

# BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

**JANUARY 25, 2001**

Present: Bruce Bentley, Chair  
Karen Daubert  
James Fearn  
Susan Golub  
Michael Shiosaki  
Kathleen Warren

Staff: Ken Bounds, Superintendent

Michele Daly, Park Board Coordinator

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bruce Bentley at 6:00 p.m. The agenda was approved as distributed.

**Oral Requests and Communications from the Audience:** None

## **Sand Point/Magnuson Park Athletic Facilities - Public Hearing**

Superintendent Ken Bounds presented an overview. The City Council approved Resolution 30063 in November 1999 which adopted the Sand Point Magnuson Park Conceptual Design. The plan defined an off-leash dog area, habitat areas, parking and vehicle circulation and sportsfields. The Council changed the off-leash dog area towards the north, adjacent to NOAA, and moved the soccer field and track from that area to the south. The Department was directed to recommend the number of sportsfields, type and configuration, surface material and lighting of sportsfields that may be appropriately located just north of the 65<sup>th</sup> Street entrance to Magnuson Park. The Department will return to the City Council with the sportsfield configuration to amend the plan they adopted in 1999. This action will not end the discussion of what will happen at Sand Point. There are two other processes underway: (1) field lighting –the department is working on updating the Joint Athletic Fields Development Plan with the School District and has contracted with a consultant to review the field lighting and, (2) wetlands– when the department gets into the design process, an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared.

C. David Hughbanks, Director of Sand Point/Magnuson Park Division, informed the Board of the process. There was a large contingent of sportsfield supporters that debated over the number, types and configuration during the development process. The department reviewed the configuration of all of the sportsfields and outdoor courts. In this review three key principles were followed: there will be no fewer sportsfields than the number approved by the City Council, the sportsfields

and outdoor courts complex use approximately the same amount of land area that was approved by the Council and the basic design quality in and around the fields needs to facilitate trees and walkways. A public workshop was held on December 9, 2000.

Eric Gold, Landscape Architect, pointed out the items shown on the displayed graphics are not designed. The graphic shows the scale of the sportsfields in relation to the site. The trail is only marked on the graphic to show the potential of a two mile circuit for cross country. The wetlands, kite hill expansion, promontory point expansion and shoreline development are identified on the graphic.

**Lynn Ferguson**, MESA, active in the open space and natural area part of the park design for a number of years, stated the park would be a wonderful, mixed-use park. The artificial turf is welcomed but will also result in a loss of habitat. It is hoped there will be corridors of shrubs and trees so there will still be wildlife in the area. She is concerned about the sportsfields bulging into the natural area. The number of soccer fields has grown. The cross country trail design should be delayed until the wetland area design is complete. She does not want a path to drive what happens to the wetlands.

**Helen Ross**, Seattle Audubon Society, informed the Board that the Audubon Society has conducted monthly bird counts at Magnuson for the past six years. They have seen 150 species of birds at Magnuson and it is a remarkable, rich habitat area. The Audubon conducts a summer nature camp, which includes over 500 children. The Audubon urges protection of the natural areas in considering the overall design of the athletic fields. They are concerned that field runoff could impact the wetland area. They are pleased an Environmental Impact Statement is being prepared and will take up those issues. The park design needs to include buffers and corridors for wildlife and keep as many natural features as possible. The Audubon is concerned about lighting and how it relates to wildlife, including trees. Children need natural areas in an urban environment that they can explore.

**Bonnie Miller**, encourages the Board to postpone action on the Sand Point/Magnuson Park sports complex until the design reflects more integration with the natural areas. She requests more realistic and buffer zones between the fields and the natural area. The fact that artificial turf and lighting will create twice as much field use might give a reason to consider eliminating some of the field area.

**Mel Streeter**, architect in Seattle for 34 years, park user/supporter and junior tennis coach, informed the Board he is very happy to see the indoor tennis facility planned for Magnuson Park. In the area of the outdoor courts, he would like to see hitting board areas included. The indoor facility will cast shadows on the outdoor courts as the sun travels around from the east to the west. He urges the Department to make sure the shadows do not ruin the play at the outdoor courts.

Over 100 people attended a recent meeting at Nathan Hale and signed pledges of support for this master plan. It has been long enough coming, there is funding now, it is a good plan and he urges the plan be implemented. Mr. Streeter suggested placing skateboarders, along with portable ramps, inside one of the hangars and let the kids have a great indoor skateboard facility.

**Pauline Cramer** noted the President of the View Ridge Community Council submitted a letter to the Board today. Mrs. Cramer expressed dissatisfaction with the sportsfield 100-foot light poles. The area from 50<sup>th</sup> to Sand Point Way is a hillside with view area and a natural amphitheater. The residents can see what is in the park now. The light poles would interfere with views and the light at night would be a source of light pollution. The best technology should be used for the fields but not on such high light poles. Mrs. Cramer noted the handout states the department will be conducting a field illumination study on all sportsfields across the city. She would like to see the details of the study. She would also like to see an elevation drawing cut from NE 70<sup>th</sup> Street of the entire terrain from 50<sup>th</sup> to the lake that includes the proposed light poles and housing so you can see the relationship.

**Peter Lukevich**, President of Friends of Athletic Fields, 24-year resident of Lake City area and Magnuson Park user, strongly urges the Park Board's endorsement of the proposal. A huge public process has been undertaken with much give and take, which has resulted in a pleasing layout plan. The process has been open, lengthy and fair. He agrees 100-foot light poles would be a problem from the view as well as field user perspective. New technology does not require 100 foot poles. The Friends will work with the Park Board to ensure that the City Council endorses this plan.

**Chris Samuel**, U.S. Tennis Association, is pleased to see this plan and see more tennis courts. There is going to be a huge increase of tennis players across the nation. USTA will help in whatever way it can. A tennis facility is sorely needed in this area and by having it available we can transcend social-economic levels and let everyone play tennis.

**Bill Farmer**, Disc NW, Friends of Athletic Fields and ultimate player, thanked the Department for allowing the athletes to work together to modify the plan to optimize the area that has been devoted to the athletes. There is something in the park for everyone. There is currently lack of irrigation and drainage and the playing season is very limited. The proposal will allow more play on better fields. There will be no field run off, no fertilizers. The natural area is approximately 50% of the park, the buildings area about 30% and athletic areas - including parking - is about 20%. This is a good plan and meets a lot of the diverse requirements of all the users.

**Jake Moe**, Roosevelt tennis coach, stated it is very difficult to schedule courts for tennis matches in Seattle because of the high demand. Consequently, all the

school's matches, except for one, have been scheduled away. The proposal includes an ample number of courts to hold matches. Lakeside has been using Magnuson courts for years as a paying customer on courts that are not in good shape. Mr. Moe has spoken to Lakeside and they continue to be a paying customer.

**Curtis Fukushima**, distributed a Northeast Seattle Little League handout. 650-700 youth participate in the NE Seattle Little League program, making up 50-55 teams. There are many coaches, parents and other volunteers involved. Their goals include improving the level of play through education, coaching and facilities and increase participation in the league. There are three uses of fields: practice, games and tournaments. This proposal will go a long way to help achieve their goals and is a good step forward. Currently there are no fields available for practice once the season begins. Dedicated baseball facilities allow for year-round practice and camps.

**Niall King**, Pacific NW Rugby, appreciates everything that has been done in cooperation with other park users. This will be the only proper rugby field they have seen on the West Coast. There is a large base of rugby players (4,000) in the Seattle area. There are five high school teams comprised of men and women, junior and varsity levels. Rugby is on the agenda for the Olympics. Mr. King asked that the fields 12-14 be multi-lined, different colors for the different sports.

**Alvin Rutledge**, Friends of Athletic Fields, field user. The design process has been going on for over a year. It is a fine proposal. Keep in mind that kids want to play more games and there is a lack of fields. The School District can use the fields for afterschool programs. He hopes the Sand Point fields can get implemented earlier than five years.

**Mike Bergstrom**, tennis enthusiast, complimented the Board, department and the community interest groups that have been involved thus far. He is a professional land use planner and knows what goes into the development of a master plan. All sorts of community interests have to be balanced and there are always more interests than there is space. He is happy to see the tennis facility included in the plans. The city has shown a commitment to have a great tennis facility on the site. We need to make sure this plan gets implemented.

**Scott Freeman**, Friends of Athletic Fields, stated working on the field plan has been a beautiful opportunity for people to come together and have a vision that can serve the whole region. The design that has emerged over the past year is the result of over 35,000 athletes being represented by the people giving input on the design process. This complex will represent the best all-weather, all sports facility in the western US. Mr. Freeman's professional background is in habitat restoration. Right next door to the sports complex will be one of the fantastic natural area restorations in western North America.

**Darlene Hickman**, Seattle Sports Advisory Council, USATF/PNTF. Ms. Hickman stated the track and field groups are very pleased and show support for the design of the fields, the cross country potential and for the running paths. This is a great plan and they are here to help the Park Board and Department. The group has a track for an indoor facility and would welcome an opportunity to use one of the buildings for an indoor running facility, which is desperately needed in this area..

**Hannah Ducey**, SYS/LVR, thanked the Department and Park Board for listening to the soccer community and increasing the soccer fields. The soccer group has 11,000 players with 815 teams and of that group there are 85 select teams. There are very few soccer fields to practice and play on in Seattle. Seattle groups have to travel outside the city to play. The new soccer fields will give the soccer community a place to hold tournaments.

**Rick Alvord**, President of the LVR Soccer Club, volunteer soccer club for Laurelhurst, View Ridge, Ravenna area. Magnuson Park is in the center of the soccer club area. The club has over 1700 players. The club favors the plan, particularly the artificial surfaces, which will be so much better in the wet weather. It is a very efficient use of limited space. The fields will help solve the field shortages.

**George Deleau/Sheila Espinoza**, Sand Point Tennis, presented a list of 120 signatures to the Park Board who support the proposed plan. They endorse the concept configuration for the new tennis facility and the overall park layout as shown on Athletics Facilities Configuration Alternative Plan 2. There are urgent community needs for the recreation facilities. The tennis players know the difficulty of securing indoor court time in the winter and finding outdoor court time in the summer during non-work hours. There is also a shortage of courts for high school practices and matches and for lessons for young students. There is a tremendous continuing growth in tennis participation and for the need of a new tennis facility.

**John Cramer**, UW Professor, View Ridge resident, uphill from Magnuson Park, is concerned about the balance of 35,000 athletes/spectators that will be using the facility and where they will be parking. The parking lot is already full during busy times with the off-leash dog area users. This should be studied carefully. No amplified public address systems should be used, particularly at night, as the sound travels up the hill into the homes. Mosquito control should be considered for the wetland area.

Bruce Bentley thanked the speakers for being timely and respectful of each other. He also noted the enthusiasm and love for the park system that was expressed during the process. The Park Board will have a discussion and make a recommendation on the Sand Point/Magnuson Park Athletics Facilities at its February 8 meeting.

At 6:55 p.m. a motion was unanimously approved to move forward on the agenda to allow citizens time to sign the speakers list for the Proposed Tree Policy which is slated to commence at 7:15 p.m.

### **Superintendent's Report**

- **Pioneer Square Pergola:** An emergency has been declared and insurance certificates secured for Seidelhuber Iron and Bronze to begin removing debris of the collapsed Pergola on January 24. The pieces will be sandblasted by Long Painting to remove paint and a determination will be made to see which pieces can be reused and which need to be recast. The Superintendent reported it is fortunate no one was hurt and that the leadership of the truck company has stepped up to accept responsibility. Susan Golub inquired if the underground restroom area received any damage. There is apparently no structural damage. The Underground Tour would like the area opened up for viewing as part of the tour. The Department will discuss coordination of the Underground Tour's work with the Pergola installation.
- **Tent City:** The tent city group moved from El Centro to Martin Luther King Jr. Park. The group had been urged not to do so. They had been given permission to stay at El Centro until January 21 when they could move to St. Marks. They were respectful of the park property.
- **Audubon Society/Seward Park:** The Superintendent and staff met with representatives of the National Audubon Society and the Seattle Audubon Society on January 18. The Audubon representatives present details on their proposal to create and operate an Audubon nature center at Seward Park.
- **Zoo/Restricted Parking Zone:** The Zoo's neighbors recently voted to pursue the establishment of a restricted parking zone which would encompass an area from Phinney to Aurora and 50<sup>th</sup> to 46<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the neighbors to the west and north are watching this development with great interest. Zoo visitor street parking may become nonexistent. Additional zoo parking is in the long-range plan but is currently unfunded.
- **Cormorant Cove:** The work is finished at the new and improved beach access. The landscaping is complete and the pathways, benches and landing areas are all installed. Dedication of the site will be held this spring.
- **Interbay Golf Bankruptcy Proceedings:** Legislation is being prepared to be submitted to the City Council on January 29<sup>th</sup> for action on February 5<sup>th</sup>. The Department is researching the bidding process and potential bidders for the Interbay Golf contract.

- **Green Lake - Asian Grass Carp:** Parks staff and the Department of Fish and Wildlife hosted a January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to share information with the public on the Department's proposal to introduce non-native Asian Grass Carp into Green Lake. About 20 citizens attended this meeting. There was no major opposition and plans are being made to proceed with the project. 800-1000 grass carp will be added to the lake as a means of controlling the prolific milfoil and other aquatic vegetation in the lake.
- **South Lake Union:** The Neptune Building demolition project is being advertised for bids. Upon completion of the demolition, the site will be graded and then hydroseeded.
- **Arboretum Master Plan:** The Final EIS appeal period expired on January 19., Staff participated in the City Council Culture, Arts and Parks Committee briefing on January 24. Staff is working with the consultant team to refine implementation guidelines that will be discussed as part of the plan adoption process. A joint Park Board/City Council public hearing will be scheduled.
- **Hitt's Hill Acquisition:** The City Council's Neighborhoods Committee was briefed on the status of this acquisition. The Cascade Land Conservancy has an option on the property that expires on March 31. The city is reviewing an appraisal and doing an environmental site assessment. The Council allocated \$700,000 in the 2001 budget for this acquisition with the expectation that it will be reimbursed by 2002. King County has allocated \$200,000 of CFT funding in their 2001 budget. The community has raised \$5,000 and applied for a \$200,000 NMF grant.
- **North Waterfront Access Project:** The Park Board was asked if they would like to appoint a representative to this project. This group will look at solutions to the conflicts generated by growth in the neighborhood and in the regional transportation systems. There will be 5 or 6 meetings beginning in late February. Michael Shiosaki volunteered to work on this project.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of January 11, 2001 were reviewed. Kathleen Warren requested a sentence be added indicating that the Park Board members will informally look at dog-related signage as they visit parks.

### **Proposed Tree Policy – Public Hearing**

Fritz Hedges, Director of the Citywide Division, presented an overview. The draft presents the proposed tree management policy and strategy for public and private views, tree pruning and maintenance, hazardous trees, protecting trees during construction, vegetation management plans and tree permits. The Park Board was briefed on November 9, 2000. Three public meetings were held:

November 30 at Miller, December 7 at Delridge and December 11 at the Woodland Park Zoo ARC.

Paul West, Urban Forester, summarized the public comments received to date. The public was invited to read and comment on the proposed policy for the past two months. A brochure summarizing the policy and announcing public meetings was mailed to a list of approximately 600 contacts, including approximately 400 community leaders and environmental contacts and 140 individuals who inquired about tree permits over the past three years. Press releases about the policy and the public meetings were sent to regional and community newspapers. The policy and interpretive materials were made available on the Parks and Recreation website.

The majority of the comment received concerned tree work permits that address private views. The related topic of vegetation management also received a lot of comment, as did various topics on tree protection. Overall, the public seemed to express a strong desire to protect and conserve trees in parks, and had particular concerns about the declining state of our greenbelts and natural areas. A written summary was distributed to the Park Board. 1) Public Viewpoints – overall comment was in favor of the policy as proposed. The comments included the desire to see public views maintained more consistently. 2) Permits – the general comment on permits was critical of the policy. Tree work permits were perceived to impact trees and the urban forest negatively. Most comment was either philosophically opposed to managing park trees for private gain, or had some issue with details of the permit system. However, several comments were also received supporting the permit system. 3) Tree Protection – comment was generally in favor of the proposed policy. Some comment indicated the option that Parks operations do not go far enough to protect trees and concern that the policy would not be put into practice. 4) Vegetation Management – comment on vegetation management focused on details of the policy. Comments explicitly and implicitly indicated the need to clarify the criteria for vegetation management further. Because vegetation management is closely linked with the tree work permits, there was some negative perception of this part of the policy. 5) Tree Replacement – comment on tree replacement indicated concern about the 1 for 1 minimum. Concern centered around potential loss of canopy overall, and loss of large trees as they are replaced by smaller trees.

Helen Ross, Seattle Audubon Society, supports the emphasis on the preservation and stewardship of a functioning urban forest. The Society supports the ending of tree topping within city departments and encourages the city to extend that ban to private property as well. Retention of healthy trees on construction sites is important and they are pleased to see it included in the plan. Invasive non-native plant species (e.g. English laurel and ivy) must be controlled and the city should commit to regularly removing invasive vegetation. The Society supports the prosecution of vandalism and illegal cutting of city-owned trees. Illegal dumping in natural areas should also be prosecuted. The protection



of existing healthy trees if preferable to tree replacement. The Society is quite concerned about the proposal to consider requests for pruning and/or removal of park trees and other vegetation by residents and property owners. They are concerned about the loss of public trees and vegetation for the benefit of public views. Private vegetation management plans such as Fairway Estates along the Burke Gilman Trail have damaged habitat and the city has had to step in and rehabilitate these areas. The Society urges the city not to move forward with this permit process. The evaluation criterion for granting permits makes no mention of the cumulative impacts of the removal of trees or vegetation. The Society is concerned that the public notification process is inadequate. The application should not be responsible for notification. They are also worried that the civil or criminal penalties will be insufficient. A \$100 construction bond is inadequate. The Society supports the tree and vegetation protection and restoration elements in the policy. The Society has major concerns with the concept by which property owners can alter or remove vegetation on public property.

Lynn Ferguson, MESA, thinks it is wonderful we are codifying a tree policy and the urban foresters are focusing on care. The city is losing trees with the short platting that is occurring and that makes it more important to protect what we have. Protecting the total volume of the urban canopy is very important. Views change. She has no right to tell a neighbor what to do with their trees so she feels she has no right to tell the city what to do with their trees. Need to think about all the people that use the parks. She is very concerned that the policy may impact the design for Magnuson Park. She hopes the trees that will be planted in the park will be based on what the urban foresters feel really should happen at that park. She worries decisions may be impacted by people who live above the park and want nothing higher than 15 feet. We need to protect our design for parks and also our habitat for the city.

Shiva Parameswari stated he knows the importance of public parks, as they are a great place for urban and spiritual renewal. Urban trees are our prized possessions and should not be tampered with for either private or public gain. He agrees with the proposal for increasing native revegetation and the planting of conifers. He is opposed to any kind of tree trimming or removal in public parks for the benefit of private views. The public property is for the enjoyment of all citizens, not a select view.

Bonnie Miller stated view enhancement of private property should not be a part of public policy. The Parks Department needs to be vigilant by protecting the trees that it has and initiate restoration of public land that has been subjective to pruning and logging by influential and affluent park neighbors who pay to get what they want. The policy should first concern itself with preservation and restoration of our urban parks for the health and enjoyment of all the citizens.

Bill Jobe, Queen Anne resident, owner of West Seattle property since 1980 at the corner of Delridge Way and Spokane Street Bridge, zoned L1. Since day one of

the ownership, he has gone to the owners of the property in front of his property (city) and received cooperation to prune big leaf maple trees for view purposes. He attended the community meeting at Delridge regarding the proposed tree policy. He distributed a two page letter to the Board. DCLU recognizes views to neighborhood ambiance and has specific building set-backs and zoning maps to control development along specific street corridors. It is recommended that Parks Tree Policy also recognize this importance of view to neighbors by allowing bluff-top property owners adjacent to Parks property to establish View Corridors via approved Vegetation Management Plan. He has encountered difficulty in obtaining city information for his vegetation planing. It would be desirable to describe public access of Parks planning resources and jurisdictions in the Draft Tree Policy to enable compatible vegetation management for the West Seattle hillside. His property abuts the Duwamish Bike Path and city property under the West Seattle Bridge. He supports the concepts of the Draft Tree Policy to clarify the procedures necessary for him and his neighbors to obtain permits for all work done to maintain the value of their property. He feels that these historical successes and procedures should be considered in approval of any new plan. The tone and provisions of the draft policy should not be unilateral, but should be broad enough to accommodate diverse points of view without generating neighborhood rancor.

John Barber congratulated the Department for taking on a tree policy. Parks trees should not be pruned/cut for private purposes; e.g. Fairway Estates, Magnolia Boulevard, Queen Anne Greenbelts. Trees are important, especially large trees. There is a growing awareness of tree value – not only for aesthetics but for the environment and well being of people. Mr. Barber urges part of the policy be readdressed to state tree trimming or cutting should only be for the health of the tree and hazards to humans or property.

Andrew Kirch seconded the comments made by Helen Ross and John Barber. He is against a policy that would allow the trimming of trees in parks to benefit an individual property owner. City ethics bar city employees from using their positions to benefit private individuals rather than the community. The policy suggests rather than requires public involvement. Getting a recommendation of view loss to property owners is the responsibility of the County Assessor and not the Parks Department.

Valerie Cholvin is glad to see the topping of trees has been stopped but this is the time to rethink whether we are going to guarantee private views. Cities are trapping heat and climates are changing. When looking at a satellite map, the greenery in Seattle has diminished over the years. New buildings are being constructed to the edge of the streets. Park trees are important. The policy states new trees will be planted but it does not say how big the trees have to be. The policy does not state the trees have to be native species and they should be. The present park employees have a definite criteria about what they allow for removing trees for private view but employees change and others may not have

the same criteria. The policy needs to be more specific. She would like to see the policy not allow any trimming for private views. Many tree activists did not get notification of the proposed tree policy. Ms. Cholvin referenced the tree removal on Magnolia Boulevard where the public was not notified. The Department needs to make sure the public is involved in any tree removal project. Ms. Cholvin stated she would be happy to show the Park Board a tree removal example at the north end of Magnolia Boulevard.

Robert Kildall attended the November 9, 2000 Park Board briefing to see how the policy might affect the Magnolia Boulevard madrones, the Raye Street ravine and Discovery Park. On hearing the staff's presentation on the policy, it seemed there was little concern expressed on the value of trees for the beauty and importance as habitat and sustenance for wildlife as well as their environmental and social worth. The Park Board or the City Council's Cultural, Arts and Parks Committee should not approve the draft plan in its present form. It is too loosely written, can easily be misinterpreted and gives the Senior Urban Forester far too much latitude in the decisions. Mr. Kildall distributed a 16 page statement to the Board concerning views, permit decisions, snags and wildlife habitat, vandalism history, landscaping practices in the past, wildlife and environmental concerns, inspections, execution, slides and earthquakes, heritage trees, value of trees and public involvement.

Alvin Rutledge recommends the Department check other cities' tree policies. The city should not allow trees to overhang into the streets and have limbs falling down.

Pradepp Gandu is concerned about global warming. He agrees with statement given by Mr. Kildall. Policy needs to be written more clearly.

Thalia Denos stated people enjoy vistas from their homes and when they no longer can see the view they should be allowed to improve their view. Property is taxed for views.

The Superintendent recused himself from any discussions regarding private views as he lives on a bluff. He has asked Fritz Hedges, Director of Citywide Division, to lead that part of the policy discussion. Karen Daubert encourages Fritz to take the comments regarding the private views and bring back some changes to the Board. Michael Shiosaki anticipates changes to what is currently proposed in the permit portion of the policy. Fritz stated there are valid concerns to discuss and think about and a conclusion may not be able to be made at the next meeting. Staff will be prepared to talk to the Board more about this issue at its February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Items of Interest to the Board**

Michael Shiosaki and Karen Daubert suggested the Board schedule a retreat. A tentative date of March 1 was selected. It is hoped the 7<sup>th</sup> Park Board member will be selected by the retreat date.

Michael Shiosaki inquired about the Pergola and if the repairs will be paid for by the trucking company. The Superintendent said the trucking company and the insurance carrier have been cooperative. The big issues will be around materials and what will be allowed as it is a national landmark. Many people have come forward with offers of help.

Michael inquired if the Central Waterfront Public Hearing and Arboretum Master Plan discussion/recommendation could be placed on another meeting agenda as he will be out of the city on March 8. The Superintendent will check the schedules.

Karen Daubert attended the CSO workshop at the South Lake Union armory building. The workshop was interesting. She noted the building was very cold and people should be notified if they are going to attend a meeting there they should dress warmly.

The Superintendent asked the Board members to mark their calendars for an Urban Park and Recreation Alliance reception on March 21 or 22.

Karen Daubert attended a recent Jefferson Park Master Plan meeting and noted Don Bullard, Parks Project Manager, did a good job chairing the meeting.

Karen Daubert inquired about the Camp Long Rock closure. The Superintendent will check on why it is still closed.

An open space GAP Analysis discussion will be placed on an upcoming Park Board agenda.

The Park Board Brown Bag with the Council's Cultural, Arts and Parks Committee is scheduled for January 31 at noon in the 10<sup>th</sup> floor conference room. An agenda will be prepared including the tree policy and other issues the Board is considering.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bruce Bentley, Chair