

LYNNWOOD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 2, 2013

10. Call to Order – A quorum was not present at the beginning of the meeting, but was achieved later in the meeting.

20. Roll Call

Boardmember Aldrich

Director Sordel

Boardmember Cheek

Parks Planner Cowan

Boardmember Hildebrandt

Administrative Assistant Flesher

Boardmember Megill

30. Approval of Minutes – September 4, 2013. Approved.

40. Written Communications – None.

50. Public Comments.

60. Comments from Boardmembers.

60.1 Boardmember Cheek reported that he is leading the food committee for the Celebrate! event in 2014.

60.2 Boardmember Hildebrandt complimented staff on the way they are walking the Board through the Comprehensive Plan process.

60.3 Boardmember Megill reported that he is also enjoying the Comprehensive Plan process.

70. Resolutions and Other Business.

70.1 Comprehensive Plan Discussion. Parks Planner Cowan reported that the Comprehensive Plan Open Houses would be held at the Recreation Center from 4:00-7:00pm on October 14, November 4 and November 18 (Stakeholder's Meeting). Boardmembers are invited to act as hosts representing the department and the Parks & Recreation Board.

The Board commented on the following open space areas, trails and facilities:

Civic Center Buffer/Mesika Trail:

- Very nice – feels far away from the City
- Some issues with homeless due to its seclusion and proximity to library
- Pretty environment
- Good place for bird watching
- Native plants
- Opportunity for public art

Gold Park:

- Ethnobotanical garden
- Potential to block stream to form some small ponds

Lund's Gulch Creek Open Space:

- Protects headwaters of Lund's Gulch Creek

- In City's MUGA, potential for annexation
- Mostly wetlands
- Potential for observation nodes and small trails into wetland
- Potential for passive recreation development in SE corner

Lund's Gulch Open Space:

- City started purchasing properties in this area in 1996
- Helps to protect integrity of Lund's Gulch
- \$5 million grant from Snohomish County for potential new land purchase
- It would be nice to get an engineering design for a trail connection to the County park (South Lund's Gulch Trail)

Manor Way Open Space:

- Potential passive park

Scriber Creek Park:

- Passive environmental park
- Scriber Creek Trail runs through it
- Pond and wetlands
- Good place for wildlife observation and bird watching
- Potential to raise the trail or improve drainage where it floods
- Opportunity for interpretive signs
- It would be nice to have a trail that goes around the park

Scriber Creek Open Space:

- Wetland with ½-acre upland
- Potential for small picnic area

Scriber Lake Park:

- New overwater boardwalk
- Potential Eagle Scout project – bird boxes
- Master Plan completed in 2005
- Bat boxes would be good if there are any insect issues

Golf Course Trail:

- Very popular
- Soft surface and some sidewalks on EdCC campus
- Add benches
- Beautiful trail
- Do something different where the trail goes by the dumpsters
- Could add dog stations along trail

Interurban Trail:

- Proposed Eagle Scout Project to locate a bench and a picnic table along the trail
- Could add skateboard ramps along sides of trail
- Could use trailheads, including a connection to City Center
- Add trailhead or park area for remote-controlled cars

Scriber Creek Trail:

- Connects three parks and the park 'n' ride
- Could add interpretive signage

Cedar Valley Gym:

- Programming space

- Rent for community use

Heritage Park:

- Reconstruct Alderwood Manor trolley station in front of park
- Apartment complex to be built adjacent to the park
- Need to finish renovation of Water Tower
- Potential for children's play area
- Potential for interactive museum exhibits
- "Save the Water Tower" campaign
- Develop program to help school children to learn history of the area
- Educate citizens on the history of Lynnwood
- Create an event around the park to draw people to it
- Partners do very well in the park
- Need to promote park to the public

Senior Center/Senior Center:

- The entrance to the Senior Center from the Recreation Center feels like a back door – should be more of an attractive pathway
- Patio development planned at "back door"
- Need more parking
- Need more space

Veterans Park:

- VFW Post 1040 represents the veterans' interest at the park
- Need a Master Plan
- It would be nice to get input from some of the younger troops
- Ceremonies are frequently held in this park
- More seating would be good (for ceremonies)

80. Staff Reports.

- Verdant Health Commission announced that they will dedicate some of their grant funding to infrastructure projects. Staff is working with Public Works to develop a plan to fill in missing links in the bike trail and bike lane system. Staff will share the plan with the Board in November.
- Staff has interviewed two firms that submitted proposals for Golf Course Management. A contract could go to Council for approval as early as the end of October. Boardmember Cheek commented that it is unfortunate it has taken so long to move this process forward. The City Council spent \$10,000 to tell us what we already knew and it is unfortunate that they delayed as long as they did. It was a beautiful summer and it would have been a perfect time for a transition. He thanked Director Sordel for his hard work.
- The amphitheater project is moving forward.

90. Messages from the City Council. None.

100. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.