

CITY OF MEDINA
Park Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 20, 2017

Medina City Hall | Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Blazey called the March 20, 2017, Medina Park Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Drew Blazey, Sarah Gray, Penny Martin, Collette McMullen,

Excused Absence Gabriele Dickmann, Karen Sparks
Absent Andrea Perry

Staff Present: Pat Crickmore, Public Works Supervisor, Sunita Hall, Deputy City Clerk,
Ryan Osada, Director of Public Works; Michael Sauerwein, City Manager,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Blazey welcomed members from the Yesler Swamp Project to the meeting.

PRESENTATION

Fred Hoffer from Friends of Yesler Swamp, introduced the project and described the process the group went through to get the boardwalk funded, designed and constructed. Carole Arnold also from the Friends of Yesler group went on to describe some of the partnerships and sponsors that got involved. Arnold also spoke of some of the factors that contributed to the project's success such as community engagement, branding and funding of the project. Dave Zuckerman from the University of Washington outlined the permitting and mitigation requirements, covering also the environmental and engineering challenges. The presenters answered questions from the Park Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 17, 2017 Minutes.

Motion to approve the January 17, 2017 Park Board Meeting Minutes MOVED by Martin and seconded by McMullen. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Master Plan for Trees

Chair Blazey introduced the idea of combining the Arbor Day event with the planting of five or six trees along 12th St. After a discussion there was a consensus amongst Park Board members to devote a specific parks project with respect to the trees on 12th rather than tie it in with the Arbor Day event. It was noted that as well as any tree code requirements, the trees

needed to be planted at a suitable distance to allow for parked cars to pull off and also not too encroach on the actual park area.

Arbor Day

It was confirmed that in line with previous years, Public Works would pick a tree and location. And for board member Perry to make contact with the School. Park board members agreed that the event should be similar to the previous year with children from Medina Elementary School's first grade. It was decided that the event would take place on April 28, at 10.00 a.m.

Medina Beach Park Tree Replanting

Public Works Director, Ryan Osada updated the Park board on the phasing out of the trees: there would be four phases each estimated to last between one to four years totaling 16 years in all. Osada stated that the phasing would give the project direction and enable budgeting. Public Works Supervisor, Pat Crickmore reported on which trees would be first to be removed. Osada referred to the plans enclosed in the packet with Phase 1 likely to begin in 2017. .

Signage at Fairweather Park

Board member McMullen spoke in favor of enhancing the signage at Fairweather Park. After a discussion, it was agreed that the Public Works team would look at signage and make any existing signage more prominent.

Annual Easter egg Hunt Discussion – Saturday April 8, 2017

It was confirmed that the eggs would be put out at an earlier time of 8:30 a.m. Board member Gray spoke in favor of filling the eggs earlier in the week on April 6th. It was agreed that it would be useful to have signage to state no dogs allowed during the egg hunt itself. Gray agreed to make contact with volunteers and confirmed that she had ordered the eggs.

Board member Gray left at 6:12 p.m.

Condition of Playfield i.e. drainage of the bog –Fairweather item

A brief discussion ensued on the state of the park and possible measures to drain the field. City Manager updated the Park board on the current position with respect to the Cell Tower and reported that once the cell tower was removed and the 520 construction had come to an end, the Council would likely discuss possible options for the Park in terms of drainage and field turf.

Update on 520 Bridge Viewpoint Construction

City Manager Sauerwein gave an update on the recent 520 tour, .stating that the construction appeared to be in its final stages with about two months to go.

OTHER BUSINESS

Park Updates

a) Drinking fountains

Public Works Supervisor, Pat Crickmore reported that the line and sleeve had been installed for the new drinking fountain and that they were waiting for drier weather before installing the actual fountain. Also a new shower would be installed at Medina Beach Park.

Playground

Public Works Director, Ryan Osada stated that the final restoration and miscellaneous work should be completed by the upcoming weekend.

Bocce Court

The benches were available but too wet to be installed. The grass in the park has also been too wet to cut and while tall for the Easter egg hunt would likely be tall for the rest of the area as well.

Lifeguards

It was noted that the City Clerk, Aimee Kellerman was currently advertising for a Beach Manager.

PARK REPORTS

Lake Lane; Indian Trail

Board member Martin, reported that Lake Lane looked great but required pruning; The entrance and exit to the Indian Trail needed some work. Public Works Director, Osada stated that this required working with the homeowners.

Fairweather & Lid Park

Board member McMullen reported that there seemed to be some activity in Fairweather as if some growth had been cut down. And that it probably required some more investigation.

Viewpoint Park

Chair Blazey reported that the Indian Trail looked ok and Viewpoint looked fine.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Monday, April 17 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:31 p.m.

Minutes taken by:

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Sunita Hall – Deputy City Clerk