

## LSPNA Parks Committee Meeting Monday July 18, 2016 7:00 pm

Attendees: Jeannie O'Brien (Chair), Marty Oppenheimer (Board), John Charles (Board), Trish Alexander (Skate Journeys), Bill Muse (Board), Virginia Tupper, Cole Eckerman (COLA), Linda Finney, Ed Lambert, Gretchen Siegrist, Adrienne Stuart, Reid Wilkes, Deana Rich, Cynthia Lotane, Nicholas Heyer, Scott McCormick (Board), Kim McCormick, Howard Jenkins (Skate Park), Kim Berman, 2 women arrived after the meeting began and did not sign in

### Minutes:

#### 1. Outdoor Skating Rink at Adams Street Parking Lot

Presentation by Trish Alexander of Skate Journeys and Howard Jenkins

Trish and Howard were invited to lead a discussion on how Adams Street could include an outdoor skating facility for roller skaters and inline skaters. Current facilities are in place at Golden Gate Park in San Fran, Central Park in NY, and Hyde Park in London, among others. Activity attracts every age and ethnicity. Skating is an inexpensive way to stay fit and have fun. Other outdoor skating facilities are self-managed, and volunteers do the scheduling and the clean up. Positive activation of Adams Street with an outdoor skating facility does not exclude current park users.

#### 2. Off-Leash Area at Adams Street Parking Lot

Presentation by Cole Eckerman, Exec Dir of Citizens for Off-Leash Areas

150,000 dogs in Seattle have only one place to swim in Lake Washington legally, at Magnuson Park. Dogs that don't have an opportunity to exercise can become dangerous. Many dogs swim illegally in South Lake Washington and are off leash, creating a hazard for people and pets. Fines for pets being off leash and swimming in Lake Washington in non-designated areas are \$300, and more harshly impact lower income dog owners. Fence could be designed to complement the park. Barking dogs and parking could be a nuisance. An off leash area at Adams Street does not exclude current park users.

(5 attendees left the meeting after these two presentations: Gretchen Siegrist, Ed Lambert, Kim Berman, and the 2 women who arrived late that did not sign in)

3. Update on noise violation enforcement in Andrews Bay

Marty Oppenheimer and Tom O'Connor met with Lt. Levandowski of Seattle's Harbor Patrol (SPD). Police have trouble enforcing noise violations emanating from boats, as the big patrol boats are easily seen and noise shuts down instantly when they enter the bay. Parks doesn't claim Andrews Bay as Park property, so the ability to warn someone and then issue a criminal trespass admonishment doesn't exist in Andrews Bay as it does in other city parks. Jeannie O'Brien spoke with Matthew York in the City Attorney's office who is working on having Parks adopt Andrews Bay as a park property, and to allow the issuance of a misdemeanor violation rather than a citation.

4. Update on Lakewood and Leschi Moorages

Parks does not want to manage the public moorages. Paul Wilkinson continues to work with Paula Hoff who does not understand the overkill of the Foss proposal, and continues to push the private management model. If the contract that is awarded to Foss is significantly different than advertised in the RFP, there will be a legal challenge to the award.

LSPNA Board Meeting, Discussion, Vote

There was a board of directors meeting held immediately after the Parks Committee meeting. There was not a quorum present, so the votes taken were advisory in nature.

1: Support for an off leash dog beach at Adams Street Park. Motion by Scott McCormick, seconded by Bill Muse. unanimous approval by board members present.

2: Support for a skating park located near Rainier Community Center in the field west of 42nd between Snoqualmie/Alaska and S Conover Way. Motion by Scott McCormick, seconded by John Charles, unanimous approval by board members present.

3: Support the immediate installation of an automatic bollard system at Adams Street Park, with posted closing times. Motion by Marty Oppenheimer, seconded by Scott McCormick, unanimous approval by board members present.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Within 24 hours of the meeting, all LSPNA board members voted unanimously via email to support the three positions taken by the board members present at the meeting.

Next Steps:

Jeannie has advised COLA of LSPNA support, and asked Cole Eckerman to address a statement contained in Seattle People Dogs Parks Draft Plan regarding SPR's recommendation against establishing more OLAs with beach access due to the potential for disturbing animal, marine and bird habitat. She also asked COLA to investigate other potential locations for OLAs along Lake Washington Blvd that might be more easily accessible from Seward Park, the area with the most available parking. LSPNA Parks will attend the public meeting of the Seattle Dogs Parks People Draft Plan on Sept 22, 6:30 pm @ Miller Comm Center, to show our support for an off leash area with beach access in SE Seattle.

Jeannie will advise Trish Alexander and Howard Jenkins of LSPNA support for the skating park at a less controversial and more underutilized park, the empty field west of 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave S, between Snoqualmie/Alaska Streets and S. Conover Way near the Rainier Community Center. The Parks Committee will help them advocate for the facility, and ask Council President Harrell for 2017 funding.

Jeannie sent an email to Council President Bruce Harrell, his staff, and to City Attorney Matthew York after the meeting, to informally request an automatic bollard system at Adams Street. She will follow up with a letter addressed to Jesus Aguirre, Bruce Harrell, Mayor Murray, Pete Holmes, Kathleen O'Toole and Eric Greening.