



# Burien

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Mike Martin, City Manager  
**DATE:** June 7, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** City Manager's Report

### I. INTERNAL CITY INFORMATION

#### A. 2011-2012 Human Services Funding Update

The City of Burien, along with 16 other cities joined together to use a common on-line application process for 2011-2012 human services funding. The application deadline was April 29, 2010. Fifty applications were submitted to Burien requesting a total of \$482,800. The City of Burien allocates 1% of its General Fund expenditures for human services, which is approximately \$170,000. A committee will be formed this summer to review the applications and make recommendations to the City Council.

#### B. Planning Course in Burien July 13

We are hosting a "Short Course on Local Planning" on Tuesday, July 13 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the first floor meeting room. This session will pre-empt the Planning Commission meeting and will be televised on Channel 21 and live on our website. The Short Course is sponsored by the Washington State Department of Commerce, the Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association and the Planning Association of Washington. The session will include the legal basis of planning, comprehensive planning and implementation under the Growth Management Act, and the role of the planning commission. Registration is required for this free session, which is open to Councilmembers, Planning Commissioners and the public. Please contact Cynthia Schaff in our Legal Department at 206-248-5531 for more information and registration.

#### C. Update on Shoreline Master Program (SMP) (Pg. 75)

At the May 24<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, Council asked for the schedule for reviewing the Draft Shoreline Master Program (see below). We sent over 500 notifications of the two forums to our SMP interest list and shoreline property owners. A copy of the notification is attached.

- June 14 (special meeting): Public Forum #1
- June 21: Public Forum #2
- July 19: Discussion
- August 2: Discussion and direction to staff
- August 16: Public hearing
- August 30 (special meeting): Discussion and adoption

**D. Chip Davis Becomes Certified Planner**

Burien Planner Chip Davis recently became the Community Development Department's fourth member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). AICP is the American Planning Association's professional institute, providing recognized leadership nationwide in the certification of professional planners, ethics, professional development, planning education, and the standards of planning practice. Becoming an AICP planner recognizes a high level of experience and knowledge in the planning field, and exemplifies our value of excellence. Congratulations Chip!

**E. 2010 Community Forestry Assistance Grant**

Public Works has received notification of award of a \$9,800 grant from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. The grant, which is provided by a combination of the Department of Natural Resources and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service, is to be used for a one-year special project to develop a Burien Initial Street Tree Inventory. The project will help to support the mission of the Urban and Community Forestry Program to create self-sustaining urban and community forestry programs that preserve, plant, and manage forests and trees for public benefits and quality of life. Work on the project will likely begin in August of this year and will include the services of a forestry college intern and field assistant for up to three months. The result of the program will be an inventory of street trees in the city which will lead to the ability to better manage and maintain this valuable resource.

**F. Fiscal Year 2012 Stormwater Grant Program**

The Department of Ecology (DOE) has announced its Capacity Grant opportunity for Fiscal Year 2012. Offer letters will be sent out to eligible cities and counties in early/mid-June. Eligible cities are those that are covered by the Phase I and II municipal stormwater permits. The City of Burien is eligible to receive a base grant of \$70,000 with the work to be done and the money spent by June 30, 2012.

**G. Building Department Projects Update**

Phase II construction for the Environmental Science Center at Seahurst Park is underway to complete all rough-in work and sheetrock cover.

Construction for the remodel and change of use from an office to a church has started on the Mission Baptist Church located at 1018 SW 144<sup>th</sup> Street in the North Burien area.

Plan review corrections for the Navos Mental Health & Wellness Center project located at 1210 SW 136<sup>th</sup> Street have been submitted for review with the goal to begin foundation work June 14, 2010.

#### **H. Community Meeting at Arbor Heights Apartments – May 11**

On May 11 representatives from the Burien Police Department and city staff met with community members living at the Arbor Heights Apartments located at 135 SW 116th Street. New Futures, a non-profit organization that operates in the apartment complex, organized the meeting so that residents could learn more about how the recent annexation would impact them and to meet members of the police department. Information was provided in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

#### **I. New Community Center Now Complete**

The project to repurpose the former Burien Library which began last year is now complete. Employing the most basic of sustainable building practices, the project reused the 20,450 square feet of the former library in its entirety, kept the library's meeting room, kept the library's office area, and divided the large library space into a reception area and six large meeting rooms.

The building's mechanical system was nearing its life expectancy and code requirements for the six new meeting rooms necessitated an adaptable heating and cooling system for changing occupants and activities. McKinstry Essention designed a state-of-the-art mechanical system using variable refrigerant flow technology that individually meets the heating and cooling needs of each meeting room while maximizing energy efficiency.

In addition, McKinstry retrofitted existing light fixtures with high-efficiency electronic ballasts and new, brighter light lenses. Existing daylight and window views were maintained, and a new window was added to the south side of the building.

New finish materials included paint with zero gas emissions, carpet made from recycled carpet (which will also be recycled when it wears out), and exercise flooring made from recycled tires. The project took full advantage of the existing building, and employed new technology and green building practices to make it an efficient, sustainable construction project and new community center.

#### **J. Open House for New Community Center Attracts Hundreds**

The new Burien Community Center held a very successful Open House on May 15. Approximately 700 people attended the festive event, which featured recreation program demonstrations, information booths, participatory activities, and distribution of free healthy snacks. Response was especially strong to the "one-day only" summer program registration discount, with 129 registrations processed during the 2-hour event. Both a simulated wedding banquet and children's birthday party were also set up so visitors could see how private rental events would actually look in the facility's beautiful new rooms. Numerous Burien businesses contributed the snacks, drinks, and gift raffles for this celebratory event. (Video of the event is available at [www.youtube.com/burienparks](http://www.youtube.com/burienparks).)

**K. Teen Program Hosts Late Night Dance**

The Parks Department's "Saturday Night Late Night Program" hosted a "Nerd Dance" for 7th through 10th graders at Sylvester Middle School on May 15. Eighty-seven (87) participants attended the dance, with many dressed "nerdy", along with the staff. A DJ provided dance music and healthy snacks were served.

**L. Burien's First Community Garden Now Operational**

Burien's first community garden was opened to the public on May 15. This was the culmination of just less than one year of discussion, planning and implementation involving staff, the Parks and Recreation Board and active community members. The final design and construction was truly a partnership between staff and members of Sustainable Burien. These community volunteers were very "hands-on", acquiring grant funding through Burien's Neighborhood Matching Fund program, organizing work parties, purchasing building materials and performing the garden's construction. The garden has 26 plots, plus 5 raised bed plots for those maybe not quite so able to work on the ground. All 31 plots are anticipated to be filled by the second week in June.

**M. Seahurst Park Beach Nationally Recognized**

Seahurst Park's south shore renovation has received national acclaim from the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association, which named Seahurst a winner of its 2010 Best Restored Beach Award. Seahurst Park stands in tall company with its Best Restored Beach Award. Only four beaches in the nation are given the award, two on each coast. Other winners are Seal Beach, California; Navarre Beach, Florida; and Corpus Christi, Texas. Seahurst Park was the first project funded by the Army Corps of Engineers "Puget Sound and Adjacent Water's" program and has effectively served as a prototype project for addressing many Puget Sound ecosystem restoration issues. Coastal communities nominated their projects for consideration in the Best Restored Beach competition, and an independent panel of coastal managers and scientists selected the winners. Judging was based on the economic and ecological benefits the beach brings to its community, the short- and long-term success of the restoration project, and the challenges each community overcame during the course of the project.

Building on success, the City is seeking grants to complete the northern beach restoration project, and has already received grant support from the Washington State Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program for \$1.1 million, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for \$750,000 and the King Conservation District for \$510,000. The 2,865 feet of northern shoreline currently includes a mix of rock and concrete seawalls which will be removed and replaced with sand, gravel, vegetation and other natural features. As with the southern beach project, the goal is to restore natural processes to sustain a naturally functioning park shoreline, and to provide the public with expanded and more accessible beaches.

**N. North Burien Parks – Maintenance Update**

Since Burien has assumed maintenance responsibilities of six park sites in North Burien, our contractor TruGreen has been very busy catching up on items of deferred maintenance. Some of the first items that neighbors are noticing is the tree trimming and brush removal, which aids with enhancing site lines along trails and reduces blind spots or “hiding” places within the parks. Aside from providing quality routine maintenance such as litter removal or mowing, staff are focusing on enhancing visitor safety through proactive landscape maintenance. Staff has already received comments from the local neighbors who have noticed and appreciate the service we are providing.

**O. Burien Parks Brings Home Two Awards**

At the Washington State Association of Senior Centers' annual conference held May 25-27 in Olympia, Burien took home two prestigious awards for Professional of the Year (Kristy Dunn) and Best New Senior Program (the “ShapeUp Program”):

- Professional Award – Nominees for this award will have held a senior center position and demonstrated through their work efforts, performance, and concern that clearly excel beyond normal duties. This extra effort can be in the area of legislation, professional or community involvement, creative programming, etc. The diligence of this nominee must have provided other senior center staff or agencies with real inspiration and motivation. Kristy Dunn received the award for accomplishments during her six years with the City of Burien and 12+ years in the field of senior programs. Some of her recent accomplishments include: merging the Parks and Senior Program front desks, project lead for new community center design and move (including overseeing logistics such as daily class and program details for each room, front desk stations, facility safety issues, tagging new office spaces' furniture and equipment, etc.), covering colleagues' maternity leave tasks (e.g., Recreation Guide production, overseeing classes and programs, web publisher for Parks Dept.), and many more details of daily program supervision.
- Best New Senior Program/Activity Award – A program/activity nominated in this category has to represent an innovative new direction for senior centers. The program/activity must benefit the current group of senior center participants and also attract newcomers to participate. The ShapeUp Program was launched as a fall prevention/Matter of Balance campaign in fall 2009 at four sites (Bellevue, Bitter Lake, Burien and Northshore Community Centers), selected for their centralized locations to seniors in each area, facility capacity and selection of current fitness programs. Sponsored by King County Emergency Services, ShapeUp was a success the first year it was launched. Each site brought in at least 20-40 new seniors into their fitness and dance programs and introduced those who were currently active to new activities. To date this winter quarter, 27 participants who are brand new to dance and fitness classes have used this discount, making the total Burien count 82 for new participants and/or returning participants in new classes since the program's inception. With the addition of a new site (Laurelhurst) in 2010, ShapeUp will continue these successes with a

bigger selection of active classes for seniors and incentives for any new senior participant and/or any senior taking a new active class.

**P. 2010/2011 Overlay Projects**

The Public Works Department will be advertising its 2010/2011 Street Overlay Program Project during the week of June 14, 2010. The project will include between 28 and 30 lane miles.

**Q. Old B/IAS Asphalt to be Removed & Recycled**

Public Works Maintenance crews will be cleaning up the asphalt on the lot between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues SW on SW 151<sup>st</sup> and 150<sup>th</sup> Streets. The asphalt will be recycled.

**R. Pedestrian Crossing Improvements**

The landings for the pedestrian crossing just north of South 128<sup>th</sup> Street on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue will be cleared of vegetation and debris by Public Works Maintenance crews.

**II. COUNCIL UPDATES/REPORTS**

**A. Regional Issues Discussed by Suburban Cities Association – May 12, 2010**

Councilmember Keene participated in the May 12 meeting of the Suburban Cities Association's Public Issues Committee (PIC). The PIC considered such issues as guidance for suburban cities' members of the Regional Transit Task Force (approved), and possible support for crisis diversion services to assist mentally ill persons in crisis, so that they do not need to be housed in jails (tabled due to concerns over "operational questions"). The PIC also heard reports about Domestic Violence Initiative tools; jail and juvenile detention capacity; a proposal for tracking transportation projects and use of federal funds; funding for flood control projects, and plans to increase Metro sewer rates.

**B. Sea-Tac Airport's Part 150 Noise Study Public Workshop – June 9 (Pg. 76)**

Attached is a flyer providing information on the Port of Seattle's Part 150 Noise Study, which is designed to address and mitigate the effects of aircraft noise within the airport communities.

**C. Advisory Board Meeting Minutes (Pg. 77)**

Attached are the approved minutes from the following advisory boards:

- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting of March 10, 2010