



Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Thursday, December 6, 2018

4:00 PM

SeaTac Community Center, Senior Center - Room 125

Members:	Present:	Absent:	Commence: 4:00 P.M. Adjourn: 5:35 P.M.
Clyde Hill, Chair	x		
Pam Fernald	x		
Rick Forschler	x		

Other City Council Members Present: Mayor Erin Sitterley, Peter Kwon, Joel Wachtel

Staff Present: Joseph Scorcio, City Manager; Lawrence Ellis, Parks, Community Programs and Services Director; Gwen Rathe, Administrative Assistant III; Anita Woodmas, Senior Management Analyst; Cindy Corsilles, Assistant City Attorney

1. Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Chair Clyde Hill.
2. Approval of Minutes	Minutes dated November 1, 2018 were approved as written.
3. Public Comment	<p>Heather Worthley, Executive Director of Office of Port Jobs reported her disappointment in not receiving Human Services funding for 2019/2020. She said someone gave public comment at the November 1, 2018 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting that was not accurate and she believes it may have swayed the Committee's decision not to fund.</p> <p>The following Public Comments were opposed to the Port of Seattle's proposal to construct an employee parking lot in the "55 acre portion of North SeaTac Park.</p> <p>PJ Seidenstricker, PJ's Pet Ranch – Reported that developing a parking lot would cause a rodent issue if the area is disturbed. She is also concerned about water abatement. Animals in the park would be displaced including coyotes, chickens and roosters.</p>

	<p>Russell Stevenson spoke representing the mountain bike group that has Wednesday night races in North SeaTac Park. They are one of the stewards of the park. Over the past five years his group has put in approximately 1,700 hours of labor to maintain the trails for their group as well as for walkers and equestrians. Approximately 200 racers, both adults and children, show up each Wednesday. Councilmember Forschler asked Russell to determine how far the racers travel to race on Wednesdays and if any of them stay in local hotels.</p> <p>Bruce Jones, past president of the North SeaTac Equestrians spoke in support of preserving the area as a park. He also mentioned that a parking lot in the proposed area would cause a lot more traffic off of S. 142nd St. and S. 136th St. which is already congested.</p> <p>Nathan Schubert Sr. spoke in support of maintaining the proposed area as a park. He uses the equestrian arena area.</p> <p>Bernadette Jones spoke in support of maintaining the proposed area as a park. She has lived across from the park for 40 years. She shared some history of the area including the Port of Seattle allowing the area to be developed into a park in order to create good will with the neighboring community.</p> <p>Vince Partridge is a frequent mountain bike riding in the park. He has raced on Wednesday nights for about four years and so has his children. Over the past four years he estimates that he has worked about 90 hours maintaining the trails. He would like the City to try to retain the 44 acre area.</p> <p>Vicky Lockwood urged people to get involved and get information from the City and the Port of Seattle websites.</p>
<p>4. North SeaTac Park issues and options.</p>	<p>City Manager Joseph Scorcio displayed the map of North SeaTac Park that outlines the agreements within the park. He explained some of the terms of the leases. The lease for the area known as “55 Acres” states that the Port of Seattle can give a notice to vacate with 180 days’ notice.</p> <p>The Port has been working on their SeaTac Airport Master Plan (SAMP) and the initial comment period deadline was in September 2018. City Manager Scorcio urged people to get involved and let their opinions be known to the Port Commission.</p> <p>Councilmember Fernald said she would like to preserve the quality of life for those in the area and hopes that the Port will look for another option for their parking lot.</p> <p>Councilmember Kwon asked what happens if the Port takes back the property in terms of zoning since it is currently zoned as a park. City Manager Scorcio explained that according to the lease, the land would be rezoned related to aviation use.</p>

<p>5. Integration Peace Park in McMicken Heights</p>	<p>This item was initiated by the submittal of a CIR by Councilmember Peter Kwon to look into purchasing the Integration Peace Park. Councilmember Kwon stated that he has received complaints about the condition of the park and minor improvements and thought the City should try to purchase the park and maintain it better.</p> <p>Lawrence Ellis reported that the park is owned by the adjacent property owner. The adjacent property is used as an adult home for adults with disabilities. Rotary gave funds to the property owner in order to develop the parcel as a park for use by the residents of the home.</p> <p>The Committee recommends not to go forward with Councilmember Kwon's request.</p>
<p>6. Proposed locations for Veteran's Memorial</p>	<p>Lawrence shared proposed sites for a Veteran's Memorial. One is located on the south east corner of Des Moines Memorial Drive and S. 128th St. The second location is located on the north east corner of Des Moines Memorial Drive and S. 136th St.</p> <p>Councilmember Fernald stated that she wants the memorial to be located close to the SeaTac Community Center. She would like to see it at the entrance to the community center on 24th Avenue South and S. 138th St.</p> <p>Lawrence will bring conceptual drawings to the January Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. He will look at locations closer to the SeaTac Community Center.</p>
<p>7. Special Olympics USA Games request to waive additional expenses.</p>	<p>Special Olympics USA Games held events at Angle Lake Park in July. They signed a Special Use Park Permit and paid the permit fee of \$1,100. The permit states that they would pay for additional expenses needed for their event. Special Olympics is now requesting that the City Council waive the additional expenses that amount to \$3,368.47.</p> <p>The Committee recommends not to waive the expenses and take to the recommendation to the full City Council for a vote.</p>
<p>8. Adjourn</p>	<p>The Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.</p>