

**CITY OF MEDINA**  
Park Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Medina City Hall | Council Chambers

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Blazey called the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Medina Park Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Drew Blazey, Gabriele Dickmann, Sarah Gray, Penny Martin

Excused Absence: Collette McMullen

Staff Present: Michael Sauerwein, City Manager; Ryan Osada, Director of Public Works; Pat Crickmore, Public Works Supervisor; Steve Burns, Chief of Police, Sunita Hall, Deputy City Clerk.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Chair Blazey opened the meeting. He reported that two members had recently left the Park Board. He gave a special note of appreciation to Park Board Chair Miles Adam and Park Board Member Susan Flagg for their service and time. He stated that the Park Board owed both members a big "thankyou." Blazey requested that Certificates of Appreciation be sent to both members.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Council Member Boyd stated that there had been reports of a beaver in the local area.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Elect Chair and Vice-Chair

Vice Chair Blazey explained the annual process for electing the Chair and Vice-Chair. The Board discussed the option of deferring the election until the next meeting to allow for more thinking time and for all members to be present. There was a consensus amongst members to delay the election until the February meeting.

Dog signage at Fairweather Park

Director of Public Works advised that there were no rules at the present time on having dogs either on or off leash. Discussion focused on the current use and activity in the park and whether it should be dog friendly, on or off leash. The Board discussed the option of having a dog mutt mitt station at the park. Chief Burns confirmed that there were no specific ordinances governing this issue at Fairweather Park.

MOTION to put a mutt mitt station in the playfields by the stairs with signage reminding people to clear up any dog mess. MOVED by Gray and seconded by Dickmann. The motion carried unanimously.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### Bocce Ball Court

Public Works Director Osada showed the conceptual drawings of the Bocce Ball Court in Medina Park. It was agreed that the item be included as a consent agenda item at the February or March City Council meeting.

### Park Project updates

Public Works Director Osada reported that a beaver had been caught within the last few days and subsequently relocated to the Snohomish river area. It was noted that this was the second beaver and there might be others in the area. Osada circulated photos of the beavers. Public Works Supervisor Pat Crickmore outlined the arrangements in place to help capture the beaver.

### Public Comment

Vice Chair Blazey reopened public comments following a request from city staff.

Mr. Yi Zhao from 909 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE spoke of the impact of recent improvements to Medina Park. In particular he expressed concern that since the installation of the nearby dog agility course there appeared to be more dogs in the area and this prevented his young daughter from playing in the yard. He stated that the level of noise from the pumps in the ponds was also loud. Mr. Zhao asked that changes and modifications to parks should be communicated to neighboring residents to ensure their feedback was sought.

### Park Project updates continued

Public Works Director Osada reported that the aerators were up and running. The timer had been set to run from 7.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. in response to resident feedback. Osada explained that the City was in receipt of two grants that would help to monitor and evaluate water quality.

The Indian Trail had been torn out by the recent tree removal work. Hay had been put on the ground to absorb the moisture. It is planned that the trail will be restored. Vice Chair Blazey advised that there had not been any "E alerts" to communicate that the trail had been reopened.

## **PARK REPORTS**

### Fairweather and the Lid

Vice Chair Blazey stated that it looked good. Also mentioned that the 520 bridge was due to open in April and that this could be considered as a future agenda item.

Indian Trail - No additional comments.

Lake Lane - Board member Martin reported that it looked fine and some works needs to be done to clean it up. It is nice and wide and well used especially in the summer.

Medina Beach Park – Board member Dickmann had no reports. Public Works Supervisor Crickmore advised that it was due to have a final winter clean-up.

Medina Park – Board member Dickmann reported that there were two smaller fallen trees on the west side of the North Pond. Board Member Gray reported that the park was packed and well used the last time she had visited.

Viewpoint – Board Member Gray stated that it looked nice and asked whether the trash cans could be moved so that they were more noticeable.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

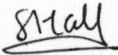
Board members discussed moving the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to a week later:

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February; 5.00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION adjournment MOVED by Martin and seconded Gray.

Minutes taken by:



Sunita Hall, Deputy City Clerk