

**CITY OF BELLEVUE
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
SPECIAL RETREAT MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday
May 15, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue Golf Course

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Clark, Vice-Chair Clima; Boardmembers Chianglin, Chou, Kronoff, Trescases, Valverde

COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT: Councilmember Hamilton

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Shelley Brittingham, Kim Bui, Toni Esparza, Pam Fehrman, Shelley McVein, Camron Parker, Mariam Sarwary, Michael Shiosaki, Ryan Walker, Jenny Zheng

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Boardmember Trescases and second by Boardmember Valverde to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Boardmember Kronoff and second by Boardmember Chou to approve the April 17, 2024 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion by Boardmember Kronoff and second by Boardmember Chou to make the following amendment to the April 17, 2024 meeting minutes:

Page 4/Item 8B Human services Needs Update/Discussion/First Bullet
~~Thanks for changing the way the homeless population is counted. Are there efforts to make the current measurement regional? Response: Need sub regional data, specifically for Bellevue, from King County.~~

Thank you for noting the change in the way the homeless population is counted. Are there efforts to ensure that we can continue apples-to-apples comparisons year over year? Response: King County cities and the county

take a regional approach to addressing this issue and the change in approach was regional, but board members are welcome to reach out to discuss more.

At the question, motion carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the amendment to the main motion.

At the question, motion carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the April 17, 2024 meeting minutes as amended.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

A. 2025-2026 Budget Process Overview

Councilmember Hamilton reviewed the updated set of 2024-2026 Bellevue City Council 3-year Priorities.

Ryan Walker, Senior Planner, reviewed data points and findings of the Parks & Open Space System Plan, including the following themes for future capital project objectives:

- Open Space, Greenways, Wildlife Corridors, & Trails
- Park Facilities
- Active Recreation Facilities
- Urban Park Systems
- Waterfront Access
- Partnership Opportunities
- Historic, Cultural, & Art Resources

Jenny Zheng, Fiscal Manager, discussed the updates on the city's CIP budget process for 2025-2026. In addition, Camron Parker, Assistant Director, presented an overview of the Parks and Community Services Board's role in the process and the structure for creating a CIP budget recommendation letter for the City Council. Pam Fehrman, Park Planning and Development Manager, then reviewed all of the Capital Budget Proposals for 2025-2034 that were submitted by the department.

The board discussed and identified possible themes and ideas for the content of their recommendation letter. Those included:

- Continue to fund ongoing projects.
- Accessibility should be a priority theme as it is a factor in several projects, including the park renovation/refurbishment.
- Need to look at the non-levy projects to prioritize.
- The Kelsey Creek Farm project improvements should be high on the priority list.
- Would like information added to demonstrate who would be impacted the most from the addition of a park (e.g., if a park was added in the Factoria area, how many people would be added to the list of having access to a park within 1/3 of a mile).

- Need to show how projects align with Council priorities.
- The timing of securing property for projects in Wilburton is now.
- Access to swimming is a necessity—this should be a high priority and put in the memo to Council with a reminder that the Parks Board endorsed the aquatic center at Airfield Park.
- Need to be certain that the Parks Board priorities are communicated. The list of projects that have been previous Council Priority projects should all be priorities.

Motion by Boardmember Valverde and second by Boardmember Trescases to extend the meeting until 8:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Boardmembers were encouraged to come to the next Board meeting prepared to review a draft letter that will spotlight and emphasize projects identified by the Board.

Motion by Boardmember Clima and second by Boardmember Trescases to extend the meeting until 8:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Discussion (continued):

- Need to connect the trail system.
- Community engagement is a Council Priority and several parks projects could be shown as a way to implement that priority.
- Need to align the projects to inspiring public spaces priority.

5. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held June 20, 2024, since June 19, 2024 is a holiday.

At 8:49 p.m., Chair Clark declared the meeting adjourned.