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Park, Arts and Culture Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

5:30 – 6:45 PM

645 Pine Street, Large Conference Room

Participants

Committee Members: Councilor Kurt Wright, Ward 4 (KW)
Councilor Vince Brennan, Ward 3 (VB)
Councilor Karen Paul, Ward 6 (KP)

Staff: Jen Francis, Parks Comprehensive Planner, BPRW (JF)
Jesse Bridges, Director, BPRW (JB)
Rubi Simon, Director, Fletcher Free Library (RS)

Others: James Lockridge, Big Heavy World

1) Approval of agenda & draft minutes from 12/16

- Meeting came to order at 5:35 pm
- Motion to approve December minutes and January agenda as is (Brennan/Wright); approved

2) Public Forum

- James Lockridge
 - Seeking clarification of experience with arts governance: to be more inclusive, to clarify mission, and how to improve related public process
 - Request for PACC to take the initiative to address these issues as appropriate and to use James as a facilitator to help find a resolution
 - James' notes from November meeting shared with PACC

3) Fletcher Free Update (Simon)

- Strategic plan community forum coming up on Feb 9
- Annual appeal going out at the end of the month, goal is \$50k
- Replacing carpeting and painting anticipated for Feb-Mar

4) WAN Update (Francis on behalf of Shapiro)

- SD Ireland has shut down for the winter
- Activities may start up again in late Feb or early Mar

5) PIAP Update (Francis on behalf of Wildfire)

- All projects continue to progress
- Series of upcoming workshops with New Moran team
- City actively negotiating with marina folks, ECHO, and Sailing Center
- No actions expected in Jan, but expect more substantive communications in Feb
 - VB: Did New Moran team meet benchmarks as suggested would happen last Nov? Request for full briefing.

6) Squash Court Update (Bridges)

- Jesse in conversation with supporters to prep and maintain the court in the spring
- Not tremendous demand for this as a feature amenity within our parks system

7) Parks Project Update (Bridges/Francis)

- Bike Path Rehabilitation
 - Phase 1a construction (south of College, painting, plantings) to resume in spring
 - Phase 1b (Urban Reserve to North Beach) currently in design with bid package anticipated to be issued later this spring; includes realignment of the path through the UR, size of dog park will be reduced
 - Phase 1b plans will be publically reviewed at March Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Commission meeting
 - Parks Foundation is actively fund raising for Bike Path Rehabilitation
- Parks Master Plan final draft completion anticipated for later this spring (potential PACC agenda item for April)
- Oakledge Park upper pavilion restroom renovation design has begun; construction to be bid later this spring
- Parks Wayfinding design kicked off in early January
- Starr Farm playground replacement scoping has begun; community engagement schedule currently in development
- Recycling planning to meet State compliance underway
- Upcoming RFPs
 - PIAP Waterfront Park improvements
 - North Beach overpass design (related to Bike Path)

8) Other items

- Clarification that trash receptacles in parks are taken care of BPRW, trash receptacles along streets are taken care of by DPW

9) Confirmation of next meeting date

- Tentatively Tuesday, February 17, 6-7:00 pm
- ***Next month focus agenda on PIAP/New Moran update***

10) Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM