Seattle Board of Park Commissioners Meeting Minutes May 28, 2015

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Board of Park Commissioners

Present:

Lydia Albert Antoinette Angulo Marty Bluewater Tom Byers Bob Edmiston Diana Kincaid William Lowe Tom Tierney, Chair Barbara Wright

Seattle Parks and Recreation Staff

Christopher Williams, Acting Superintendent Susan Golub, Policy Unity Manager Rachel Acosta, Park Board Coordinator

This meeting is held at Seattle Park Headquarters, 100 Dexter Avenue North. Commissioner Tierney calls the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Acting Superintendent Williams introduces the new Commissioners.

William Lowe has served on the Associated Recreation Council Board for 22 years. Mr. Lowe is the Chairman of the Board of the Lowe Communications Corporation, a media consulting firm. His media career began in Seattle and took him to CNN when it was just beginning. He has had a long career in radio and television, which began in Seattle and took him to CNN when it was a fledgling station. Mr. Lowe created the American Scene Award for excellence in diversity media hiring and continues to have an impact on the broadcast industry on a mission of equity in all areas of communication. The Board of Park Commissioners is looking forward to having Commissioner Lowe on the Board.

Marty Bluewater is the Executive Director of United Indians of All Tribes Foundation; in this capacity he has directed and managed the economic, cultural and educational programs for the organization. He has a background managing the budgets for both Seattle Parks and Recreation and the Woodland Park Zoo. Mr. Bluewater is a long-time resident of Seattle and an engaged member of the community. He offers a unique perspective and will be a great addition to the Board of Park Commissioners.

Commissioner Tierney welcomes the new members to the Board of Park Commissioners.

Commissioner Tierney reviews the Agenda and asks for approval of the Agenda, the March 12, April 16, and April 23 meeting minutes. Commissioner Angulo moves to approve the consent items and Commissioner Edmiston seconds. The consent items are approved.

Discussion and Possible Vote: Smoking Ban in Seattle Parks

Presented by Susanne Rockwell

Written Briefing

MEMORANDUM

Date:May 20, 2015To:Board of Park CommissionersFrom:Susanne RockwellSubject:Smoking Ban – Revised Proposal

Requested Board Action

Seattle Parks and Recreation is presenting a revised proposal for the Board to consider regarding banning smoking in parks and is requesting the Board approve the revised proposal.

Staff Recommendation

Approve the revised smoking ban as outlined below.

Background

On April 16, 2015 Parks staff presented a proposal to the Board to ban smoking in City parks. Currently smoking is banned within 25 feet of another park patron and in children's play areas and at playfields. The existing ban has been difficult to enforce. Parks proposed the outright ban, consistent with bans imposed in most of the major cities in the country and hundreds of smaller cities, to clarify enforcement and in keeping with our focus on providing healthful and welcoming places for all to enjoy.

Why a Smoking Ban

One of the fundamental tenants of any park and recreation agency is to provide healthful and welcoming places for all to enjoy, including homeless people. The proposed smoking ban is about creating spaces that support healthy lifestyle choices. It is about de-normalizing tobacco use for young people. Our hope is that as our children and grandchildren grow into adulthood, tobacco use – and the myriad ill health effects that result from it -- fades into history.

It's not about protecting the rights of some people to smoke. Rather a smoking ban in parks is about protecting the rights of everyone to have a smoke-free environment – particularly in places where communities gather to recreate, enjoy the outdoors, or exercise.

Revised Proposal

Based on conversations Parks staff had with Park Commissioners, plus comments and letters from the public, staff are presenting a revised smoking ban. Commissioners and others raised concerns that the smoking ban could have a disproportionate impact on those who are homeless and wish to smoke in City parks. In response to these concerns, Parks is proposing the following changes to the smoking ban:

- 1. **No citation:** The revised proposal eliminates the infraction citation (which has a \$27 fee) that was originally proposed as part of the smoking ban enforcement strategy.
- 2. **Right to Dispute:** We will create a process, through which individuals who wish to can dispute a written trespass warning given for smoking in a park. This process will be included in a public information card to be handed out by either Police or Park Rangers when issuing a written trespass warning for smoking along with information on where one can smoke and information about smoking cessation programs.
- 3. Enforcement Monitoring Committee: Parks will establish an Enforcement Monitoring Committee comprised of 3-4 people, including a member of the Board of Park Commissioners, a representative from the Human Rights Commission and a homeless advocate to review and monitor the impacts of the smoking ban on people of color and homeless people. The committee will meet every 90 days so that any unintended consequences can be addressed quickly.

While these enforcement tools will be in place, enforcement of the smoking ban will primarily be a matter of education. Park Rangers would approach smokers to ask, "Did you know smoking is not allowed in parks?" and provide suggestions on where people can smoke. The next level of enforcement would be a verbal warning. We expect a large percentage of smokers to voluntarily comply with these requests or verbal warnings. The third step would be a written trespass warning which could be disputed via the proposed Right to Dispute process.

Smoking Cessation

Commissioners asked for more information on smoking cessation programs. The majority of public funding for cessation programs has been cut in recent years, and while Seattle-King County Public Health (PHSKC) does not have funding to partner with us programmatically, they are willing to assist Parks with:

- 1. early education,
- 2. training of staff in how to intervene with park users who are smoking, and
- 3. help developing content for the quit resources information cards. (PHSKC does not have funds to print the cards; that cost would have to be covered by the city.)

The resource card would include the Quit Line phone number, specific information about quit resources for people on Medicaid, information on how to sign up for Medicaid, and other known local cessation support systems and networks.

An example of what an intervention might look like is below:

"You might not be aware, but all Seattle parks are now smoke-free. So I'm going to have to ask you to put your cigarette out and dispose of it safely in the trash can. Or, if you would like to continue smoking, please do so outside the park. Thank you for your understanding."

[While offering to hand the resource card]

"If you are interested, we have a resource card with information about the policy and resources for help in quitting tobacco. There are a lot of free resources available."

A very draft example resource card is below:

Resources for Ouitting Tobacco

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Free nationwide Asian-language quit smoking service. Chinese 1-800-838-8917 Korean: 1-800-556-5564 Vietnamese: 1-800-778-8440 www.asiansmokersquitline.org

Have MEDICAID? Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW to be connected with your FREE resources. To sign up for MEDICALD, call 1-800-562-3022 or visit www.wahealthplanfinder.org

Have PRIVATEINSURANCE? Call your plan or visit its website. All plans are required to provide resources, support and medication for quitting tobacco.

City of Seattle Parks LOGO

What Other Cities are Doing

Commissioners requested additional information about what other cities are doing regarding enforcement of their smoking bans in parks. As noted in the March 19 briefing paper to the Board, the proposed ban on smoking in parks is similar to rules in more than 1,000 other cities and jurisdictions nationwide, including Los Angeles, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco and Portland. Most cities researched issue civil infractions for smoking, with fees ranging from \$25 - \$1,000 and/or 90 days in jail. Infractions are issued by a variety of city personnel, for example, in San Diego the majority of citations are issued by their lifeguards. Attachment A lists enforcement regulations in a number of cities.

Attachment A - Smoking ban enforcement in other jurisdictions

Colorado Springs - \$500 fine or up to 90 days in jail. The City would roll out an intensive educational campaign and hopes that residents self-police.

http://gazette.com/city-mulls-smoking-ban-for-colorado-springs-parks/article/1503257

Boston – Immediate ban, \$250 fine, includes e-cigarettes. Covers City-run parks including, Boston Common, the Public Garden and Franklin Park. No one spoke in opposition to the ban. Peer-to-peer, Park Ranger and Police to enforce. http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2013/12/31/boston-parks-smoking-ban-takes-effect-immediatelypenalty/Vam6hCPnkDDVJAp0BoPysI/story.html

Boulder - \$1,000 fine and/or 90 days in jail. Encompasses all of the downtown core, Parks and Recreation lands, all multi-use paths, 25' from those paths, 25' from all transit stops, outdoor seating areas at restaurants and the high school.

http://boulderrealty.blogspot.com/2015/02/the-impact-of-expanded-smoking-ban-in.html

New York City – (2011) \$50 fine. Appellate Division ruling unanimously said New York's ban was consistent with the Mission of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation – "to allow patron to enjoy the fresh air and natural beauty of its outdoor facilities."

http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/dec/31/ny-court-upholds-outdoor-smoking-ban-at-parks/

Tacoma WA – Civil infraction, Misdemeanor with a potential of \$25 penalty. Includes electronic smoking devices.

Arlington WA - \$1000 fine or a maximum of 90 days in jail. Police have the authority to question and detain people who are loitering in parks, with the hope that homeless people can then be connected with social services.

Shoreline WA – Civil infraction, up to \$500 fee, No data available on citations. Has been a non-issue.

San Diego – Lifeguards issue tickets, in 2008 they issued 184 tickets. Working with their Homeless Police unit, the HOT team to educate homeless on the issue and have some homeless helping them. http://www.kpbs.org/news/2010/apr/13/smoking-continues-san-diego-parks-despite-ban/

Los Angeles – just amended their smoking ban to include e-cigarettes. Enforcement is mostly peer-to-peer. Tickets are given in high fire risk areas. Majority of tickets are issued to tourists.

Long Beach - For the most part, compliance on the smoke-free parks ordinance is self-regulated. A large part of that was the installation of signs to notify the community of the new law and a community awareness campaign was undertaken. The park rangers and police can cite for smoking in the park and there have been a few tickets issued by LBPD for smoking. Unfortunately they do not have the information on demographics for those citations.

Discussion

Acting Superintendent Williams states that Parks received feedback from many social services organizations. Acting Superintendent Williams, Susanne Rockwell, and Rachel Acosta attended the Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness board meeting and had a fruitful discussion about the changes Parks staff made in response to concerns.

Seattle Parks and Recreation recognizes the economic hardship that goes along with imposing a fine, and that it would disproportionately affect the low income, so they have removed the citation and

fine. Parks staff established a simple process to dispute warnings issued by Police or Park Rangers. Parks staff are creating a committee consisting of a Park Board Commissioner, a downtown resident, and a member of a social services organization. This group will look at enforcement data, recognize and modify approach.

Susanne Rockwell clarifies that the Public Defender Association helped them establish this procedure for people not following Seattle Parks and Recreation rules and this procedure is no different than if any other SPR rules were broken.

Susanne reiterates that SPR is partnering with Seattle King County Public health regarding the messaging and communication, including smoking cessation, where to smoke, how to repeal a warning, and training staff.

Susanne reviews data from other municipalities that have banned smoking in Parks. She says most cities lacked real data, but their policies imposed fines and repeat offenders could end up in jail.

Commissioner Tierney thanks them for making changes to the rule.

The education period and soft roll out is 30 days. Commissioner Angulo asks if the education and information will offer the Tobacco Quit Line free. Susanne responds that the new healthcare act has resources available that are free. Commissioner Albert asks what the right of way is and emphasizes the education component will be very important. Commissioner Kincaid wants to ensure that education is ongoing with no end date. Commissioner Bluewater asks if there are any cities that have banned smoking in Parks for years. Susanne replies that 5 years is the longest but there was not any data about enforcement. Commissioner Byers states that Real Change made this a better proposal. 2.5 million non-smokers have lost their lives since 1965 because of secondhand smoke. He supports the smoking ban because it will make everyone in our community healthier and send positive health messages to kids. He hopes the education program starts with that.

In regards to the Inclusive Outreach Public Engagement (IOPE) toolkit, Commissioner Angulo cites 2.c. which asks if sufficient outreach was done with key stakeholders. She wonders if that is sufficient time for outreach and education. Acting Superintendent Williams explains that they are required to fill out a Race and Equity toolkit with each issue to understand potential impacts. The committee, once established, will allow the department to be nimble and respond to outcomes. He adds Parks staff feel they responded to the concerns through removing the fee. They look forward to having more opportunities to make changes and be fluid. He feels the changes they made were due to the activism.

Commissioner Wright feels the comments received has made it a much better policy and thanks the community for their feedback. She specifies that the people who smoke in the parks during their work breaks are more of an issue, especially as the city becomes dense. 18% of Americans smoke but the rate goes up drastically with people under the poverty level. This city needs to provide places where people can be comfortable. Parks is not the place where people need to smoke. It is unfair to penalize young kids, non-smokers, elderly with cigarette smoke.

Commissioner Lowe states he is new to the Board but not new to the City – there are other areas of concerns about rights, welfare of city parks, homelessness and he feels it is important to continue to

have dialogue to ensure parks are viable, open and safe. Commissioner Kincaid is also concerned about the homeless and wants to make sure everyone has access to a safe place.

Commissioner Angulo points out that under the new revision, someone could be arrested after 2 or more written warnings. Susanne reasserts that this protocol was worked out with the Racial Disparty Project as part of the Public Defender Association.

Motion: Commissioner Byers moves to approve the Motion as proposed: : Extend smoking ban to apply to all publically accessible portions of property under Parks' jurisdiction.

Proposed language to replace the current language in Parks Code of Conduct P 060 7.21.00 section 3.2.10:

It is a violation of these rules for any person to smoke or light cigars, cigarettes, hookahs, tobacco, or other smoking material, within all publically accessible portions of property under Parks' jurisdiction. For the purposes of this section, "smoke" or "smoking" means the carrying, holding, or smoking of any kind of lighted pipe, cigar or cigarette or any other lighted smoking equipment, but does not include any electronic smoking device in which vaporized liquid is inhaled through the use of heat from an electronic ignition system (for example, e-cigarettes, electronic cigars, electronic cigarillos, electronic pipes, vape-pens).

The Superintendent may suspend this rule in writing for any permitted event not open to the general public, provided that no employees, children or animals are exposed to smoke, and provided further that such smoking shall not create any fire hazard or create any danger of damage to property, plants or any park feature.

With the following changes:

- 4. **No citation:** The revised proposal eliminates the infraction citation (which has a \$27 fee) that was originally proposed as part of the smoking ban enforcement strategy.
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Commissioner Angulo adds a friendly amendment to include training for education, enforcement, and cessation. Commissioner Lowe asks for a point of clarification regarding whether or not Commissioner Angulo's amendment is the same as #2 in the May 20 briefing paper; Susanne responds it is a clarification.

Commissioner Lowe seconds and the smoking ban passes unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Vote: Cheasty Mountain Bike and Pedestrian Trail Pilot Project

Presented by Paula Hoff, Jon Jainga, and Doug Critchfield

Decision Agenda

MEMORANDUM

Date:	May 21, 2014
То:	Board of Park Commissioners
From:	Paula Hoff
Subject:	Cheasty Mountain Bike and Pedestrian Trail Pilot Project: Decision Agenda

Requested Board Action

Parks is seeking a recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners on the proposed Cheasty Mountain Bike and Pedestrian Trail pilot project. This briefing paper leads the Board through a series of recommendations on the project.

Staff Recommendation

Staff are recommending:

- The proposed schematic design as shown in Attachment 1;
- Evaluation criteria as described in Attachment 2;
- A 15-month pilot.

Background

Parks staff presented the recommended design for the Cheasty Mountain Bike and Pedestrian Trail Pilot project at the Board's April 9 meeting which also included a public hearing. The April 9 briefing paper provides the full background on the project and can be found at: <u>http://www.seattle.gov/parks-and-recreation/about-us/board-of-park-commissioners</u>.

An additional Board meeting on April 23 provided Commissioners the opportunity to question staff and consultants about the project.

Decision Agenda

Option #1: Recommend the project move forward.

Option #2: Recommend the project not move forward.

If the Park Board recommends moving forward:

Scope Options:

Option #1: Recommend the proposed schematic design for the pilot project that contains a loop pedestrian and bike trail.

Option #2: Recommend a design that includes the proposed schematic loop trail, with the addition of a cross trail to create a safe walking route from Rainier Vista to North Beacon Hill.

Option #2 (a): Recommend doing now (realize that no environmental analysis has been done on a cross trail to date, and would have to occur before implementation.)

Option #2 (b): Recommend including in the long-term project (phase 2) if the pilot is successful

Option #3: Recommend a design that includes both the schematic loop trail, with the addition of the skills trails on the south side of the proposed project area, that do not traverse the steep slopes or wetlands (realize that no environmental analysis has been done on a cross trail to date)

Option #3 (a): Recommend doing now (realize that no environmental analysis has been done on a cross trail to date, and would have to occur before implementation.)

Option #3 (b) Recommend including in the long-term project (phase 2) if the pilot is successful

Duration of Pilot Options:

Option #1: 15-month pilot project

Option #2: 3-year pilot project

Evaluation Criteria

Option #1: Recommend the Evaluation Criteria for the pilot project as presented (Attachment 2). These are the criteria that Seattle Parks and Recreation feels are reasonable to measure given our staffing and resources.

Option #2: Recommend modifications to the Evaluation Criteria.

Additional Information:

Paula Hoff: <u>paula.hoff@seattle.gov</u>; Project web site: <u>http://www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/cheasty/gs_bike_trail.htm</u>

Attachments

Attachment 1: Proposed Schematic Design Attachment 2: Proposed Evaluation Criteria

Discussion

Paula Hoff reviews the decision agenda. She explains they took out measures from the evaluation criteria that were too subjective and programmatic measures. Commissioner Tierney clarifies there are multiple options on which the commissioners will vote. He states the trail was originally to be a multi-use trail; during the design process it was changed to separate trails. The Park Board could move forward with a long-range plan that depended on the environmental and geotechnical study. The Cheasty Mountain Bike Park and Pedestrian Trail would be open regular park hours. Commissioner Lowe shares that in 1964, Cheasty Greenspace was a great place to explain astronomy and has seen it change over the years.

Commissioner Wright feels this is a tough issue because there is not an updated Natural Area and Greenbelt Supplemental Use Guidelines and she feels the cart is going before the horse. During her hike through the greenspace, what stuck with Commissioner Wright was that the pedestrians were left on the road, the bikes are on the interior, and the road is not peaceful. 50% of the trail, the pedestrian experience is on the road. The location of the bike and pedestrian paths in the Greenspace are so close to each other; it does not offer a tranquil setting for pedestrians. She knows the issues in Cheasty but Cheasty is not a safe place to have kids on bikes there because it is so dense. She has concerns over the matching grant funds. Commissioner Wright expresses her gratitude to the restoration efforts and says she would feel better if a piece of property was purchased for this use.

Commissioner Bluewater wants to see the space used by the community; he feels recreation and open space can be compatible.

Commissioner Lowe wonders how much demand there is for mountain biking. He has safety concerns and would not be opposed to delaying the vote so they could have more time. Commissioner Tierney replies that the Board of Park Commissioners have had 2 public hearings and there are scores of supporters to the project. Commissioner Edmiston adds that the Cheasty Greenspace is an amazing place that could use some love. At some point it was clear cut and what grew in was invasives. There was evidence of people dumping trash off Cheasty Boulevard. The forest is badly in need of restoration and care. He likes the idea of preserving open space, while giving people access and activating it.

Commissioner Byers states he loves mountain bikes but doesn't know if Cheasty is the right place. The greenbelt needs love and attention for a pedestrian system. He is concerned about the extent of the environmental impact of mountain biking.

Commissioner Tierney is significantly in favor of a comprehensive trail system with both bikes and pedestrian trails. He wishes to approve the pilot project. He feels it is a great way to engage neighbors, young people and not just preserve space as only green. The groups proposing the trail system have incredible energy toward restoration work. He feels Cheasty will not have as enthusiastic support for restoration without the trails.

Regarding the pedestrian trail design, Commissioner Kincaid mentions that one has to cross Cheasty Boulevard 4 times and questions the safety in that design. She also feels it is important to link Rainier Vista to Cheasty. She states there is no safe route through Cheasty and recommends a safe perimeter trail for pedestrians.

Regarding the public hearing, Commissioner Kincaid felt there was a lack of diversity and young people testifying, despite holding the hearing at Rainier Community Center. She agrees with other commissioners that SPR needs to protect our urban forests but this means having easy access into them. She feels SPR needs to have the tools to work with the land to make a stronger plant community. She expresses uneasiness that the Natural areas policy has not been completed prior to their decision. She would love to see a habitat baseline assessment of SE Seattle. She would not support saying yes to the internal trails.

Commissioner Angulo feels there needs to be access to care for the greenspace and is comfortable approving the perimeter trail. She would like to wait on any internal trails until data is collected about any impact. She asks Paula if she feels there was adequate input from the community and other experts. Paula says yes and Parks staff will report to the City Council quarterly. Paula did a lot of outreach and partnered with local organizations to get the word out.

Commissioner Albert states she met with a group of highly diverse teens. She spoke about the work of the Board. Most of the kids live around Cheasty and the kids were exuberant about the greenspace. It was interesting to see that first hand; they expressed concerns about safety and garbage. She welcomes building a generation of youth that feel ownership. She thinks SPR should cautiously proceed with bringing people into the area.

Commissioner Byers wonders what standard has to be met in terms of activation, environmental impact and restoration at the end of the pilot. Paula says environmental measures will be used quarterly. Acting Superintendent Williams says the questions to be answered: does it exacerbate geologic conditions? Does the design reinforce community building as intended? There will be continued discussion with stakeholders with regular oversight to assess and make adjustments.

Commissioner Tierney would like to see studies for internal trails and long-range plans. Commissioner Bluewater says Cheasty is a big headache; nothing being proposed will make it unnatural and will only enhance the beauty.

Commissioner Wright says they cannot walk away from Cheasty. There is substantial money in the Park District going to Green Seattle Partnership. Cheasty could be targeted for more resources. Commissioner Tierney adds that volunteers would be doing the work and the momentum for the park and the volunteers are ready. Commissioner Albert agrees.

Commissioner Byers also questions why the pedestrians are on the road. Jon says the trail shifts back and forth because of steep grades that could put pedestrians in danger if they were on the other side of the street.

Commissioner Edmiston says cross trails would require serious studies. There might be other ways to make connections. He would like to move forward with the minimum without going too far, including 2b and 3b as a possibility, with a 15 month pilot when the initial phase is completed.

Commissioner Byers would like SPR to find a safer and more graceful pedestrian trail to deal with crossing the Boulevard during the pilot project. Doug Critchfield states the problem is the area adjacent to Cheasty is steep and there is a large wetland. The pedestrian trail standard is 4 feet wide and would require more infrastructure and impact. Commissioner Wright says she realized it when touring the greenspace. She feels their needs to be improvements to the pedestrian experience. Doug says the pedestrian trail is gravel and the mountain bike trail is mineral and cannot be as steep. Acting Superintendent Williams says SPR staff will achieve the best bike/pedestrian trail possible and for the Commissioner to trust staff to look at all the opportunities.

Evaluation Criteria: Commissioner Angulo would like safety to include personal safety and mixed users. Safety will be addressed by signage. Commissioner Angulo would like safety tied into the criteria. Paula says they can look at putting a measurable goal in about safety.

Motion: Commissioner Lowe moves to recommend the project moves forward to keep momentum. Marty seconds. Option 1: Recommend the project move forward.

Discussion: Commissioner Angulo adds a friendly amendment that establishes oversight committee who would provide guarterly reports. Commissioner Lowe emphasizes that the spirit of the Motion is to move forward. Paula suggests adding oversight to the pilot. Commissioner Kincaid would like to see more habitat monitoring to measure changes that occur. Paula responds that measuring wildlife would be really difficult since it changes day to day, season to season. Acting Superintendent Williams mentions Seattle University is doing some habitat studies at Cheasty and perhaps they could look at that.

Vote: 5 in favor and 3 opposed to recommend the project move forward.

Motion: Commissioner Byers moves to go forward with 2b and 3b if the pilot comes back successful, studies are favorable, and the pedestrian option is studied for Cheasty Boulevard. Commissioner Lowe seconds.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Duration of Pilot: Commissioner Byers moves pilot be designed as 15-months. Commissioner Angulo seconds.

Vote: 7 in favor and 1 opposed.

Evaluation Criteria Option 1 but adding safety monitoring criteria.

Vote: Unanimous approval.

Commissioner Angulo moves for an amendment to establish a community oversight committee that would meet quarterly during the pilot. Commissioner Byers adds the oversight committee would include key stakeholders. Commissioner Bluewater seconds. Approved with unanimous consent.

Acting Superintendent Williams and the Board of Park Commissioners thank Paula, Jon and Doug for their incredible staff work.

The meeting adjourns at 8:44 pm.

DATE

APPROVED: ______ Tom Tierney, Chair Board of Park Commissioners