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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
     o Seeking clarification of experience with arts governance: to be more inclusive, to clarify mission, and how to improve related public process
     o 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
     o 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
  o 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
  o Phase 1a construction (south of College, painting, plantings) to resume in spring
  o 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
  o Phase 1b plans will be publically reviewed at March Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Commission meeting
  o 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
  o PIAP Waterfront Park improvements
  o North Beach overpass design (related to Bike Path)

8) Other items
• Clarification that trash receptacles in parks are taken care of by 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