recent investigations in 2019 and 2020 carried out by King County Parks and City of SeaTac determined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arsenic and lead levels in surface soil are generally lower than Department of Ecology clean-up levels.</li> <li>• Several lead samples were elevated and a cause for concern.</li> </ul>

	<p>Factors present to reduce health risks include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher metal concentrations are below surface so contact is less likely.</li> <li>• Lawn is dense and well maintained, reducing potential for contact with impacted soil.</li> </ul> <p>The presentation included a scope of work, project budget, and project timeline.</p>
<p>5. Rental Assistance, Request for Qualifications Update</p>	<p>Lawrence Ellis explained that a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is being prepared to hire an agency to handle, at a minimum, the following scope of services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create an overall program outline;</li> <li>• Develop the application form and process;</li> <li>• Identify a process for review of eligibility criteria;</li> <li>• Developing a reporting mechanism back to the City;</li> <li>• Provide standards for consistent application;</li> <li>• Set timeline to revisit program at regular intervals during rollout period and make any adjustments.</li> </ul> <p>Lawrence anticipates that the RFQ will be issued in mid-April, interviews in early May, and possibly hire an agency by early June.</p> <p>Councilmember Negusse referred to and provided a link to the King County web page showing program data related to Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance.  <a href="https://kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/COVID/eviction-prevention-rent-assistance/program-data.aspx">https://kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/COVID/eviction-prevention-rent-assistance/program-data.aspx</a></p>
<p>6. Director's Update</p>	<p>Lawrence Ellis gave an update on recent happenings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drive-thru egg hunt is this Saturday, April 3, starting at 9 AM.</li> <li>• Riverton Heights Park Phase 2 is almost complete. A ribbon cutting will probably be held in May.</li> <li>• Minor Home Repair has several projects underway.</li> <li>• Veteran's Memorial will have three new tiles engraved before Memorial Day.</li> <li>• Community Garden registration has been busy. 25 out of 32 of the plots have already been reserved for 2021.</li> <li>• Recreation programs and facility rentals are allowed at 50% capacity now.</li> </ul>
<p>7. Good of the Order</p>	<p>Councilmember Negusse attended a Forterra work party at North SeaTac Park.</p> <p>Councilmember Tombs said he has seen a lot of folks heading to the off-leash dog park.</p>

	<p>Councilmember Hill reported that King County will be receiving from the American Rescue Act an estimated \$165 million in rental assistance dollars. Additionally King County will receive an estimated \$3.6 million for CDBG-CV funding where County staff is recommending these dollars be allocated to emergency shelters. SCA is asking the 29 Consortium Cities if there are other community needs that ought to be considered. A final recommendations list will be voted on April 15th.</p> <p>Councilmember Hill also mentioned that the Human Services application process will be reviewed at the Council Study Session on April 13.</p>
8. Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.