

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

Monday, January 28, 2019

Conference Room 303 - Shoreline City Hall  
17500 Midvale Avenue North

5:45 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Hall, Councilmembers McGlashan, Scully, McConnell, Chang and Roberts

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Debbie Tarry, City Manager; John Norris, Assistant City Manager; Eric Friedli, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services; Susan Villamarin, Senior Management Analyst; Lynn Gabrieli, Administrative Assistant III; and Allison Taylor, Deputy City Clerk

GUESTS: Allegra Calder, Parks Funding Advisory Committee Facilitator  
Parks Funding Advisory Committee Members in Attendance: David Chen, Bill Franklin, Philip Herold, Joan Herrick, Jean Hilde, Julian Larson, Isaac Mazengia, Jeff Potter, Sarah Raab McInerney, Betsy Robertson, and Nan Skinner. Unable to Attend: Don Bell, Carolyn Hope, Yvette Perez, Cecelia Romero, and Sally Wolf

At 5:42 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Hall.

Eric Friedli, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services; welcomed members of the Parks Funding Advisory Committee (PFAC) and gave an overview of the committee's formation and process to-date. He shared that the Committee, facilitated by Allegra Calder of BERK Consulting, was comprised of members from a variety of neighborhoods throughout Shoreline and had been chosen from a robust applicant pool. He reviewed the prior meeting topics, which have ranged from orientation and information to prioritization and development of decision criteria. Mr. Friedli displayed the Committee's Investment Opportunity Cost Summary, which offers options for full and partial development of identified projects. He shared that the guiding criteria for the Committee reflect the shared values and priorities of location within under-served areas, equity of access, appeal to user groups, and operational affordability. Mr. Friedli concluded by explaining that the Committee's remaining four meetings will focus on narrowing down their recommendations. He shared the evening's suggested discussion questions.

Jeff Potter, PFAC member, thanked the City and Council for the support and communication provided to the PFAC. He said he was interested in hearing Council's interests and priorities for Parks Funding.

Sara Raab McInerny, PFAC member, shared that she is impressed with the level of citizen involvement encouraged by the City. She said she is excited to learn how to apply the Committee's established criteria. She posed the question to Council of how to balance funding between large and small projects.

Mayor Hall read the discussion questions:

1. What does the Council see as the purpose of having a community center and pool?
2. How does the Council balance the City's goals and values of parks, recreation and open space and the potential property tax impact of between \$250 and \$350 per year for a median-valued Shoreline home?
3. What are the Council's values around a signature Shoreline Park, versus parks located throughout the City?
4. What have you heard from your constituents regarding park investments in the community, including parks that may not be included in the priority park investment list?

Councilmember Roberts asked for clarification of the definition of a signature park. Philip Herold, PFAC member, replied that the PFAC wants to know if the Council was more interested in serving Shoreline residents or in drawing visitors to the City. Mayor Hall stated that while there are financial benefits to non-residents spending time in Shoreline, his focus is on supporting the interests of the taxpayers.

Councilmember Scully said that he feels the City's parks are in good shape and the Community and Aquatics Center is an urgent priority to him, since the opportunity could be lost. He told the PFAC that it is important to identify needs in their prioritization process and said he would like to hear opinions on if the pool is a necessary element. He said he likes the idea of a Community Center that draws residents of all ages.

Councilmember Chang said that a Community and Aquatics Center would be a gathering place and reminded everyone of the importance of providing a location to foster connections. She shared that she is interested in looking for additional sources of funding and suggested creating a Shoreline Parks Foundation to help drive the project forward.

Councilmember Roberts encouraged everyone to think long-term when planning the Center, and to not forget the goal of meeting needs for the next several decades. He said it is important for all facets of a shared space to feel integrated for users. The possibility of expanding the current design was discussed, and Councilmember Roberts said any design expansions should incorporate, not separate, spaces and keep mobility challenges in mind. Mr. Herold commented that the additional costs of adding elements to the design is not as significant as he thought it would be.

Councilmember McConnell stated that she values the community input Council has received on the proposal to date, since it provides impetus and direction for reevaluation. She said she appreciates the breadth of perspectives shared by members of the PFAC. She offered that she feels Shoreline needs an indoor gathering space, and that it is exciting to be part of planning this inspiring legacy piece.

Betsy Robertson, PFAC member, offered that she prioritizes land acquisition because of the high rate of development in Shoreline. Councilmember Scully said the creation of a structured approach to land acquisition would be useful, but said he is cognizant of creating competing interests with the proposed Community and Aquatics Center.

Mayor Hall stated that it is important to target resources for funding outside of Shoreline. He said it is difficult to secure grants to fund indoor pools. He expressed an awareness that if the City ends up with a design that is not a good fit for a bond measure it may mean turning to other funding options. He said that if a bond is used for funding, the approval of a Community and Aquatic Center is controlled by the voters, so the Council and PFAC need to be thoughtful in discerning how the community will get behind the costs. He reminded everyone that it is of importance that residents understand the long-term value in the creation of a shared community space.

David Chen, PFAC member, stated it is important to find balance between opportunities and amenities. He asked for Council's thoughts on what placemaking means and asked how they weigh options. Councilmember McGlashan replied that to him, placemaking means remembering that the project is a "community center with a pool" and that he would like the space to include a Senior Center and be available to everyone, not just those who can afford it.

Ms. McInerny asked if the City is in conversation with the School District around the shared needs inherent with an Aquatic Center. Mayor Hall and Debbie Tarry, City Manager, assured her that there were many levels of ongoing discussions. Mayor Hall said he has reminded the District that since they rely on the City Pool to meet their programming needs, they must be prepared to help in funding. Ms. Robertson said she was happy to hear the School District is engaged in conversation about the pool and asked for additional information of the timing of the upcoming King County Levy, which may be a funding resource.

Mayor Hall said that since the outcome of the Levy and the potential impact on funding for Shoreline's project will not be known during the PFAC's meeting schedule this year, it would be most helpful if the committee would focus on prioritization and identifying projects that could be supported by funding sources outside of bonds. He shared that Rod Dembowski, King County Council Chair, has mentioned the idea of adding a Regional Aquatic Center in the northern part of the County, which would relieve Shoreline of some of the need.

Allegra Calder, the PFAC Facilitator, said she appreciates the reminder of the importance of the emphasis on the Community Center portion of the project. She asked Council for the depth and breadth of prioritization and feedback that would be helpful to them.

Councilmember McConnell said she is clearly hearing from the portion of the community that feels the current design is "not enough". She added that the School Board is receiving the same message from their constituents. She said that once the Council is really clear on what the community wants, the City can carefully plan to maximize the benefits of the investment.

Potential fundraising and Bond specifics were brainstormed, with discussion on the most effective ways to create a Bond Measure that is appealing to voters and meets a broad set of needs. Mayor Hall led conversation around the strategy behind the appropriate timing for placement on a ballot.

Councilmember Chang added that a bigger Aquatics Center would have the capacity to host outside groups and could bring additional economic activity to the community. Councilmember Roberts explained that while the cost of the Aquatics Center is a huge expense, when looked at amortized over a longer term it seems much more palatable.

Ms. McInerny asked what the feedback on the design was from senior residents. Councilmember McConnell said that the city is aging, and the timing is right for a new Senior Center. Mr. Herold reminded Council that seniors historically vote more than any other demographic. Mayor Hall shared some history on the Senior Center and its affiliation with the City and said the current leadership seems to be interested in having conversations about a shared space. He said it is valuable to remember that the intent to create a Community Center that serves all abilities and ages is different than committing to a dedicated meeting space for any one demographic. Councilmember Chang reported on a recent meeting with the director of Sound Generations and said the organization is hopeful that their space needs will be met in the new Community and Aquatics Center.

Jean Hilde, PFAC member, said it is easy to “get lost in the noise” of very vocal community spokespeople. She said to ensure equity it is important to remember the needs of those who do not speak up.

Mr. Chen directed the conversation to access and equity. He commented that use fees would be a barrier for entry for many Shoreline residents and said he hoped the City would be intentional in establishing equitable fees. Mr. Friedli said that with the School District’s addition of early-dismissal Wednesdays the City offers drop in programs free of charge to fill the childcare gap for Shoreline families. Ms. Tarry said that the Council has funded scholarships for childcare but does not currently have an established income-based fee schedule.

Councilmember Roberts suggested the PFAC consider moving their evaluation metric from a ranking to a scored system, since it would allow for more flexibility in prioritization.

Mayor Hall concluded by saying that while the Community and Aquatics Center should serve all residents, it does not have to be a regional Aquatic Center. Mr. Norris confirmed that the prioritization that is the next steps for the PFAC will be extremely useful for the City as it revises and focuses the design concept and scope.

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

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Allison Taylor, Deputy City Clerk