

**CITY OF MEDINA**  
Park Board Meeting Minutes

*Monday, May 19, 2014*

*Medina City Hall | Council Chambers*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Adam called the May 19, 2014, Medina Park Board meeting to order at 4:59 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Drew Blazey, Gabriele Dickmann, Collette McMullen, Vice-Chair Susan Flagg and Chair Miles Adam

Absent: Susan Loren-Taylor, Penny Martin

Staff Present: Joe Willis, Director of Public Works; Michael Sauerwein, City Manager; Kristin McKenna, Deputy City Clerk.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS (5:00 pm)**

Chair Adam welcomed new Park Board member Collette McMullen.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION FLAGG/SECOND ADAM TO APPROVE THE APRIL 21, 2014 PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED 5-0 (LOREN-TAYLOR & MARTIN ABSENT) AT 5:00 PM.
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**PUBLIC COMMENT (5:01 pm)**

Cindy Adkins commented on the cell tower and building installation at Fairweather Park. She expressed her concerns about the park land being taken away and the potential loss of property value. She urged the Park Board to please take another look at the variances and voice any objections to City Council. She wants to raise awareness of the issues.

John Harris commented on the cell tower and building installation at Fairweather Park. He confirmed he holds the same views as Cindy Adkins and also wanted to reiterate that the burden of proof should come from the cell company to demonstrate that the park really is the only viable option for the tower.

**NEW BUSINESS (5:09 pm)**

Dog Agility Course at Medina Park (5:09 pm)

Motion by Blazey, second by Flagg; the Park Board unanimously voted to recommend to the City Council spending up to \$4600 to purchase up to 3 pieces of equipment for a dog agility course at Medina Park.

### Uses of Medina Park (5:16 pm)

Chair Adam indicated that he had received 3 calls regarding fly fishing classes being held at Medina Park. The Board discussed if this was a proper use for the park. During the discussion it was determined that the fly fishing classes being offered at the park are free. The Board concluded that the classes can continue but feel the person/company holding the classes should be required to submit a park use permit.

### Fairweather Nature Preserve – Over growth issues, including The Lid (5:20 pm)

Board member Flagg shared with the rest of the Board that at the conclusion of the April 21<sup>st</sup> Park Board meeting she and member Loren-Taylor were approached by a citizen who expressed her concerns about safety as you walk down 32<sup>nd</sup> street, past Fairweather Park, near the nature preserve. There are no sidewalks and when a vehicle approaches there is no place to go to get out of the path of that vehicle. The citizen wanted to know if the City could clear out the over growth to create a space for a pedestrian to move to should a vehicle get too close. Public Works Director Joe Willis indicated that the area had recently been mowed. Flagg confirmed the area had been mowed and it looked much better. Willis confirmed that the mowing of the area is on the Public Works Department regular maintenance schedule. Based on the information provided to them by Willis, the Park Board considers this issue complete and closed.

### **OTHER BUSINESS (5:22 pm)**

#### Bocce Court Follow up (5:22 pm)

Board member Blazey presented a memo to the Park Board outlining his and Chair Adam's May 1<sup>st</sup> tour of the City of Auburn's Bocce Courts. Board member Dickmann presented 2 photos of a Bocce Court at a home on Whidbey Island. Dickmann also had a break-down of what it cost to build the Bocce Court at the Whidbey Island home. Board member Flagg indicated that she had conversations with members from the Seattle Bocce League.

The Board members continued to discuss the building of the Bocce Court and whether or not the court would be utilized. The Board agreed that they still need more information. The Board is going seek out community input and do additional follow-up with the Auburn Bocce Court. Chair Adam asked to keep the Bocce Court on the agenda for next month.

#### Finalize Picnic Shelter Dedication (5:38 pm)

Board member Dickmann discussed the refreshment options with the Board. Chair Adam confirmed that they are prepared for the ribbon cutting.

#### Easter Egg Hunt Guidelines (5:43 pm)

Chair Adam confirmed with the Park Board the final Easter Egg Hunt Guidelines.

#### Updated Parks Reporting List (5:44 pm)

Chair Adam asked the list to be updated again since there is a new Board member, Collette McMullen. Chair Adam also asked to include "The Lid" as part of Fairweather Park.

### Action List (5:46 pm)

Chair Adam confirmed the Action List. Chair Adam reminded the Park Board Members that as they are touring their parks to check items against the Action List.

At this time (5:48 pm) Chair Adam addressed the City Manager Michael Sauerwein and Council Member Pat Boyd, who were both in the audience, regarding the cell tower at Fairweather Park. Council member Boyd gave a brief background of his recollection on the Fairweather Cell Tower Project. He also reminded the Park Board that the project started in 2010 and at that time there was a lot of public out-reach. Board member Flagg also told the Park Board that back in 2010 there was a big presentation regarding the cell tower at Fairweather Park and the Park Board was included in those initial discussions.

Chair Adam asked Council Member Boyd if he could provide any information regarding the potential of "The Lid" becoming part of Fairweather Park or if "The Lid" will be its own free standing park. City Manager Michael Sauerwein informed Chair Adam that at this point a decision had not been made. He said the City is working with Clyde Hill, Hunts Point and Yarrow Point regarding potentially long term maintenance issues of "The Lid".

Chair Adam expressed to Public Works Director Joe Willis that the Board is still very interested in some kind of walkway/path through the wetlands at Medina Park but on a smaller, less expensive scale than what was previously presented to them. Willis confirmed that he would put a place holder on the 2016 Capital Improvement Plan to provide time for research on this.

### **PARK REPORTS (6:09 pm)**

Fairweather – Board Member Flagg said the park looked fine but indicated that it still needs a railing. Board member Blazey reported nothing new.

Indian Trail – Board member Blazey reported there is nothing new but said he really wants there to be more focus on the Action List in June.

Lake Lane – Board member Flagg reported it is looking cleaner.

Medina Beach Park – Board member Dickmann reported the park looks great. Everything is in full bloom and looks lovely. Chair Adam commented that the park looks good but would like to add to the Action List painting of the white railing at the lookout.

Medina Park – Board member Dickmann reported that the park looks really nice but she would like to see a little more clearing out behind the picnic shelter.

Viewpoint – Chair Adam reported that the park is looking great. He also stated he would like to see more focus of the items on the Action List in June.

Board Member Blazey commented that he noticed a big hole in one of the picnic benches at Medina Beach Park.

Board Member McMullen confirmed that she was at Medina Park and noticed there was trimming being done. She said everything looked good.

Chair Adam announced to the Board that he would be presenting to City Council an update on how the Board is doing on their work plan.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The May 19, 2014 meeting of the Medina Park Board adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Minutes taken by:



Kristin McKenna, Deputy City Clerk