

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

9/23/2019

1 **Supervisors Present:** Dick Ryon – Chair, Burr Mosby – Vice Chair, Kirstin Haugen - Supervisor

2 **Associate Supervisors Present:** Chris Porter

3 **Guests Present:** Francine Sanchez – City of Kent Parks and Recreation

4 **Staff Present:** Lindsey Davidson, Jessica Saavedra, Deirdre Grace

5 Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Dick Ryon. All attendees introduced themselves. Ryon
6 asked for additions or corrections to the current agenda.

7 **Haugen moved; Mosby seconded passed unanimously a motion to approve the agenda (3**
8 **ayes, 0 nays)**

9 **Public Comment:** None

10 **Presentations:** Urban Natural Area Management Plan Proposal by Francine Sanchez

11 Francine introduced herself and her work with the City of Kent Parks and Recreation Department.

12 She stated that the department currently oversees 500 acres of natural land and resources. Because
13 of city budget decisions, there are currently no staff positions that manage the natural areas in the
14 city parks or coordinate volunteer events for maintenance. The five main goals of the proposal are
15 reinvestment, connection, safety, management, and stewardship. Sanchez explained the KCD Tree
16 Canopy Assessment and City of Kent Parks survey data was utilized to build the proposal.
17 Currently the department has interns working on an urban forest plan. She continued that they have
18 compared current park values and potential values, focusing on the five main goals depending on
19 the individual park's needs. Phase 1 of the proposal would use funds to staff a team and create a
20 more detailed plan of action. Phase 2 would be hiring more coordinators for stewardship and
21 maintenance. Phase 3 is developing partnerships and re-building the volunteer program. Phase 4
22 is building education programs such as trail signage and native species education. Phase 5 would
23 be an assessment of the work completed in Phases 1 through 4.

24 Saavedra added that there have been several meetings with the City of Kent on reestablishing their
25 stewardship program and discussing potential improvements. Sanchez added that there have been
26 difficulties coordinating with other city departments, especially between Parks and capital projects.

27 The Board discussed potential partnerships with other groups.

28 Saavedra stated for the record that there was an adjustment made to the application submitted. She
29 explained the initial application award will be \$149,000 and that next year City of Kent can submit
30 an amendment to request more funds as they become available.

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

31 **Mosby motioned; Hagen seconded passed unanimously a motion to recommend the**
32 **application from the City of Kent for Urban Natural Area Management Plan (Phase 1 and**
33 **2) for approval at the next Board of Supervisors meeting. (3 ayes, 0 nays).**

34 **Amendments:**

35 1) City of Bellevue – Replacement of Waterwise Garden Interpretive Signs

36 Saavedra explained this is the second date extension amendment for the grant due to staff turnover.
37 The extension would be for December 31, 2019. She continued that she told the city that she will
38 review the project signs before placement to ensure the KCD logo is present and visible.

39 **Haugen moved, Mosby seconded unanimously a motion to amend the end date for the City**
40 **of Bellevue – Replacement of Waterwise Garden Interpretive Signs to December 31, 2019. (3**
41 **ayes, 0 nays)**

42 2) City of Shoreline – 2019 Richmond Beach Saltwater Park Habitat Restoration

43 Saavedra explained that the site has been very difficult, but there has been a lot of investment in
44 the project with volunteers and community stewardship. The landscape of the beach has not
45 responded to the practices already implemented, so the City is requesting \$4,973 in additional
46 funds to blow in compost and mulch which will hopefully alleviate the issue. The request would
47 cover contracted services for mulch delivery and some additional field supplies.

48 Haugen asked if this will cover the whole beach. Saavedra confirmed that they will try a smaller
49 section of the slope above the beach first and if successful, they will move to cover a larger area.

50 After Board questions and discussion, it was decided to suspend the amendment until Saavedra
51 confirms with City of Shoreline more details about the location of compost and mulch application
52 because the map they submitted did not match her discussions with the City.

53 3) City of Newcastle – Citizen Survey: Stormwater Awareness Attitudes, and Behavior

54 Saavedra explained that they City of Newcastle is requesting an additional \$1,000 because the
55 quote for the work came in \$1,000 more than proposed after the application had been approved by
56 the Board of Supervisors in September.

57 **Haugen moved; Mosby seconded unanimously a motion to amend the budget for City of**
58 **Newcastle – Citizen Survey: Stormwater Awareness, Attitudes, and Behavior by an increase**
59 **of \$1,000. (3 aye, 0 nays)**

60 Near the conclusion of the meeting, Mosby asked Saavedra if there was a minimum size
61 requirement for our logo on signage for these projects. He suggested that KCD include a minimum
62 logo size clause in the member jurisdiction contract. Saavedra responded that she will be inquiring
63 with other funders to see if there is a clause for logo size in their contracts with grantees.

64 There being no more business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

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66  11-11-2019

67 Authorized Signature

Date

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69 Summary of Motions

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