

**CITY OF SHORELINE**  
**SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL**  
**SUMMARY MINUTES OF WORKSHOP DINNER MEETING**

Monday, June 25, 2018  
5:45 p.m.

Conference Room 303 - Shoreline City Hall  
17500 Midvale Avenue North

**PRESENT:** Mayor Hall, Deputy Mayor Salomon, Councilmembers McGlashan, Scully, Chang and Roberts

**ABSENT:** Councilmember McConnell

**STAFF:** Debbie Tarry, City Manager; John Norris, Assistant City Manager; Eric Friedli, Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Director; and Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk

**GUESTS:** PRCS/Tree Board: Chair Robertson, Vice-Chair Southwick, Boardmembers Hoey, Schielke, and Dittbrenner.

At 5:50 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Hall.

At 5:50 p.m. Mayor Hall welcomed the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services/Tree (PRCS/Tree) Board to the meeting. He thanked the Board for their work this past year, and complimented them on the quality of the PROS Plan. He said Council will now be working to dedicate funding over the years to ensure the Plan is implemented. Ms. Tarry reiterated the Mayor's comments and committed to bringing forward funding options for Council's consideration. She updated the group on the status for filling the Board vacancy and then turned the presentation over to Mr. Friedli, PRCS Director.

Mr. Friedli recognized the PRCS/Tree Board for the many meetings, events, and open houses they have held and attended to move several priority projects forward. He provided an update on the development of the Aging Adult Services Strategy; talked about the selection process for installing a permanent significant piece of art in the Park at Town Center; stated the concept designs for expanding recreation facilities and amenities have been completed for eight parks; highlighted some of the Environmental Restoration Projects taking place; stated a contract for design work for the Community Aquatics Center has been approved; and explained the role of the future Park Funding Advisory Committee. He then encouraged Council and the PRCS/Tree Board to discuss projects, desires, challenges, and other items of interest.

Councilmember Roberts asked what the relationship between the PRCS/Tree Board and the Funding Advisory Committee will be. Ms. Tarry said she will be appointing 15 members to the Committee, which will be comprised of residents at large and will include representation from the PRCS/Tree Board and Facility User Groups. She noted the Committee's scope will be limited to reviewing choices, and making a recommendation on what the highest priorities

should be for a bond measure. PRCS/Tree Boardmembers requested that the Board be updated along the way, and Ms. Tarry and Mr. Friedli confirmed they would provide updates.

Boardmember Schielke asked if Council had concerns over the Community Aquatics Center. Councilmember Scully stated it is the City Council's duty to ensure the City's basic essential needs are taken care of, and although it would be great to have a pool and community center, Council must first ensure there is adequate funding for maintaining and repairing infrastructure, as well as addressing the homeless and opioid crises. Mayor Hall pointed out there is not a mandate for a municipality to provide a pool, and acknowledged that having one would be a high tax burden for the community. Boardmember Dittbrenner pointed out the pool can aid in serving basic essential needs as well, noting pools and libraries are two places people tend to gather. Vice Chair Southwick expressed rising taxes are a real concern for aging seniors, and Deputy Mayor Salomon concurred. Councilmember Chang stated her strong support for the Community Aquatics Center stating it will be the true center of Shoreline and the place for people to gather. She asked if there would be a standalone ballot measure for just the Community Aquatics Center, or if the measure would also include other park projects. Ms. Tarry said that is yet to be decided.

Mayor Hall noted the King County Land Conservation Initiative, State Grants, and Forterra as potential funding options for future parks projects. Ms. Tarry confirmed King County will go out to voters with an Open Space/Parks levy next year. If it passes there may be an opportunity to receive money to acquire park space.

There was a discussion on how the City is addressing the homeless crisis. Councilmember Scully explained the City will be studying what services are currently available and what the gaps are. He expects Shoreline can offer short-term solutions and will then need to partner with others to offer mid-term solutions. Mr. Norris provided an update on the outreach that is happening on the streets to create relationships and connect people with services, and explained recent changes to the encampment clean-up policy and procedure. He then reported on the process for selecting a service partner to build and run affordable housing on City property located at 198<sup>th</sup> and Aurora. Mayor Hall highlighted the City's accomplishments to address mental health and homelessness, from the RADAR program to funding for Ronald Commons, and said it is the City's goal to create a place that feels safe for everyone.

The group discussed tree retention in commercial zones, the preliminary results of the updated tree canopy study, and the importance of preserving open space and expanding parks. Several Councilmembers felt it is important to first adequately maintain existing parks and facilities before adding more to the system, and that it will be important for the Funding Advisory Committee to consider operating expenses in addition to capital costs when formulating a recommendation for the bond measure.

Ms. Tarry shared that PRCS continues to work towards offering programs that reflect the needs of the community, and as an example she pointed to recent program and staffing enhancements made to address the School District's early release starting in the fall. She stated the importance of having diverse representation in decision making and advisory roles to help the City address future needs.

The Mayor thanked everyone for a good discussion and there was consensus around the table that parks, recreation, and cultural services play a major role in making this community a great place to live.

At 6:49 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

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Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk

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