

**CITY OF MEDINA**  
Park Board Meeting Minutes

*Monday, July 21, 2014*

*Medina City Hall | Council Chambers*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Adam called the July 21, 2014, Medina Park Board meeting to order at 4:58 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Drew Blazey, Susan Loren-Taylor (arrived 5:10 pm), Collette McMullen, Penny Martin, Vice-Chair Susan Flagg and Chair Miles Adam

Absent: Gabriele Dickmann

Staff Present: Joe Willis, Director of Public Works; Michael Sauerwein, City Manager; Kristin McKenna, Deputy City Clerk.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS (5:00 pm)**

Chair Adam confirmed that the Board had copies of the final design of the overlook that is part of the 520 project.

Public Works Director Joe Willis thanked the Park Board for all their help on Park Beautification Day.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION MARTIN/SECOND MCMULLEN TO APPROVE THE JUNE 16, 2014 PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED 6-0 (DICKMAN ABSENT) AT 5:00 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (5:01 pm)**

No Public Comment

**NEW BUSINESS (5:01 pm)**

Definition of Park Levy Funds (5:01 pm)

Public Works Director Joe Willis provided a copy of the King County Parks and Recreation Division Policy Guide for City Open Space Acquisitions & Trail Development Projects. The Board discussed the definition and the appropriate use of the funds. After discussion it was agreed that the funds would be best used for Indian Trail upgrades.

Electronic Options for Park Board Presentations: (5:06 pm)

The Park Board will send their audio/visual agenda items presentations to Deputy City Clerk Kristin McKenna by the end of business the Thursday before the next scheduled Park Board meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS (5:10 pm)**

#### Update on Wetland Walkway (5:10 pm)

The Board discussed how to begin the Wetland Walkway project. Public Works Director Joe Willis reminded the Board that the Wetland Walkway is on the 6 year plan and not funded yet. After considering several options the Board agreed that it would be best to solicit ideas for a design that are within the budget. Once obtained, the Board will review the proposed ideas and discuss what the next step in the process should be.

#### Update on Medina Park Activity Area (5:17 pm)

Board Member Flagg explained the point of the picture she submitted was to show the relative size comparison between the Horseshoe Pit and the Bocce Court. The Board discussed where in the park a Pit or Court should be located. The Board agreed the best location would be south west of the park restroom. Public Works Director Willis will work with Board member Flagg regarding specs of a Horseshoe Pit and a Bocce Court. City Manager Michael Sauerwein confirmed with the Board that the electronic survey would be going out by the end of the week.

#### Park Beautification Debrief (5:33 pm)

Due to the size of the parks and the lack of citizen participation, Chair Adam proposed that Park Beautification Day not be added to the 2015 work plan. Instead, he suggested that the City Manager and Public Works Director provide the Park Board with a project that is more manageable for a group of about 8 to 10 people.

#### **PARK REPORTS (5:39 pm)**

Fairweather – Board member McMullen reported the park looks good and has nothing to add to the action list. She asked about the blackberries. Public Works Director confirmed they had been sprayed. Board member Martin then asked about the hearing that had recently taken place regarding the cell phone tower at the park. She said people were wondering how the City could allow a private enterprise to come in and take over part of the park. Board member Blazey explained the process of the hearing and that it is out of the hands of the Park Board.

At this point (5:43 pm) Chair Adam allowed citizen, Cynthia Adkins, to address the Park Board regarding the cell tower in Fairweather Park. Adkins stated she is a major opponent of the cell tower in the park. Adkins expressed to the Board her interpretation and views of the lease agreement. She also gave details of information they provide to the Hearing Examiner. Adkins also suggested the Board consider putting some kind of conservation easement in place at the parks to prevent something like this from happening in the future.

At this point (5:51 pm) Chair Adam thanked Adkins for her comments and suggested that if anyone on the Board has an opinion one way or another to express it individually to the Council or the Hearing Examiner. He then continued with Fairweather Park report. Member Flagg asked about the installation of the railing. Public Works Director Willis indicated he was having a problem getting a contractor out to the park to give an estimate and at this point could not confirm a date of installation.

Indian Trail – Board member Blazey reported there nothing new and was looking forward to seeing the dog stations installed.

Lake Lane – Public Works Director Joe Willis told the Board that it had been cleaned and they are going to remove the bottom fascia board that had been trapping debris. McMullen asked

about the tree that was hanging over and if had been cut back yet. Willis confirmed it had not but that Public Works would be taking care of it.

Medina Beach Park – Chair Adam asked Willis if the tree wells could be mulched. Willis confirmed they could. Willis also confirmed that the wood had been bought to fix the bench. Willis told the Board that the Public Works Department has limited staff but they are focusing on three items on the action list: Fix the sign at Medina Park, Eliminate the Par Course and look at graveling paths.

Medina Park – Board member Loren-Taylor said the park looked great. She commented the trash cans in the restrooms are a perfect addition. Loren-Taylor also commented that the yellow jackets are getting bad. Willis said if they could find the nest they would spray it. Board member McMullen commented that she had attended a birthday party and everyone was so impressed with the shelter. She said everyone just loved it. McMullen also commented that the drinking fountain near the tennis court is broken.

Viewpoint – Board member Loren-Taylor had nothing new. Chair Adam asked Public Works Director Joe Willis about the status of the broken bench and table. Willis confirmed that the wood had been ordered and he would check with Public Works staff on the status.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The July 21, 2014 meeting of the Medina Park Board adjourned at 6:08 pm.

Minutes taken by:



Kristin McKenna, Deputy City Clerk