

**LYNNWOOD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES ~ July 10, 2013**

10. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

20. Roll Call

Boardmember Aldrich	Councilmember Smith
Boardmember Bluford	Director Sordel
Boardmember Cheek	Parks Planner Cowan
Boardmember Gilbertson	Administrative Assistant Flesher
Boardmember Hildebrandt	
Boardmember Megill	

30. Approval of Minutes – May 1, 2013 and June 5, 2013. Approved.

40. Written Communications – Marketing/Outreach/Healthy Communities Report.

50. Public Comments – Ms. Linda Willemarck and Ms. Julie M. Fielder were in attendance to express their concern about the impact of one of the proposed Sound Transit alignments on Scriber Creek Park.

Director Sordel indicated that the Parks & Recreation Board and Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts staff have been engaged with Community Development and Economic Development on this issue. City Council has also been engaged. He reported that the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is due to be released by the end of July, after which there will be an opportunity for public comment.

Councilmember Smith indicated that the public can comment at any time by emailing the City Council or by sending a letter to the Parks & Recreation Board. He noted that it would be more powerful to comment after the draft EIS is released and refer to specific issues.

Director Sordel indicated that the draft EIS would be discussed by the Board. Boardmembers are keenly aware of potential impacts.

Councilmember Smith indicated that City Council would ultimately take a position on which of the three alternatives to recommend that the Sound Transit Board adopt. He indicated that the public is always welcome to communicate with the Sound Transit Board.

Boardmember Gilbertson thanked Ms. Willemarck and Ms. Fielder for coming. All of the Boardmembers care a lot about parks, which is why they chose to serve on the Parks & Recreation Board. He noted that citizen presence is very important at City Council meetings and comments can be made at any business meeting. Comments are generally limited to three minutes, so it is important to be prepared.

The ladies asked whether a petition to City Council would be effective. Councilmember Smith indicated that individual letters or emails send a stronger message, but that petitions are also taken seriously.

Boardmember Aldrich noted that the arrival of Sound Transit is inevitable. He hopes that the best choice will be made and that efforts to mitigate impacts will be effective.

60. Comments from Boardmembers.

- 60.1 Boardmember Gilbertson expressed his shock at the level of youth physical abuse reported by Dr. Goldbaum. Director Sordel noted that the Health District has begun its CHIPs meetings. City staff will be directly involved and will have more information as strategies are developed. Staff will provide periodic reports to the Board. Director Sordel agreed that the prevalence of youth physical abuse and youth/adult suicide was an eye opener to him.
- 60.2 Boardmember Hildebrandt noted that the most recent NRPA magazine featured exercise equipment in parks. Parks Planner Cowan indicated that the park inventory assessment as part of the Comprehensive Plan would address suggestions for such amenities.
- 60.3 Boardmember Aldrich noted that over half of the patients he sees are there because of something they have done to themselves.
- 60.4 Boardmember Bluford also found Dr. Goldbaum's information interesting.
- 60.5 Boardmember Cheek found the June 5 meeting fascinating. Dr. Goldbaum is very eloquent and knowledgeable and presented the information very well. He asked if Lynnwood-specific information was available. Director Sordel indicated that some City-specific information would be available in the future.
- 60.6 Boardmember Megill reported his excitement to hear about the Snohomish County grant for renovations at the amphitheater.
- 60.7 Boardmember Megill relayed a citizen concern about the restroom facilities at Lynndale Park.

70. Resolutions and Other Business.

- 70.1 Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan Discussion. Parks Planner Cowan distributed project binders and reviewed the contents. She asked Boardmembers to bring the binders to each meeting. She outlined the process leading to a final plan in 2015.

The first opportunity for outreach was the visioning exercise at the June 5 meeting. She presented the results of that exercise, which were included in the binder.

Boardmember Hildebrandt thought it was interesting that "contributing to the City's economic vitality" received 0 votes. Boardmember Gilbertson suggested that people are really concerned about the obesity issue and the importance of health and wellness. In a way, the healthier we are as citizens the more we contribute to economic vitality. The most important thing is the investment in our personal health. Boardmember Megill suggested that the highly rated topics are issues the Board has been discussing for years. Director Sordel noted that these are topics staff has also been actively addressing.

Staff will work closely with the Board throughout the comprehensive plan process.

Boardmember Hildebrandt asked how many new people are expected in Lynnwood in ten years. Parks Planner Cowan noted that we already serve a broad area, but that Lynnwood's population will grow.

Parks Planner described the process/methodology for inventorying and assessing programs and services. She asked the Board to brainstorm needs, now and in the future, for programs and services.

Golf:

- Higher Youth Participation
- Higher Minority Participation
- Cart Storage Near the First Tee or the Pro Shop
- Parking
- Restaurant Services
- Online Presence/Marketing
- Driving Range
- Practice Area
- Sale of Alcohol
- Potential Additional Uses for the Golf Course (car shows, special events, etc.)
- Better Advertising
- Separate, Independent Pro Shop Facility (not in college building)

Athletics:

- Tourism \$ to Improve MAC
- Program Space at the Rec Center
- Racquetball? Turn Remaining Two into Another Multipurpose Space?
- More Programming for Teens
- More Outdoor Athletic Fields (loss of LHS)
- Increased Access at School Facilities – Joint Use w/ ESD

Aquatics:

- Lynnwood Only Day
- Priority Registration and Entrance for Lynnwood Residents?
- Junior Lifeguard Training
- Increased Hours

Senior Center:

- Walking Clubs
- Sounds Steps Program
- Volunteer Opportunities for Seniors (outside the City)
- Meeting Increasing Demand
- Gardening
- More Advertising – email List of Happenings
- Change Terminology (“Senior”)
- Involved with the Scouts – Merit Badge Counselors

Preschool/Youth/Teens:

- Service Learning
- LTAG
- Job Readiness Programs
- Community Service
- Junior Achievement
- Survey Teens to Get Their Ideas

- Gym Programs (like Nightwaves in a gym facility)
- Work with Local Radio Station
- Game Night
- WE Day (earn a ticket through volunteer service)
- Work with Farmers Market
- Focus on Health and Nutrition – Cooking Program
- Food Preparation Skills – Culinary Credentials – Partnership with the College
- School Children (5th graders) Buddy Up with College Students (2025 or entering freshmen year)
- First Offenders Program – Community Service

Boardmember Gilbertson suggested that the Arts Commission, Diversity Commission and Planning Commission be involved in planning community open houses, and that translation services be available.

Parks Planner Cowan informed the Board that cultural arts and events programming would be reviewed and discussed at the August meeting.

70.2 Confirm August and September Meeting Dates. Confirmed – 8/7/13 and 9/4/13.

80. Staff Reports.

The report from the golf course consultant will be presented to City Council on July 17.

City Council will be asked to approve a \$70,000 grant from the Snohomish County for renovation of the amphitheater at Lynndale Park. The grant requires a match from the City; 80% of the match will come from project savings (SLP boardwalk, Doc Hageman demo, Stadler Ridge Park). The project must be completed by August 2014.

Staff is working on ideas to engage the Verdant Health Commission in supporting the City's healthy communities issues in terms of infrastructure and connecting community with sidewalks and bicycle lanes. Public Works and PRCA staff came up with an idea to connect missing pieces of bike lanes/trails. The City of Edmonds is very positive and staff will also approach Mountlake Terrace. If the cities work as a team within the Verdant district, there is a great chance to influence policy issues related to infrastructure. The goal is to submit a grant application related to bicycling to Verdant in the fall as a pilot/test.

Snohomish County is offering grants to preserve open space properties through its Conservation Futures program. The City will submit two applications for two properties: the 13.02-acre Seabrook property on the north ridge of Lund's Gulch and contiguous to City-owned property, and one acre south of and contiguous to Heritage Park.

Parks Planner Cowan was successful in acquiring grant funds for production of an Interurban exhibit at Heritage Park.

Boardmember Gilbertson suggested that a map showing MUGA areas would be helpful when the Board discusses potential areas for open space or future park acquisition.

90. Messages from the City Council. None.

100. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.