

CITY OF SHORELINE

**SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF STUDY SESSION**

Tuesday, January 20, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.
Shoreline Conference Center
Mt. Rainier Room

PRESENT: Mayor Ryu, Deputy Mayor Scott, Councilmember Eggen, Councilmember Hansen, Councilmember McConnell, Councilmember McGlashan, and Councilmember Way.

ABSENT: None.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:04 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Ryu, who presided.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ROLL CALL

Mayor Ryu led the flag salute. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present.

3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Bob Olander, City Manager, provided reports and updates on various City meetings, projects, and events. He commented that the Holiday Tree recycling event went well and there were 1,452 trees chipped.

4. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Councilmember Eggen reported on the Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee (MSWMAC) meeting and said there was discussion on governance issues. He said there is a new interlocal agreement under preparation for the new solid waste contract. Additionally, there was discussion about mitigation that would provide Shoreline with some tax dollars for being the host city for the facility, but the entire idea is under legal challenge so this will not happen. He also discussed the Suburban Cities Association (SCA) Public Interest Committee (PIC), stating that the PIC went on record as favoring public health funding in King County and their work plan. He concluded that there was a 520 tolling report distributed at the SeaShore meeting and some of the group agreements keep changing because the City of Seattle hasn't been attending meetings.

Councilmember Way reported on her attendance at the Evergreen Communities Task Force and stated that the Governor's biennial budget will have cuts to the Task Force. She stated that she

also attended the WRIA-8 meeting and there was a flooding, habitat, and a discussion on the Lakeshore Coordination meetings.

Mayor Ryu discussed the President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden swearing in ceremony and a call to service for residents.

5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Bill Meyers, Shoreline, discussed the Department of Labor CPI and stated that prices were up 0.1% for all of 2008. He stated that it shows a continued drop in prices. He said his experts note that pricing will drop. The Council passed a 5.2% raise for employees and he said it isn't warranted because they are cost of living increases but the cost of living doesn't quantify the raise. He asked the Council not to raise taxes until they are justified. He noted that the snow removal effort was great despite the comments by the residents. He said he has never seen a police car on his street, though.

6. STUDY ITEMS

(a) Off Leash Dog Area Pilot Site Selection

Dick Deal, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Director, introduced Maureen Colaizzi, Parks Project Planner, and Joseph Neiford, PRCS Board member. He stated that the PRCS Board and the City staff are recommending that the Council approve two off-leash dog park test sites in the City and discussed the background of both sites and the history of this item. The PRCS Board was asked about a dog area in 2005, and a directed citizen committee was established. He stated that \$150,000 was designated out of the bond issue for the off-leash dog sites.

Mr. Neiford discussed the mission and vision of the off-leash dog areas. He highlighted the members of the committee and their backgrounds and that the group researched best practices from the Marymoor Off-Leash Park and all of the off-leash dog parks from Tacoma to Vancouver, B.C. He reviewed normal practices, policies, and site evaluation criteria, noting that there were 38 potential sites which were slimmed down to 14 that met the criteria. The list of 14 was slimmed to six that were determined to be "most promising." The six was narrowed to two because of funding and other issues regarding property ownership. These two sites were the easiest and quickest to implement, he explained.

Ms. Colaizzi discussed the public process and said even before there was a public meeting this item went to the PRCS Board 20 times. Additionally, two articles were posted, there were postcard mailings, and there were two articles published in the *Enterprise*.

Councilmember Way asked if the postcard mailings were about the two proposed sites. Ms. Colaizzi stated that they were about six potential sites, which included the two proposed sites. She stated that there were over 100 people at the first meeting which featured a thorough presentation given by the members of the study group. She noted that the neighborhood associations were also briefed and they received over 300 public comments on the subject. On

October 23rd the Off-Leash Study Group recommended two sites to the PRCS Board for approval. She discussed the Richmond Beach site.

Councilmember Way asked about containment issues.

Ms. Colaizzi described the park containment area. She stated that this is the only water site that passed the criteria and that there were environmental issues because of the critical area and sensitivity of the site. However, there was an environmental study done and the site received a SEPA environmental exemption. She added that the City will conduct water quality sampling on a monthly basis. She discussed the Shoreview Park site and said it has been used by Shoreline Community College (SCC) for parking. She noted that it can easily be modified for off-leash use because there are only two entrances. Design features, she stated, include surface improvements, natural or manmade enclosures, dog waste stations, bag stations, signs posted, and a restroom. She referred to the PowerPoint presentation and gave an overview of how the Saltwater and Shoreview parks would be established. She then introduced the ShoreDog group and stated that they started this movement and they are looking for a site to help steward. She noted that ShoreDog is committed to taking care of the site.

Mr. Deal said ShoreDog is eager to get to work on design elements and getting into the development of the site with other organizations.

Mayor Ryu called for public comment.

(a) Karen Kreutzer, Bothell, on behalf of ShoreDog, said she is a member of the original off-leash dog area and served on the Off-Leash Dog Study committee. She said ShoreDog has over 200 people on their mailing list and are committed to stewardship and maintaining the environment; they are also looking to obtain their 501(c)3 status. She noted that Marymoor is currently closed due to flooding and ShoreDog is anxious to help with this project.

(b) Ken Cottingham, Shoreline, supported an off-leash dog park and has lived in Shoreline for 44 years. He noted that an off-leash park is only the beginning of what can be done on that site. He said that the park is beautiful and the dog park would work well. He felt there should be more money spent on widening the trail and the road on Innis Arden Way.

(c) Maggie Dean, Shoreline, said she is a recent member of ShoreDog and she supports the two pilot sites. She would like more sites considered, include Hamlin Park. She said she is ready and willing to work.

(d) Alisa Brooks, Shoreline, favored parks and said the work done has been thorough and thoughtful. She added that the meetings took everyone's input into consideration. She said dogs do better when they have dog parks to go to. She pointed out that there is camaraderie at dog parks in Seattle and they bring out the best in people. She encouraged the Council to try the sites out with volunteers to help.

(e) Terri Fenn, Shoreline, noted that she has three dogs and supported the two pilot sites. She maintains the ShoreDog website, their funds, and their mailing list. She said they have

been working with the City and are destined to be successful. She hopes both sites are approved and for ShoreDog to steward them.

(f) Luann Wolfe, Shoreline, said she is a member of the group that did the studies. She has lived in Shoreline for 10 years and goes to Seattle to use their parks for her dogs. She said she has volunteered and spent time in a room and has driven around Shoreline to find a suitable site for a dog park. She commented that the community wondered what took the City so long and added that the residents can steward this.

(g) Bill Meyer, Shoreline, expressed concerns about how the dogs will be contained and how fencing will be used.

Mr. Deal replied that most of the parks don't have fencing and not all of them are totally fenced in.

Mayor Ryu expressed concerns with adopting this item before proper consideration by the public and the Council.

Mr. Olander said he would be open to bringing it back if there were concerns.

Councilmember McGlashan liked the idea and is concerned that both of the sites are on the far west side and wanted to know what happened to proposals on the east side of the City.

Councilmember Eggen wondered if fencing the SCC parking lot would be warranted. He said if any wildlife were to show up the dogs would give chase and wondered if fencing was considered.

Mr. Deal stated that these are pilot sites and if relocation or modification were to take place, it would be done at a later date. He said there would be some fencing, but anything can be added or moved because it is a pilot site and the City needs to be careful with financial resources.

Mr. Olander commented that the sites need to be used and a determination needs to be done on how well they work. He said there may be a need for some temporary fencing at certain locations.

Councilmember McConnell commented that they are great sites and they are being used as off-leash dog parks anyway. She said the stewardship at the off-leash sites is better than regular parks. She inquired about the timeline. Mr. Deal replied that the trial period would be from April until November.

Deputy Mayor Scott expressed concerns about the Richmond Beach Site because of human and animal usage. He noted that if there is no attempt to keep the area clean, there will be issues. He asked if there was any mitigation with any fecal contamination in the areas.

Mr. Deal commented that the waste is currently put into regular garbage cans and if these are turned into off-leash sites it would be put into special dog waste containers. However, this is a pilot site and if it is abused it will be shut down.

Deputy Mayor Scott wanted to see if there is anymore information available about this. Ms. Colaizzi replied that contamination in the water was studied; if there are more questions about it she can respond at a later date.

Mayor Ryu discussed page 15 and commented on the Edmonds site. She expressed concerns about possible contamination, noting that urine isn't discussed in this report. Mr. Deal responded that testing would be done every month.

Ms. Colaizzi stated that the site will only be used in the winter. She provided information on fecal coliform, noting that it can be more of an issue in saltwater areas. She said the City will also compare its results with the City of Edmonds.

Deputy Mayor Scott said there will be interaction with humans in the summer and that is a lot of use at one time. He wondered if there is an increased risk if this wasn't a dog park.

Councilmember Way thanked the City and community members who worked on this issue. She felt the Shoreview site is excellent and is set back from other uses but expressed concerned about the beach site and that based on the 14 criteria, there are 11 that the site doesn't meet. She also said there are public notice concerns because there weren't any notices posted in the area about this. She is also concerned about the number of dogs on the site and how it will impact others. There is only one entrance to Richmond Beach Saltwater Park (RBSWP) and she wondered how it will be shared. She also expressed concerns about bacteria and parasites from dog waste and how ShoreDog or other organizations would provide security. She asked how small dogs would be protected and how voice control works with dogs that don't listen. This is Tier One Chinook habitat, she pointed out, and it would be affected by this and is the most critical area in the city. She commented that she would like to see definitive information on how it will affect this and other habitats and said the fairness issue means that there isn't a realistic disabled usage there and no way for people with ADA to get to the site. She felt separating this area from the rest of the beach is impractical. She wanted to know if there are any sites on the east side to be used and that Cedarbrook should be on the list.

Councilmember Hansen commented that he visited the Edmonds Off-Leash Dog Park and said it is greatly used and he noted the different sizes of the dogs. He said he was amazed how well it worked and would like to see the City's park fenced. He was impressed that the Edmonds park was very well managed and calm. He said that they have a double entry fence. He discussed the amount of seagulls and other animals that are out there so he isn't concerned about fecal matter. He felt the RBSWP would be a great site.

Mr. Olander reminded the Council of the time and said the off-leash dog park item would be on the agenda next week.

(b) City Hall Project Artwork Components

Jesus Sanchez introduced the item. He discussed the City Hall project and noted that Ros Bird is the Public Art Coordinator for the project. He also introduced Cath Brunner from 4Culture who is the Public Art Project Manager.

Ms. Bird discussed the Public Art Ordinance and the Art Sub-committee.

Ms. Brunner discussed the Artist Selection Panel and the process utilized in selecting artists for the City Hall building. She reviewed the Art Commission budget and what the funding was spent on. She noted that \$162,000 would be spent on the projects. She passed around models of the art in the City Hall. She highlighted the 14 suspended pieces of artwork in the main lobby of the City Hall that would be done by Leo Saul Berk. She detailed the North Façade which would be done by Linda Beaumont. Ms. Beaumont is building a four-story dogwood painting for the North Façade and some photos of the on-going work by Ms. Beaumont were displayed.

Mayor Ryu opened the item to public comment.

(a) Boni Biery, Shoreline, questioned the design for the fountain on the plaza area.

Mr. Sanchez noted that the fixed object would impede the open area behind the building and that there is a fountain at another location. He asked Ms. Biery to speak to him after the meeting.

Councilmember Eggen said the art is beautiful work and wondered what needed to be done to protect the painting to make sure it lasts forever.

Ms. Brunner replied that the painting will be clear coated and it will be a robust material. She said if there is any damage it will be repaired by the artist, probably on site and that she has the specification sheets for the Council.

Mayor Ryu asked about graffiti. Ms. Brunner replied that it can also be repaired, but art deters graffiti.

Councilmember McGlashan asked about the metal panels. Ms. Brunner replied that it is metal and it is mostly made of aluminum. Councilmember McGlashan noted that the art at the library was made to rust, to which Ms. Brunner replied that the metal in this artwork will not corrode.

Mayor Ryu asked about dust accumulations on the lobby piece. Ms. Brunner replied that it just needs to be dusted. She said the piece in her lobby is low maintenance and does well.

Mayor Ryu asked about acoustics. Ms. Brunner replied that theirs improved the quality of the acoustics in their lobby.

Mr. Olander said there have been discussions about designing special attachment structures to the ceilings.

Councilmember Eggen asked if they had any experience with having a graffiti wall nearby to deter graffiti artists. Ms. Brunner replied that she is interested in a graffiti wall and wants to explore the idea in the future.

Mayor Ryu asked if there would be any dogwood trees on the site. Ms. Brunner added that there would be a row of dogwoods planted in front of the building.

Councilmember Hansen asked if they would be natural trees. Ms. Brunner stated that they would be the type that would be disease resistant.

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:59 p.m., Mayor Ryu declared the meeting adjourned.

Ronald F. Moore, Deputy City Clerk

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