

CULTURAL COMMUNITIES BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday January 22, 2019 / 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. / Centennial Center - 400 W Gowe st. Kent WA 98032

City Staff: Uriel Varela

Presenters: Parks and Recreation

Board members present: Yusuf Bashir, Davies Chirwa, Marvin Eckfeldt, Sara Franklin-Phillips, Norma Maldonado, Miszanur Rahman, Vaivao Semisi-Tupou, Ted Schwarz, Tanya Medina, Lelei Masina.

Other's present: Brian Levenhagen, Pro consulting

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Conversation with Parks Department:

- Brian Levenhagen and the folks from Pro Consulting thanked the board members for their time and explained the purpose of the questions that were going to be asked. The goal for the meeting was to get various perspectives on the City's Parks department, their services, strengths and weaknesses.
- The first question asked was, "What does the Parks department need to strengthen the system? What's missing?"
- Board members went around speaking on what they believed the Park's department needed to improve services.
 - One board member mentioned that the department needed more scholarships because some immigrant families may have to choose what child can participate in their sports league.
 - Another board member mentioned that they've had very positive experiences with parks staff. The board member spoke specifically about having picnics and receiving excellent service. More covered picnic areas was mentioned as a need.
 - Board members generally agreed that more soccer fields were needed for the growing population of soccer players in this city. One board member explained that children over the age of 13 needed more options when it came to sports leagues.

Announcements:

- No announcements

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

