### **Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation**

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## Board of Park Commissioners (ad hoc committee of the full Board)

Present:

John Barber Diana Kincaid, Chair Barbara Wright

#### Seattle Parks and Recreation Staff

Susan Golub, Strategic Advisor Michele Daly, Acting Park Board Coordinator David Graves, Senior Parks Planner

Chair Kincaid informed the audience the ad hoc committee will hear a staff briefing on the proposal to designate MacLean Park as a viewpoint, followed by a public hearing, Board discussion and recommendation to the full Board. The Board will discuss the ad hoc committee recommendation at the April 11 regular Board meeting and make a recommendation to the Superintendent.

To hear and view the full meeting, see <a href="http://www.seattlechannel.org/videos/video.asp?ID=5591312">http://www.seattlechannel.org/videos/video.asp?ID=5591312</a>

### Public Hearing: Proposal for MacLean Park designation as Viewpoint

A copy of the ad hoc committee agenda, how to submit public testimony, briefing paper and the proposal was posted on the Park Board web site prior to this public hearing.

### Written Briefing

A request has been made by a member of the public (attached as Exhibit A) to designate MacLean Park as a viewpoint. Parks Policy provides a procedure for this designation request and subsequent review and recommendation. The policy provides that "A proposal for a viewpoint is forwarded to the Board of Park Commissioners; Parks staff prepares a staff recommendation to the Board based on the criteria outlined in the policy and the Board then makes a recommendation to the Superintendent.

**Staff Recommendation:** While MacLean Park does provide impressive views to the east and to the north, the expense of maintaining these views would be significant and in some cases not possible since potential view blocking vegetation is located on private property over which

Parks has no rights or control. Additionally, maintaining the views at this location would be at cross purposes to the ongoing forest restoration work that is taking place down slope in the NE Queen Anne Greenbelt. MacLean Park is a real amenity to the immediate neighborhood but beyond that it does not serve a larger population. For these reasons staff does not recommend designating MacLean Park as a viewpoint.

**Project or Policy Description and Background**: MacLean Park was constructed in 2002 with a grant from the Neighborhood Matching Fund. The design included a viewpoint at the top adjacent to Taylor Avenue North and a grassy meadow below which is adjacent to the Northeast Queen Anne Greenbelt. The park is named after the MacLean Family, who settled in the neighborhood around the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The family owned significant greenbelt property and the entire park site and sold them to the city for preservation as public space. The park includes views of Mt. Baker to the north, and Gas Works Park, Lake Union and the Cascade Mountains to the east.

The upper level of the park is improved with a railing, sidewalk and two benches. The railing includes signage highlighting the views to the north and east. These improvements are constructed mostly within the Taylor Avenue right-of-way. The site is off of major travel routes; it serves the immediate neighbors. There is available on street parking adjacent to the site.

The grade change from the top of the site at Taylor Avenue to the bottom of the site adjacent to the Queen Anne Greenbelt is significant. The lower portion of the site is seventy feet lower in elevation than the developed area along Taylor Avenue. The site continues to drop away to the east.

Parks' Viewpoint Policy outlines specific criteria by which a potential viewpoint is to be evaluated. The following is the criteria with discussion as to how MacLean Park fits the criteria:

2.2.1 The object of the view shall be a significant natural and/or developed feature(s) such as Mount Rainier, the Space Needle and/or the City skyline, Lake Washington, Puget Sound, or the Olympic or Cascade mountain ranges;

The upper improved section of the park does provide views to the east of Lake Union, Gas Works Park and the Cascades. On very clear day, one can look northeast and see Mount Baker.

2.2.2 The view shall be the central focus of the park such as at Kerry Park or Hamilton Viewpoint;

The upper portion of the park adjacent to the street was developed with views in mind; the lower portion of the park is a continuation of the Queen Anne Greenbelt.

2.2.3 The view shall be unique and not duplicative of any other nearby viewpoint; and,

The east slope of Queen Anne is uniquely situated to provide views of Lakes Union and Washington, the Cascades and sometimes Mount Baker and Mount Rainier. As noted above, there are views from the upper portion of the park to the Cascades and Mount Baker. However, there are other nearby locations that also provide similar views. At the

intersection of Taylor Avenue North and Crockett Street is an area where the sidewalk has been widened and there are views to the east and to the north. At 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and Lynn Street, a similar view area has been developed with a large flat concrete deck, a bench and garbage cans. The 5<sup>th</sup> and Lynn Street site also provides views to the north and east and is located within street right-of-way. All three locations look out over a combination of public property including street rights-of-way and the Northeast Queen Anne Greenbelt and private property. These locations are all within five blocks of each other.

2.2.4 The site should serve a broader population and not be predominantly a neighborhood amenity.

The MacLean site is relatively small and there is limited on street parking. The park has the feel of a neighborhood amenity. It is much different in feel to a space like Kerry Park which is a designated viewpoint and popular as a destination, providing iconic views of the City and Mount Rainier.

The Viewpoint Policy also highlights specific operational and maintenance criteria which must be addressed as a site is considered for designation as a viewpoint. Of central importance to these criteria is the issue that with a viewpoint designation comes additional maintenance obligations and thus additional cost(s) to the department. The operational and maintenance criteria are as follows:

2.3.1 Description of the view and the object of the view, e.g. Mt. Rainier, Space Needle; either existing or potential after vegetation removal. Note that the description of the view should include the horizontal and vertical viewshed and the location on the site where the view is taken from;

Figures 5 and 6 above highlight the views from the park. Views are to the north and east; on a clear day, the Cascade Range and Mount Baker are visible in the distance. In the foreground, Gas Works Park and Lake Union are prominent.

2.3.2 Existing site amenities (if any);

There are benches; signage highlighting the view and a trash can at the upper portion of the site. The majority of MacLean Park is undeveloped and adjacent to the Northeast Queen Anne Greenbelt. It is only a small portion of the park adjacent to Taylor Avenue North that is developed with amenities

2.3.3 Surrounding amenities, e.g., proximity to a neighborhood business district, onstreet parking, nearby Metro bus access;

The site serves the immediate neighborhood; there is limited on street parking. The surrounding neighborhood is predominantly residential. It is approximately nine blocks to the center of Queen Anne's business district. There is bus service within two blocks of the park.

2.3.4 What improvements are needed, e.g. on-site parking, ADA access pathway;

No improvements are needed.

- 2.3.5 Extent of vegetation removal needed to open and/or maintain the view, now and/or in the future; Potential impact(s) to existing urban forest of vegetation removal; Any proposed vegetation removal must be consistent with the Department's Tree Management, Maintenance, Pruning and/or Removal Policy;
- 2.3.8 Estimated cost of vegetation removal;
- 2.3.9 Estimated annual maintenance costs;



Figure 1 - Property map: Parcels outlined in pink are in private ownership; Parks ownership is outlined in green.

These three criteria are combined because the analysis covers them together. The following analysis is based on the below graphic provided by Parks Senior Urban Forester, Mark Mead. The vegetation that would have to be removed to maintain the view would be extensive. The work required to maintain the views would include topping and/or full removal of trees and the care of an extremely steep slopes covered by invasive species.

Area A is a steep slope of 0.45 acres that would require some invasive removal and continued monitoring for trees or tall shrubs that will block views. Parks Urban Forestry staff estimates that sites of this nature require a minimum of \$45,000 per acre to clear, with an additional \$5,000 to \$7,000 per acre per annum to maintain due to the steep slopes.

Area B is a forested area on steep slopes that are part of the Northeast Queen Anne Greenbelt. This area has been the focus of ongoing restoration by a volunteer group for the last twelve years. This site is approximately one acre and contains 150 to 200 trees that will either need to be topped or removed for the view. Depending on work, topping will cost \$500, to \$1,000 per tree. Topping will require revisits every five years. Subsequent restoration of the site will be as above.

Area C is a secondary concern for views, but was identified by the proponents of the plan in 2008 as an area that needed work for views, particularly to maintain the view of Mt. Baker. This area is .3 acres and contains 30 to 50 trees. The same costs and concerns apply.

Total cost for the project \$75,000 to \$150,000 depending on type of work with addition annual cost of \$11,900.

2.3.6 Is the vegetation to be removed on Parks property, other public property, or private property; what are the potential impacts associated with the vegetation removal, such slope stability,

As can be seen in Figure 7 above, not all of the land with potentially view blocking vegetation is in Parks' ownership. Parcels outlined in pink are in private ownership; Parks ownership is outlined in green. The bulk of the area is within identified Environmentally Critical Areas (ECA) — Steep Slope, Potential Landslide Area and Known Landslide Areas. As the areas that would be subject to the vegetation are within identified ECAs, Parks would be required to provide mitigation for the work done. View maintenance/management is not necessarily considered habitat restoration; mitigation would be required which could be contrary to maintaining the view. In addition we have concerns regarding slope stability and the potential for damage to the Aloha Inn below from slides. There have been past slides in the vicinity of the Aloha Inn.

# 2.3.7 Description of surrounding existing and potential land uses and zoning which could impact views;

Surrounding properties are developed with residential uses. To the north, properties are zoned for single family residential use and developed consistent with that designation. Properties to the east, west and south are zoned for multifamily dwellings and developed as multistory, multi-family structures. Given the site characteristics and the existing development around the site, it is unlikely that any new development would significantly impact views from the site.

### 2.3.10 Estimated needed improvement costs.

There are no needed improvements. The issue is the cost of maintaining the existing views and the potential adverse impacts to native vegetation and ongoing restoration work in the adjacent greenbelt.

<u>Public Involvement Process</u>: The neighbors of MacLean Park have come together and are proposing this designation. There was public engagement when the park was originally constructed in 2002, and the Park Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed designation on March 28.

<u>Issues</u>: The central issue is whether MacLean Park should be designated a viewpoint and managed as such. The park does provide views of significant natural features such as Mt. Baker and the Cascade mountain range. Maintaining theses views may not be feasible as some of the potentially view blocking vegetation is located on private property not in Parks' control. Managing nearby vegetation within Parks control for views would be expensive and may be contrary to ongoing native forest restoration efforts.

**Environmental Sustainability**: View management and maintenance at the site would be an additional expense to Parks. The actual work required could be contrary to ongoing adjacent forest restoration efforts.

**Budget**: As noted above, the total cost for the project would be \$75,000 to \$150,000 depending on type of work with addition annual cost of \$11,900. There is not currently an identified budget source; this would be a new cost to Parks.

**Schedule**: The schedule is to be determined, depending on the Board's recommendation and the Superintendent's decision. To the extent any work was to be done at MacLean Park, it would have to be fit into the tree crew's existing work load.

<u>Additional Information</u>: For more information, you can contact David Graves at <u>david.graves@seattle.gov</u>

## **Oral Briefing and Discussion**

David Graves, Senior Planner informed the Board that a request has been made by the public to designate MacLean Park as a viewpoint. MacLean Park is located at Taylor Avenue North and Newton Street on the east side of Queen Anne Hill and looks primarily over the NE Queen Anne Greenbelt. The Greenbelt has been the focus of ongoing forest restoration activities including tree planting and removal of invasives by volunteer groups for many years. When thinking about managing the steep slope for views, topping and limbing trees may be counterproductive to the ongoing reforestation work. The park includes views of Mt. Baker to the north, Gas Works Park, Lake Union and the Cascade Mountains.

The expense of maintaining the views would be significant and in some cases not possible since potential view blocking vegetation is on private property. The park does provide impressive views to the east and to the north. There was public engagement when the park was originally constructed in 2002 with a grant from the Neighborhood Matching Fund. The park design included a viewpoint at the top adjacent to Taylor Avenue North and a grassy meadow below adjacent to the Greenbelt. The park is named after the MacLean Family which owned significant greenbelt property and the entire park site and sold them to the city for preservation as public space. People from the neighborhood hold work parties to help maintain the upper portion of the park area. The majority of the park is undeveloped and adjacent to the Greenbelt.

The upper level of the park is improved with railing, sidewalk and benches. There are a lot of trees that would need to be topped or removed to provide views over the Greenbelt. David spoke to Mark Mead, Parks Senior Urban Forester, about the cost of opening up views by trimming trees. Mark estimated the cost between \$75,000 and \$150,000 depending on the type of work, with an additional annual maintenance cost of \$11,900.

Responding to Commissioner questions, David Graves stated there are Vegetation Management Plans for each of the Department's designated viewpoints. Commissioner Barber asked who the volunteers are that work in the Greenbelt. They include EarthCorps, people from the

neighborhood and other volunteer groups that have worked with the Urban Forestry Unit over the years.

Commissioner Wright asked how much the drop is from the viewpoint down into the Greenbelt and how high the vegetation would be in that area. David replied that street level is about 40-50 feet above the Greenbelt. The trees are 60-80 feet tall and will continue to grow. The photos do not show the trees leafed out which could block views of Lake Union. It would be a wall of green which is a good thing when talking tree canopies. Views and tree coverage are a balancing act.

Commissioner Kincaid inquired how tall the Big Leaf Maples will get. David replied they can grow to 80 feet tall and at that height you will not see a lot of the north end of Capitol Hill from the park and potentially you may not see the Cascades.

Commissioner Wright asked for some history of the Greenbelt work, who is working on it and what the goals are for that project. David said the design process for MacLean and Trolley Hill Park to the south started in 1997. There has been a lot of work and interest in this area and the two parks are connected. David will send some historical information as well as volunteer work summary to the Board.

Commissioner Wright is interested if there was a plan for the Greenbelt and if the original goal was to stabilize the slope. David will check with Mark Mead if there is a Vegetation Management Plan for the NE Queen Anne Greenbelt. Greenbelts are preserved as natural areas for forest restoration.

Commissioner Barber asked if the Greenbelt area was acquired under the King County Open Space Bond Issue; if, so, the intent for the purchase was to preserve natural environmental areas that have regional significance.

Commissioner Kincaid asked about the community involvement. David said work started in 1997 and the project received a grant from the Department of Neighborhoods in 1999, work parties beginning that year. MacLean Park was constructed in 2002. The neighbors have taken a lot of ownership over these two parks and really care about them.

Regarding designation of the Park as a viewpoint, David noted it is not something to set aside lightly. It is a resource question: while a great spot, it does not fit the criteria, and raises the question of whether Parks has the resources to take on another viewpoint.

Commissioner Barber asked if topping trees affects their health, noting that some of the trees are hanging precariously in the Greenbelt. David said yes as a flat cut introduces disease. Big trees can be limbed correctly, opening up the tree crown so you can see through it.

Commissioner Wright asked if the Park Board designated MacLean Park a viewpoint, and some of the views were lost, is there a responsibility for tree removal because it is a designated viewpoint. David said there is a certain expectation that if you designate a viewpoint then the Department would manage it for views. There is not a rule that says once it is designated a viewpoint that the Department has to preserve the view, but an expectation is set up in the public there will be a view which requires consistent management.

Commissioner Wright asked if there was any plan to do a Master Plan in the park in the near future. David said not to his knowledge.

Commissioner Barber asked about the Viewpoint Policy. It was written by David Graves in 2005. The Board at that time struggled with the issue of public expectations if viewpoints were designated. David said the MacLean Park proposal to be designated as a viewpoint is the first one that has come up since the policy was written.

Commissioner Kincaid asked what the \$75,000 - \$150,000 covers. David stated that is the cost of the initial tree work that would be required to develop the view and depends on what type of work is required. Replacement trees would be required on the steep slope for slope stabilization.

## **Public Testimony**

Gretchen Luxenberg urges the Board to name MacLean Park as an official viewpoint. MacLean Park has views of Lake Union, Gas Works Park, Lake Washington, the Cascades, the houseboat community, University of Washington can be seen as well as she can report on I-5 traffic from her second story window. In a few years that will change if the vegetation is not managed because the trees are growing taller and they are starting to block this impressive view from this in-city treasure. Views are mentioned at several places in the park - at a bench that is dedicated to Vi Forkey and an interpretative panel which describes the views to Mt. Baker, Lake Washington, Gas Works, Lake Union among other sites. As she watches people that come to the park from all walks of life she thinks it really is a destination. She has witnessed license plates from California as an example. Construction workers eat lunch there, mothers with strollers and kids visit the park. A lot of people use the park. It is a park for the people. It is a viewpoint park already without the official designation. She is afraid it will lose its view and render the wording on the plaque irrelevant as well as the wording on the bench. You can stand in the street and see the Space Needle, then take a few steps and see 180 degrees to Mt. Baker. It is also a view of the city's industrial heritage. You can see marinas, houseboats, float planes coming and going. Members of the community come to the park twice a year to clean up, prune, remove blackberries, weed and the park is better for it. People care about the park and do that work.

Leigh Smith has spent a lot of time in the park. He has been down on his knees with a weed wrench pulling out blackberries, scotch broom and ivy. It is a nightmare of exotic plants down in the park. His interest is in vegetation management. He worked for 26 years in the National Park Service, mostly at North Cascades National Park and wrote the tree management for that park so he is familiar with tree management and tree issues. He has looked at the stumps down in the park and the prime offenders are about five old maple trees that have been cut off as high stumps and growth from the stumps is blocking the primary view. There is a huge butterfly bush, maples with ivy growing in them and is kind of a neglected site. The trees are rapidly taking over the view. Maybe the Department could select some individual stems and cut off the rest of them and still have a peek a boo view from there as a compromise. The stumps may be serving a function of holding the hillside in place because maples root securely. Perhaps some lanes could be opened up and people could go down there to pick blackberries. There is a lot of trash dumped into the thicket of blackberries. There is also kind of a hobo

camp down at the bottom of the hill that is annoying. He encourages the Board to allow the community to give some more input. He would like to talk to the vegetation management folks at some point and maybe come up with some compromises.

Steve Kink stated he is the one that originally proposed the change in the status of the park. He thanked David Graves who has been working with the neighbors on this project. They shared a draft with him and he has not disputed any of the background rationale or justification for the proposal, however, he has indicated Parks has cost issues that they are dealing with. Mr. Kink's purpose tonight is to have the Board think seriously about naming MacLean Park a viewpoint. The rationale he is presenting has four or five things that deal with policies that the Parks Department has already dealt with or issues that the voters have approved. The comments include the Goals and Objectives of the Forest Restoration Plan Vegetation Management for Seattle Parks Viewpoints, Seattle Parks and Recreation Website, the Viewpoint Designation Policy, other considerations and Action Requested. As a community they understand the budget problem in terms of the cost. At least with a viewpoint declaration, some long term planning, collaboration and hopefully with some future financial resources, MacLean Park would provide the unique characteristics advertised in its inception. We hope and encourage the Park's Commission and the Parks Department to keep an open mind in seeking a resolution to our proposal. We in the MacLean Park community stand ready to assist with this project in any way we can. The neighbors are suggesting that they and the Parks Department approach the people regarding the trees that are on private property and at no cost to the Department some of those trees could be eliminated that would recreate a view of Gas Works Park.

John Nagy has lived in the MacLean Park neighborhood for 12 years. He, his wife and his neighbors have organized and participated in work parties twice a year. They have ripped out blackberry bushes, pulled out weeds, planted trees down in the meadows, they have watered the park; the community really uses that park and participates in taking care of it. The neighbors donated the permanent benches and the cigarette disposal container. The community uses the park continuously. People eat lunch there, sit on the benches when in the middle of their dog walks and there are normally people on the benches throughout the day on into the early evening. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July there are hundreds of citizens from all over that come to the viewpoint and its adjacent street, sidewalks. When the park was established the Park Department placed a sign that described what you can see but a few years later because of the tree growth they had to cut off about one third of the sign. He urged the Board to declare viewpoint status for this park.

**William Packard** stated he commutes by the park several times a day on foot and the park is heavily used by people with cameras and others from outside the neighborhood. It is a unique view in the evening to have the sun at your back and see the sun bathe the Cascade Mountains, Capitol Hill and when you could see Gas Works Park. He urges the Board to designate the park as a viewpoint.

**Kathy Edwards** has lived in the area for almost 13 years. She noticed the Department's staff rationale for not designating this park as a viewpoint is "MacLean Park is an amenity for the immediate neighborhood but beyond that it does not serve a larger population." The park is very heavily used. She comes out of her garage several times a day and more than 50% of the time there are one or more people that she does not recognize using the park. They are people

not from their neighborhood. She saw a group of 6 or 7 as she was leaving this evening and that is not unusual. Word travels. They would not have 200 people on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July if people did not know that it is a spectacular viewpoint. Unlike the west side of Queen Anne, you can enjoy the view without having to look right into the sun. She urges the Board to make the park a viewpoint. It is a special place in the city. It is accessible, there is street parking available all the time and is on lots of people's walking routes. It serves a much broader population that just the neighbors that live nearby.

What is not an issue is the Park Department's responsibility of caring for the greenbelt and managing the vegetation and yet it is in that management and how it is done that the viewpoint is affected. So whether or not MacLean Park is designated an official viewpoint, what matters is how the vegetation in the greenbelt is managed. It obviously can be managed in several ways, at least one of which will enhance the view not detract from it. Perhaps the designation is not as important as the Park Department move forward with the understanding how it manages the greenbelt has either a very positive or very detrimental long term impact on the viewpoint. the neighbors have the capacity and willingness to maintain the area around the viewpoint.

**Karen Blasienz** is an active user of the park. It is wonderful that so many people in the neighborhood do labor at the park at both Trolley and MacLean parks. One of the things that concerns her is where the thicket of trees is located a jumble growth, including two large holly trees, laurel and non-native plants. People did some work in the Park, she thinks EarthCorps, pulled vines and cut laurel, which was piled in stacks. However, nothing has happened after that and all the dead and dying trees and a lot of debris is dry is not only an eyesore but a fire hazard.

### Discussion and Recommendation

Commissioner Barber wondered how far the forest restoration plan goes as he is seeing some very steep areas that cause concerns.

Commissioner Wright has questions about the Greenbelt and if there is a way to manage the Greenbelt plantings so they don't block views in the future. The simple answer would be that you would plant trees that would provide a forest canopy but that would not grow to be 70-90 feet tall; you would want a tree that is 40-60 feet tall.

Commissioner Kincaid wonders about the timeline of that in terms of how much longer will the Big Leaf Maples will live. David will collect the Board's vegetation questions and forward them to Mark Mead and provide answers.

Commissioner Wright visited the site and it is magnificent. She has a viewpoint in her neighborhood that she enjoys and understands the simplest, smallest piece of property can really speak to you and mean a lot of things. To hear of the volunteer work the community has done is fantastic. Commissioner Wright is trying to look for a compromise that we can figure out how the restoration work will continue and be managed correctly so that it does not become a site that attracts inappropriate behavior and activities. The area does look unkempt and a little neglected. She is hopeful some sort of middle ground can be found. If it is not designated as a viewpoint then the neighbors can work with the folks doing the restoration, maybe limit the size of the new trees and remove some that have short life ahead.

Commissioner Barber has a lot of history working on these issues, including in Frink Park in his neighborhood. He has worked on the designation of the Leschi natural area, worked on setting up the King County Open Space Bond Issue in 1989 in promoting it and monitoring it. He stated the MacLean issues are similar to Leschi issues. In 1995 the neighbors in Leschi instigated a vegetation management plan and were able to preserve the view even though it is not a designated viewpoint. The vegetation management plan set up the concept of preserving a viewpoint at the top. When you speak of natural areas there are some things that are paramount and have to be addressed such as the fragility of the steep slopes, landslides, the fragility of Big Leaf Maples, water retention and other things. He thinks the cost of addressing environmental concerns is underestimated. Before you top trees you need to think about the stability of the slopes. Think about the people down below and across the lake as the greenbelt shields them from looking at buildings and not at something as beautiful as a tree.

Commissioner Wright stated views could be one of the goals of the vegetation management plan which could be a way preserve the views.

Steve Kink stated the community wants to be involved in a future vegetation management plan process. They are willing to start right away or whenever funding is available in cooperation with the Parks Department, working collaboratively together. Commissioner Barber said his community worked with the Department step by step in developing vegetation management plans.

Commissioner Wright proposed that the ad hoc committee table the recommendation for the viewpoint until they have more information from Parks and they have a better understanding about the Vegetation Management Plan. She mentioned John's comment about what is the view looking towards the viewpoint, noting that it provides visual relief. She would like to see the Department work with the neighborhood residents to see what they can come up with that would be comfortable for both sides and return to the Park Board. She suggested a couple of months or some timeframe that is realistic.

Commissioner Wright moved the ad hoc committee recommend the Department work with the community and come back to the Board with ideas of how we could preserve the views, stabilize the ground and address the issues of the slope stability, and also look at how we can accomplish the goals of the greenbelt for the funds that were used to buy those properties. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kincaid thanked the public for their input and cooperative effort. Also, the community was thanked for all their volunteer work.

Commissioner Wright moved the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Barber seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

APPROVED: Diana Kincaid, Chair

DATE: April 14, 2013

Diana Kincaid, Chair Board of Park Commissioners