

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Grant Sub-Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

1 **Supervisors Present:** Dick Ryon – Chair, Burr Mosby – Vice Chair, Bill Knutsen – Auditor

2 **Associate Supervisors Present:**

3 **Guests Present:** Ethan Newton (City of Covington, Parks and Recreation Director)

4 **Staff Present:** Bea Covington, Jessica Saavedra, Deirdre Grace

5 **Preliminary Matters:**

6 Meeting called to order at 4:05pm by the Board Chair, Dick Ryon. All attendees introduced  
7 themselves.

8 Saavedra requested the addition of another grant application from the City of Bellevue for the  
9 Martin Luther King Day 2019 Tree Planting and Volunteer Event to the agenda. She asked if the  
10 City of Covington amendment be moved up on the agenda after the Regional Food System  
11 Working Group Recommendations.

12 **Knutsen moved; Mosby seconded passed unanimously a motion to approve the agenda (3**  
13 **ayes, 0 nays)**

14 **Public Comment:** Opened at 4:07pm; closed at 4:08pm.

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16 **New Business:**

17 KCD Advisory Committee Regional Food Working Group - Embleton

18 Mary Embleton provided an update on the recommendations from KCD Advisory Committee  
19 Regional Food Working Group. Recommendations will go before the Advisory Committee  
20 meeting Wednesday 9/19/18. Of the 29 preproposals submitted, 28 proposals were eligible for  
21 review and 18 proposals were invited to submit a full proposal.

22 After the working group reviewed and asked questions about the proposals, 11 projects were  
23 recommended for funding. The total project list dropped to 10 because Sno-Valley Watershed  
24 Improvement District, Floodzilla project received full funding from the King County Flood  
25 Control District and they withdrew their KCD proposal. This leaves a significant opening in the  
26 funding recommendation. This will be discussed at the Advisory Committee meeting Wednesday  
27 9/19/18. The AC will then send the list of recommended projects to the KCD Board for

*“Promoting sustainable uses of natural resources  
through responsible stewardship”*

28 consideration in October. It is likely that the KCD-Seattle Community Partnerships grant  
29 recommendations will be up for consideration in October as well. Discussion ensued about the  
30 Rotary First Harvest project.

31 Covington stated that last year KCD redirected leftover funds for projects and considered  
32 strategic initiatives. She said there is a larger conversation to be considered on this topic.

33 Ethan Newton, Parks Director for the City of Covington gave a presentation about the Covington  
34 Community Park project and the amendment request on the subcommittee agenda. He explained  
35 that phase one construction occurred in 2012-2013 and that they ran out of funding for  
36 interpretive signage in the city budget. Therefore, they shifted funds from the KCD grant into  
37 phase two construction for signs in addition to the trail work. All signs (11) have been installed  
38 and the trail work completed. The amendment request is for an additional \$5,000 to cover the  
39 additional trails installed. He explained that the park is 29 acres, 15 acres of which is natural  
40 area, the rest is active recreation. The signs cover topics such as laminated root rot, invasive  
41 plants, and tree snags and contribute to the outdoor classroom function of the park. The Harto  
42 Pavilion named after the Mayor of the City of Covington has a green roof. Several bioretention  
43 cells have been installed and KCD funds support educational signs on this project. Ryon asked  
44 what the other sources of funding for this project are. Newton responded that they have grants  
45 from state, federal, and local funds including KCD, King County, and the City contributions.

46 Knutsen said he is happy to see the project nearing completion and that the Member Jurisdiction  
47 funding is being utilized.

48 **Knutsen moved, Covington seconded; passed unanimously the motion to approve AI 18-067**  
49 **the grant amendment request from the City of Covington for the Covington Community**  
50 **Park project revising the budget to add \$4,925, increasing the grant award from \$86,287 to**  
51 **\$91,212 (3 ayes, 0 nays).**

52 The subcommittee reviewed the application from the City of Bellevue for the Replacement of  
53 Waterwise Garden Interpretive signs. They asked grant staff Jessica Saavedra to ask the applicant  
54 about the \$10,000 difference between the total project cost and the grant request. There isn't any  
55 information in the budget about the difference. Saavedra will include information about the budget  
56 question in the briefing report for the Board meeting.

57 **Knutsen moved, Covington seconded; passed unanimously a motion to recommend 18-068**  
58 **City of Bellevue Waterwise Garden Interpretive signs application for funding at the October**  
59 **Board meeting (3 ayes, 0 nays).**

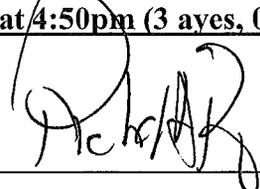
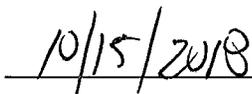
60 The subcommittee reviewed the next application from the City of Bellevue for the Bellevue  
61 Botanic Gardens Native Discovery Garden Enhancement Project.

62 **Knutsen moved, Covington seconded; passed unanimously AI 18-069 a motion to**  
63 **recommend the City of Bellevue Botanic Gardens Native Discovery Garden Enhancement**  
64 **application for funding at the October Board meeting (3 ayes, 0 nays).**

65 The subcommittee reviewed the final application from the City of Bellevue for the Martin Luther  
66 King Day 2019 Tree Planting and Volunteer Event. Questions were raised about the site, in terms  
67 of size, elevation, and neighboring land use. In general, the committee questioned how that many  
68 trees could be planted by volunteers within the given time frame. Members inquired about the  
69 long-term maintenance plan for the trees after they are planted.

70 Knutsen moved, Covington seconded; passed unanimously AI 18-070 a motion to  
71 recommend the City of Bellevue Martin Luther King Day 2019 Tree Planting and Volunteer  
72 Event application for funding at the October Board meeting with the condition that the city  
73 will provide more information about the maintenance plan (3 ayes, 0 nays).

74 Knutsen moved; Covington seconded passed unanimously a motion to adjourn the meeting  
75 at 4:50pm (3 ayes, 0 nays)

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78 Authorized Signature

Date

79 Summary of Motions

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81 ayes, 0 nays)

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83 amendment request from the City of Covington for the Covington Community Park project  
84 revising the budget to add \$4,925, increasing the grant award from \$86,287 to \$91,212 (3  
85 ayes, 0 nays).

86 Knutsen moved, Covington seconded; passed unanimously a motion to recommend City of  
87 Bellevue Waterwise Garden Interpretive signs application for funding at the October Board  
88 meeting (3 ayes, 0 nays).

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90 of Bellevue Botanic Gardens Native Discovery Garden Enhancement application for funding  
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