

Board of Park Commissioners Retreat  
South Lake Union

FEBRUARY 28, 2002

**Present:**

Bruce Bentley

James Fearn

Yale Lewis

Kate Pflaumer

Sarah Neilson

Kathleen Warren

**Excused:** Susan Golub

**Staff:** Ken Bounds, Superintendent

Patricia McInturff, Deputy Superintendent

The retreat began at 5:30 p.m. with each member explaining why they serve on the Park Board. This included personal background and interests.

**#1 Board Operations-How can we make our meetings more efficient and transparent?**

The following recommendations were proposed and accepted by the Board.

- **Recommendation:** Before each public hearing staff will walk the Board and audience through the public process and decision points that have taken place to date and the future public process and decision points. This will be done both verbally and in writing.
- **Recommendation:** Before the public comment and public hearing portion of the agenda the Chair will remind the audience of the Boards rules on civil discourse. They include no personal attacks, respect for the opposition, and respect for others time. The Chair will also remind those signed up to speak that it is not necessary to repeat a message; decisions are not based on the number of individuals speaking for or against an issue.
- **Recommendation:** To the extent possible, the general public comment portion of the agenda will be reserved for comments on topics that have not had, or are not scheduled for, a public hearing.
- **Recommendation:** To the extent possible briefings and public hearings will be scheduled for the same evening. This will require getting briefing information to board members prior to the meeting and notifying interested citizens in advance.
- **Recommendation:** The Superintendent's Report will be the first item on the agenda. General comments from the public will follow Ken's report.
- **Recommendation:** Staff will send the new Monthly Report to community centers, little city halls, community councils, and public libraries.
- **Recommendation:** Staff will send Board agendas to community centers, community councils, little city halls, and branch libraries.

## **#2 Issues the Board will be asked to make recommendations on this year.**

Ken reviewed the list of issues the Board will be asked to make recommendations on in 2002. (See attached draft proposed agenda calendar and description of items.)

The Board would like to review the list of committee assignments. The Board needs to appoint someone to the Arboretum Committee to replace Michael Shiosaki. Staff will bring the list to the next meeting. Kate indicated that she would be willing to sit on the new South Lake Union Advisory Committee. Sarah and Kate indicated that they would be willing to sit on any committee dealing with youth issues. Patricia suggested the Lift-Off Community Committee for Youth.

Yale would like to have a joint meeting with the Library Board, or Library Board members who are assigned to the Northgate Branch Library, to explore ways we can design the facility that would maximize integration and cooperation. Staff will try and arrange a meeting.

Lakeside Trail: Kate mentioned that the signs asking people not to run on the trail are missing. Staff will replace signs.

JAFDP: The Board reviewed the public process and past and future decision points. The Board would like future briefings and information to follow the criteria as laid out in the draft program.

The Board concurred with the draft calendar for 2002.

## **#3 Issues not currently scheduled on the calendar that the Board would like to have information on in 2002.**

- **Zoo EIS/LRP:** The Board would like a briefing on changes to the EIS/LRP prior to making a recommendation. They feel the public process has been sufficient and no public hearing is necessary. They asked staff to find out if the City Council plans to have a public hearing.
- **Zoo Transition:** The Board would like staff to provide a briefing on the status of the Zoo transition.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** The Board would like a combined briefing on Pro Parks Environmental Stewardship Program, Pesticides and Best Practices-should include our experience with Pesticide Free Parks, Pack it in--Pack it out Programs, Recycling in the Parks, Gray Water Usage, and Conservation.
- **City Hall Park /Civic Center:** Sarah, Yale, Kathleen and James indicated interest.
- **Sculpture Park:** Sarah and James indicated interest
- **Skateboard Parks:** Sarah indicated interest.
- **Partnerships-Metro/Sound Transit /Monorail:** Sarah indicated interest.

- **Red Barn Ranch:** Bruce indicated interest.
- **Seattle Urban Nature Habitat:** Yale, James, Sarah and Kate indicated interest.
- **Thornton Creek:** Yale indicated interest.
- **P Patch MOU:** Kathleen indicated interest.
- **Reservoir Lidding:** Kathleen and James indicated interest.
- **Sand Point/Magnuson Park Off Leash Area:** Kathleen indicated interest