

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, April 28, 2014
5:45 p.m.

Conference Room 303 - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

PRESENT: Mayor Winstead, Deputy Mayor Eggen, Councilmembers McGlashan, Hall, McConnell, Salomon, and Roberts

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Debbie Tarry, City Manager; John Norris, Assistant City Manager; Dick Deal, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director; Bonita Roznos, City Clerk

GUESTS: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS)/Tree Board: Chair Katie Beth, Vice-Chair Jesse Sycuro, Boardmembers John Hoey, Garry Lingerfelt, Al Wagar, Betsy Robertson, Christine Southwick, and Youth member Vadim Dolgov

At 5:49 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Winstead.

Mayor Winstead welcomed members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS)/Tree Board and introductions were provided. Ms. Tarry stated the joint meeting provides an opportunity for discussion of the 2014 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services/Tree Board Work Plan, the Urban Forestry Strategic Plan, and PRCS Board responsibilities. Mr. Deal provided background on the Boardmembers and commented on their wealth of professional expertise and enthusiasm. He stated the PRCS/Tree Board was created to provide citizens an opportunity to have input on park maintenance and operations, design matters, programs and services in sports, leisure, cultural activities, and on the management of trees on City-owned public and right-of-way property. He stated the Board acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council. Mr. Deal reviewed the 2014 PRCS/Tree Board Work Plan, cited accomplishments, reviewed upcoming events, commented on the growing public arts collection, and stated that the final draft of the Urban Forest Strategic Plan will be presented for adoption at tonight's City Council meeting.

Boardmembers commented on approving applications for the Sunset Park Community Art Project, Piano Time, the Arts Strolls, and stated that funding for the arts were adversely impacted by a decrease in new developments. They suggested expanding the 1% funding source to other capital projects in Public Works and proposed a bond measure to assist with funding for the arts. Councilmembers explained that the Aurora Project impacted Arts' funding and stressed the importance of considering the status of current bond measures prior to introducing a new bond.

Councilmembers expressed their gratitude for the Board's work and commented on the remarkable job done on the Urban Forestry Strategic Plan. Councilmembers asked about the condition of the Shoreline Pool, the Shoreline School District Joint Use Agreement, and the agreement with Shoreline Community College.

Mr. Deal responded that the pool is in the best shape and best management to generate revenue. He explained the desire to have the new superintendent participate in the Shoreline School District Joint Use Agreement process, and that the agreement for Shoreline Community College, reached in 1985, needs to be updated. He commented on the Board's role in the agreement process. A discussion ensued about joy riding in Sunset Park. Mr. Deal stated that staff has made it more difficult for vehicles to get to the turf area and explained that bids are being pursued to install a fence as a deterrent. Councilmembers asked about the revised tree list, recommended adding it to the work plan, and requested a review of the effectiveness of the Tree Ordinance. Mr. Deal responded that Phase I implementation will include a review of the tree list. Ms. Tarry commented that the Planning Department tracks tree removal requests and that an update on the Tree Ordinance can be provided to Council in June/July.

Councilmembers asked Boardmembers to address the impact of the additional duties of the Tree Board to PRCS responsibilities. Boardmembers responded that the focused for the past year has been on urban forestry which required identification and development of a strategic plan and with that accomplished there can now be a balanced focus on arts, parks and trees.

Boardmembers appreciated the opportunity to work with Elizabeth Walker, Terra Firma Consultant and city staff. They recommended education and outreach to inform citizens of PRCS Board duties and responsibilities, and to communicate the Urban Forestry Strategic Plan and the importance of keeping a viable tree canopy in Shoreline. A recommendation was made to utilize Shoreline Community College mailers to assist with the education piece, and Boardmembers expressed their appreciation for seeing citizen's comments and recommendations included in the plan. Mr. Deal concluded the presentation by explaining the next steps for the Board which will include a review of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan to identify top priorities for implementation.

At 6:47 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Bonita A. Roznos, Deputy City Clerk