

**CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE  
RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MINUTES (Approved July 13, 2010)**

June 8, 2010  
7:00 p.m.

Recreation Pavilion  
Mountlake Terrace, WA.

**PRESENT**

Linda Rogers, Chair  
Joe Skidmore, Vice Chair  
Keith Edholm  
Ann Nygaard (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)  
Chris Shields  
Andrew Funk

**EXCUSED**

Gerald Conner

**ABSENT**

**City Council Liaison**

Rick Ryan

**City Staff**

Don Sarcletti, Recreation and Parks Director  
Ken Courtmanch, Parks and Property Management Superintendent  
Jeff Betz, Recreation Supervisor  
Linda McKee, Recreation Supervisor

**10 CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**20 ROLL CALL:**

The roll was called with Commissioners Edholm, Shields, Funk, Vice Chair Skidmore and Chair Rogers present. Commissioner Edholm made a motion to excuse Commissioner Conner. Vice Chair Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes 0 no. Commissioner Nygaard arrived at 7:10 p.m.

**30 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Edholm made a motion to approve the May 10, 2010 minutes as presented. Vice Chair Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes 0 no.

Chair Rogers suggested moving item 70.3 Update on Summer Recreation Programs after item 30 Approval of Minutes.

**40 PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Julie Schlenger, 3505 222<sup>nd</sup> St. SW said that she attended the Bicentennial Park Planning meeting and wanted to hear about what the RPAC was considering. Ms. Schlenger said that she has a draft letter to that she will provide. Ms. Schlenger asked about long term plans for the Pavilion once the new Lynnwood

pool opens. Director Sarcletti said that he expects to retain a number of Lynnwood customers as well as gain new customers. Director Sarcletti explained that facility improvements were identified and recommended by the Civic Facilities Task Force including the possibility of building a new Recreation Pavilion sometime in the future as funding becomes available. Director Sarcletti said the priority project identified by the Task Force and approved by the City Council is the development of the Civic Campus. Director Sarcletti further commented on facility improvements to the Recreation Pavilion that have occurred over the past 5 - 10 years, including a new pool, remodeling the lobby and shower room, racquetball court conversion and HVAC improvements. Ms. Schlenger commented about the need for more family changing rooms at the Pavilion. Chair Rogers thanked Ms. Schlenger for her input..

**50 AGENDA CONSIDERATIONS:**

Note: Item 70.3 - Update on Summer Recreation Programs was moved up in the agenda following item 30 Approval of Minutes.

**60 ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

Vice Chair Skidmore said that he received an e-mail from Mr. Lowell Shields explaining that Seattle Disc Golf Association does not support providing disc golf baskets at Bicentennial Park and that the request came from a small group of players.

Commissioner Shields explained that Bicentennial Park is small and surrounded by houses. Commissioner Shields said that Seattle Disc Golf is afraid that by adding baskets at Bicentennial Park a high number of players would be attracted to the site and the park would not be able to support this activity. Chair Rogers said that comments and ideas about Bicentennial Park will be taken into consideration as part of the overall planning process.

Chair Rogers said that she received a comment sheet from a resident who attended the Bicentennial Park meeting. Chair Rogers said the individual requested that trees should not be removed from the site.

**70 OTHER BUSINESS:**

**70.1 Review Bicentennial Park Neighborhood Meeting.**

Chair Rogers said there was a great turn out at the May 26<sup>th</sup> neighborhood meeting and that positive comments were made at the City Council meeting. Chair Rogers asked Vice Chair Skidmore to summarize the meeting.

Vice Chair Skidmore presented information and ideas gathered at the Bicentennial Park neighborhood meeting. Vice Chair Skidmore explained the meeting format that was used including discussion groups. Vice Chair Skidmore reported on the ideas that emerged from the meeting including field drainage, trail improvements, planting area with native vegetation,

enhance visibility from front of park, taking out stumps for improved visibility, vehicle access path for emergency use, climbing wall, drinking fountain, trampoline, bronze statue, spray feature, restrooms, keep the hay wagon, new playground equipment, add disc golf baskets and keep the “Bicentennial” theme. A general discussion regarding the disc golf included the possibility of having a few disc golf holes at Bicentennial Park for kids and beginners only.

Ms. Schlenger commented about the importance of keeping healthy trees and stumps along with referencing the City’s Sustainability Strategies. Ms. Schlenger also inquired about the possibility of forming a “Friends” of the park group.

Chair Rogers mentioned that some of the neighbors suggested having another clean-up event in the Fall.

Vice Chair Skidmore said that he would compile all of the information and ideas received and present it to the NPIS. Vice Chair Skidmore commented about taking the information and begin the process of developing a master plan. Director Sarcletti suggested contacting the colleges to see if a landscape architectural student would be interesting taking this project on. Commissioner

Nygaard commented about Firefighters Memorial Park and talking to neighbors about what they would like to see at that park as well.

Chair Rogers thanked the Commission for their participation in the Bicentennial Park neighborhood meeting.

#### **70.2 RPAC 2010 Work Plan.**

Commissioner Shields reported on the new overpass on 44<sup>th</sup> in Lynnwood is part of the Interurban Trail. Commuter Transit map does not reflect these changes. Commissioner Shields made contact with one of the workers while walking on the trail about the possibility of obtaining an updated Interurban Trail map.

Superintendent Courtmanch provided a catalog with different styles and prices for kiosks.

#### **70.3 Update on Summer Recreation Programs.**

Director Sarcletti introduced Recreation Supervisors Jeff Betz and Linda McKee. Director Sarcletti said that Supervisor Betz and McKee have been busy with developing summer recreation programs which are scheduled to begin the week of June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Betz described the various youth and adult programs that have been planned for the summer including a broad range of camps for kids including golf, tennis, soccer, lacrosse, flag football, basketball, dance, yoga day camps for preschool, school age children and a new “Tween” camp for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Supervisor Betz said that fitness programs and sport leagues are offered along with a variety of special events.

Supervisor McKee described the various aquatic programs scheduled for the summer including swim lessons, public swims, aquatic camps, junior lifeguarding, lifeguard training, and swim team. Supervisor McKee passed out a copy of the summer swim schedule and explained the changes including a new summer water fitness class offered at 6:00 a.m. Supervisor McKee said that during the school year 9 recreation swims are scheduled per week while in the summer 21 public swims are scheduled. Supervisor McKee also mentioned that the “Happy Hour” recreation open swim will be available to the public and camp program participants. Supervisor McKee said the pool will be closed during the week of June 21<sup>st</sup> for annual maintenance and staff training.

Chair Rogers inquired about offering a “Teen Night” for older kids up to 15 years old. Supervisor McKee said that a Friday night teen night would be possible during the Fall.

**80 REPORTS FROM CHAIR AND MEMBERS:**

Commissioner Shields said that some people at Terrace Creek Park are having camp fires and using disc golf baskets for cooking.

Chair Rogers reported on the joint meeting with the City Council on May 13<sup>th</sup> along with noting the recognition that was included in the Council minutes. Chair Rogers also reported that Keith Edholm, Ann Nygarrd and Linda Rogers were reappointed to the RPAC.

Commissioner Edholm commented about the makeup of the NPIS and would like to see a balance of men and women on the committee.

**90 REPORTS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON:**

Council Liaison Ryan complimented the RPAC on the May 13<sup>th</sup> presentation to the Council and the excellent turn out and good exchange of ideas at the Bicentennial Park meeting.

**100 STATUS REPORT:**

**100.1 Department Status Report –June 2010.**

Director Sarcletti and Superintendent Courtmanch reported on programs and projects identified within the June 2010 Status Report.

**110 AGENDA RECONSIDERATION:**  
There were no agenda reconsiderations.

**120 ADJOURNMENT:**  
As there were no further items for discussion, Chair Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.