



**City of Kent
Parks and Human Services Committee Meeting
Minutes of November 15, 2007**

Council Present: Chair Debbie Ranniger, Debbie Raplee, Bob O'Brien

Call to Order: Debbie Ranniger called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Item 1: Approve Minutes of October 18, 2007

Debbie Raplee moved to approve the minutes of October 18, 2007. Bob O'Brien seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Item 2: 4Culture 2007 King County Performance Network Grant – Accept and Amend Budget

Lori Hogan explained that two new works of art were presented as a part of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Herbert Bayer's Earthworks at Mill Creek. She noted that 4Culture awarded the Arts Commission and the City Art Program \$8,000 in a reimbursement grant to present those works as a part of their 2007 Site Specific King County Performance Network. She requested that those funds be accepted and the 2007 budget be amended as appropriate. O'Brien moved to recommend Council accept the 4Culture grant for \$8,000 to support 2007 King County Performance Network projects and approve the expenditure of funds in the City Art budget. Raplee seconded and the motion carried.

Item 3: Lease Agreement Between Communities in Schools and Kent Commons - Authorize

Lori Hogan explained that the Communities in Schools program was previously housed in Covington City Hall in a space which is no longer available to them. She said they have asked for 107 sq. ft. of office space in Kent Commons, and requested approval for the Mayor to sign an agreement with them to lease the space at no charge. Raplee moved to recommend Council authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Communities in Schools-Kent to lease office space at Kent Commons. O'Brien seconded and the motion carried.

Item 4: King Conservation District Grant for Arbor Heights 360 Park - Authorize

Jeff Watling explained that this is a reimbursement grant for over \$13,000 to help plant berms and rockery within the park. He requested that the Mayor be authorized to sign and approve the expenditure of these funds, and noted that 10% of the grant will be held until completion of the project. O'Brien moved to recommend Council authorize the Mayor to sign the King Conservation Grant Agreement for \$13,373.69 to fund the Arbor Heights 360 Park Planting Project, and to approve the expenditure of funds in the Arbor Heights 360 budget. Raplee seconded and the motion carried.

Item 5: Resolution for Grant Application to Fund West Fenwick Park Improvements Project - Adopt

Jeff Watling explained that the project includes parking lot improvements, restroom replacement, development of a basketball court, and play area improvements, and that the \$75,000 grant would assist in funding basketball court improvements. He requested authorization to proceed with the application. Raplee moved to recommend Council adopt a resolution authorizing a grant application to the Recreation and Conservation Office, Youth Athletic Facility Program, to pursue funding for the West Fenwick Park Improvements Project, upon review by the City Attorney. O'Brien seconded and the motion carried.

Item 6: What's Happening in Parks

Jeff Watling explained the following:

The Parks Committee does not usually meet in December, due to the holiday.

Kent is a finalist to receive funding from The Kellogg Foundation for its 10-year Food and Fitness Initiative to support healthy choices, access to healthy food, and access to safe places for physical activity.

The holiday carousel will be set up on November 26 and will be open from December 8th through the 31st at Towne Square Plaza, and will be run by Kent Youth and Family Services and SKCAC Industries.

Concrete has been poured at Towne Square Plaza and the water feature is taking shape. The permit should be issued soon, the Rotary ball is due in December, and the project should be complete in February or March.

A sampling of holiday events include the Christmas Run/Walk, Art Fete, and Boy Scout Tree Recycling.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Brenda Jacober, CMC
City Clerk