

**CITY OF BURIEN
AGENDA BILL**

Agenda Subject: Presentations of 2010 Annual Reports by the Arts Commission and Parks & Recreation Board		Meeting Date: June 20, 2011
Department: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PaRCS)	Attachments: 1. Arts Commission Annual Report 2. Parks Board Annual Report	Fund Source: N/A Activity Cost: N/A Amount Budgeted: N/A Unencumbered Budget Authority: N/A
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Adopted Initiative: Yes No X	Initiative Description: N/A	
PURPOSE/REQUIRED ACTION:		
<p>The purpose of this agenda item is for the Council to receive the annual reports from the Arts Commission and the Parks and Recreation Board regarding primary and related activities in 2010. In addition to activities of these groups, information is also included in the reports concerning a number of programs, services or projects worked on by PaRCS Department staff where the groups provided input for or other kinds of support. The work programs planned for this year and next are also included.</p> <p>Donna DiFiore, Arts Commission Vice-Chair, will be presenting the Arts Commission’s report.</p> <p>Sheryl Knowles, Parks Board Chair, will present the Parks Board’s report.</p> <p>The Arts Commission is staffed by Gina Kallman (Cultural Arts Supervisor) and Debbie Zemke (Recreation Manager). The PaRCS Department Advisory Board is staffed by Steve Roemer (Parks Development & Operations Manager).</p>		
BACKGROUND (Include prior Council action & discussion):		
<p>As required by the Burien Municipal Code and governing ordinances establishing the Arts Commission and the Parks & Recreation Board, the respective advisory boards shall submit to the City Council an annual report of accomplishments for the previous year and work-plan recommendations.</p>		
OPTIONS (Including fiscal impacts): N/A		
Administrative Recommendation: Receive presentations.		
Committee Recommendation: N/A		
Advisory Board Recommendation: N/A		
Suggested Motion: None required.		
Submitted by: Michael Lafreniere		
Administration _____		City Manager _____
Today’s Date: June 16, 2011	File Code: R:/CC/AgendaBills2011/062011pks-1 Annual Reports	

Memorandum

To: Mayor Joan McGilton & Burien City Council Members

From: Virginia Wright, Arts Commission Chair

Date: June 20, 2011

Re: 2010 Arts Commission Report & 2011 Work Plan

The City of Burien Arts Commission is pleased to report the following accomplishments during 2010:

This year the Commission focused on the 153rd Banner Project and development of the City's first Public Art Plan to expend the 1% for Art Fund.

Visual Arts

Arts Education

- ***Downtown Banner Project-*** In 2009, discussion began to activate a banner project that would incorporate student drawings and bring a visual cultural connection to the diversity of Burien. Drawings for the project came from Gregory Heights Elementary, Sylvester Middle School, Highline High School and Puget Sound Skills Center. The drawings were displayed at the Burien Community Center Open House in 2010, and then eleven of the strongest images were chosen to be turned into banners. Through a partnership with Discover Burien and funds from the Public Art Fund the commission was able to have 44 banners created for 153rd street, to be installed in 2011.
- ***Education Committee-*** The committee met and created a five year plan that included: 1) Support the Downtown Banner Project, 2) Invite a parent or instructor from each Burien School to serve on the education committee to keep the committee updated on what is happening with the arts in the schools, 3) Serve as an advocate for the arts in the Highline School District, 4) Study the feasibility of expanding the Art Docent Program in Burien Elementary Schools. 5) Work on how to get more Arts Corps or similar residency programs into Burien Elementary Schools.
- ***Highline School District Arts Council-*** Staff served on the council to provide guidance to the Highline School Board on how to provide more arts to Highline students. Recommendations went before the School Board in June and included hiring an Arts Coordinator, adopting an arts board policy, increasing arts offerings at some of the schools with the lowest amount of offerings, and providing professional development opportunities for elementary school teachers.
- ***Arts Corps-*** Arts Corps continued their partnership program with the City at Cedarhurst Elementary School and planned a new program with Hilltop Elementary School in North Burien. City seed monies have been helping bring these programs to some of our elementary schools with the highest number of low income students. In 2010 the Cedarhurst PTSA held fundraisers to pay for the Arts Corps program to come to their school, allowing the city seed monies to be stretched to Hilltop Elementary.

Public Art

- ***PSSC Sculpture-*** Instructor Dale Copeland from the Puget Sound Skills Center worked with his welding students to create a sculpture that will be on long-term loan at the Burien Community Center. The Lighthouse sculpture, installed in the entry courtyard, is made of metal and has light

and water features. The students take great pride in knowing that they build something that others will enjoy!

- **Public Art Plan-** The Public Art Committee worked to create a comprehensive plan for the funding, acquisition and placement of public art. The plan works with the \$47,000 in the public art fund and includes a project list and guidelines.

Arts-A-Glow Lantern Festival and Procession

- On September 18th, over 600 community members came to Town Square to celebrate the 2010 Burien Lantern Festival, known as “Arts-A -Glow”. The numbers were lower than 2009 due to heavy rain, but staff and volunteers were impressed with the turn out for the event considering the steady downpour. Lantern making, artist-created lantern installations funded by a grant from 4 Culture, music, performance and a procession were highlights of the event, which was a collaboration between artists Denise Hendrickson and Leslie Zenz, City staff, and Burien Arts Commissioners.

Performing Arts

Wild Strawberry Festival

- 5,000 people attended the annual Wild Strawberry Festival at the Town Square Park, which was half of its normal attendance due to very cold and rainy weather throughout the weekend. City staff coordinated this large event which sported a new location and new name for 2010. The new location also allowed Discover Burien’s Car Show to be held on the same site as the Festival. The event was held June 19th and 20th and included performing artists, musicians, trapeze artists, street performers, vendors, participatory arts, and green activities. Various Commissioners assisted as event volunteers, and the Burien Auto Dealers were the signature sponsors.

11th Annual Summer Music and Movies in the Park

- 3,000 people attended these staff-organized events at Lake Burien School Park. Six concerts by Washington bands and two movies were scheduled. The event also included the *Family Fiesta*, bringing Latin music, food and activities to the community.
- 4 Culture and Burien Auto Dealers sponsored these events.

Arts Crush and Night of the Pumpkin

- Burien participated in the first annual Arts Crush event in October 2010. The event was created by Theater Puget Sound as a way to get more people involved in the arts in the month of October For 2010; the City-sponsored Night of the Pumpkin was an Arts Crush event offering storytelling and music to the community, as well as games, a costume parade, face painting, and more.

4-Culture Site Specific Art Events in Burien

4-Culture provided and/or contributed funding for these unusual and innovative events while city staff provided administration:

- *Cabiri—Anunnaki Trapeze* artist performed with their trapeze rig at the Wild Strawberry Festival and returned to Arts-A-Glow to stilt walk in costumes made by artist Leslie Zenz.
- *Ensaio na Rua*—Artist Eduardo Mendonza interacted with the community in the performer Plazarama at the Wild Strawberry Festival with Brazilian street music.

Special Projects

Arts and Culture Fund

- \$20,000 was allocated in 2010 for local arts organizations who applied to the City’s annual fund. Commissioners reviewed all submitted requests, which totaled \$53,000.

Washington State Arts Day

Parks staff and Commissioners traveled to Olympia in February to participate in *Arts Day*, and explain to representatives how the arts enhance communities and why funding for granting organizations like 4Culture is essential to local arts organizations' sustainability.

2011 Work Plan

- Develop relationship with new Highline School District Cultural Arts Specialist
- Serve as an advocate for the arts in Highline School District
- Support Downtown Banner Project
- Discuss moving forward with 5 year education plan including re-introducing arts docent program into Burien elementary schools
- Work with PSSC on sculpture project
- Work with Parks Manager and 4 Culture to move Thomas Lindsey Sculpture, commonly referred to as "The Donut", to a new location in Seahurst Park.
- Contact Dollar Store to see if 4th Ave Wall Mural project is feasible
- Identify and assist with labeling all of existing Burien public artwork
- Administer the Arts and Culture re-granting fund
- Schedule ARTalk for Burien's non-profit arts organizations in February with Marcia Holland about best practices for boards and volunteers
- Work with Arts and Culture Groups to create the 2011-12 Arts and Culture brochure or convert to new e-newsletter format.
- Continue building relationship with BEDP and Discover Burien
- Review art elements in current Economic Development chapter of existing Comp Plan and support efforts for implementation. and prioritize a goal or goals for 2011
- Develop a "Connecting to Cultural Community" plan and goals for 2012

Memorandum

To: Mayor Joan McGilton and City Council Members
From: Sheryl Knowles, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chair
Date: June 20, 2011
Re: Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department (PaRCS) 2010 Advisory Board Annual Report

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board makes recommendations regarding the acquisition, promotion, improvements, maintenance, use and recreational programming of City parks. The Burien PaRCS Department provides quality services and facilities, which contribute to the economic development of our city, enhance the quality of life of our citizens, and promotes environmental stewardship of our natural resources.

The Board is pleased to report the following Department accomplishments during 2010.

Department Planning and Programming:

- 1) The Board reviewed the 2011-2012 Department Work Plan, and Capital and Operational Budgets.
- 2) The Park Board toured the newly acquired north Burien Parks. The capital and operational needs of the north Burien area parks were discussed by the Board and staff. Needed facility improvements and maintenance requirements were identified.
- 3) The Seahurst Park North Shoreline Restoration project updates were discussed with the Board. The project, in partnership with the USACE has completed 35% design and permitting. Final design and construction is currently pending, awaiting approval of a Project Partnership Agreement with the Corps.
- 4) The Community Garden Program opened on May 15, 2010. This program has been very successful and we have received great feedback from the community. All the plots have been rented. The Board will continue to review future needs for program expansion.
- 5) Developed new community center fees and operational procedures, and implemented a new rotating art exhibit at the facility.
- 6) Recruited tenants, developed leases and fees for the old community center, which is currently filled.
- 7) Developed a new co-sponsorship program for community non-profits seeking fee reductions for community center room or park rentals.
- 8) Planned new site-based recreation programs for North Burien neighborhoods. Also, worked with principals in the new elementary schools to evaluate new recreational programs to support those families.

- 9) The Board, as a recurring agenda item will discuss enhancing or supporting additional recreational opportunities within existing parks. These may include identifying passive use activities utilizing existing amenities or very minor renovations, or reprogramming current space, such as creating a dog park area, disc golf course or other popular activity.
- 10) Initial planning for the installation a new play structure at Puget Sound Park, with completion pending CDBG final funding.
- 11) A Vegetative Management Plan is being developed for Salmon Creek Ravine, due to be completed in summer 2011. The plan and its implementation is a collaboration between Burien, King County and the Shorewood on the Sound community volunteers. The plan is being developed by a University of Washington student as partial fulfillment of a Master's Degree in Environmental Horticulture.
- 12) The Town Square spray plaza became operational in July 2010 and has been greatly enjoyed by the public.

Department Improvements and Construction:

- 1) The new Burien Community Center had its grand opening in May 2010 with over 500 in attendance. This wonderful facility offers space for toddlers, teens, health services, computer, dance, exercise, meeting rooms and senior programs. Program registration has increased since the new facility has opened, and center visitation has increased significantly, as the new center is now viewed as a social destination.
- 2) Over \$130,000 was invested on renovations to the 6 new parks in North Burien. Staff and contractors replaced all park signs, repaved the dilapidated asphalt trails, and replaced tables, park benches and garbage cans with new durable and attractive products.
- 3) There were two large work parties, with three additionally scheduled at Arbor Lake Park, resulting in the removal of invasive plants from along the lake front. Future plans include replacing invasives with native plants appropriate for the site. The understory of the park's evergreen trees was also pruned, in order to improve visibility for park security.
- 4) An expansion of Mathison Park was completed and opened to the public. The improvements included paved and soft trails, picnic areas, viewpoints, a K-5 playground, interpretive trail signage and substantial planting of native vegetation.
- 5) Dottie Harper Park House was opened for public use. The house had the wood floors refinished and received new kitchen flooring and lights. Several organizations now regularly rent the facility.
- 6) The old Community Center building is fully occupied by leasees, such as Para Los Ninos, Highline Community College extension, Transform Burien, Burien Co-op Preschool, Burien Little Theatre and the Hi Liners.

Volunteer Activities:

- 7) The 2010 Adopt-a-Park program had 314 volunteers providing 1221 hours of work in the parks, including Eagle Landing, Manhattan, Mathison, Salmon Creek Ravine, Seahurst and Shorewood Parks. In addition to park neighbors, volunteers came in organized groups from schools, companies and other volunteer groups. Included among the volunteer organizations are Highline High School, New Start High School, St. Francis Elementary, Jobee Daycare, YMCA, Americorp and Hawkeye Company.

Park Dedications:

- 1) Mathison Park was dedicated on April 13, 2010 in conjunction with our City Arbor Day celebration.

Department Partnerships:

- 1) Participating on new Highline School District advisory committees related to cultural arts and athletics.
- 2) Have expanded the “Shape Up” program in partnership with King County Emergency Services to provide fitness class fee discounts for older adults.
- 3) Collaborated with Puget Sound Skills Center staff and students to create and locate a new outdoor sculpture for the community center atrium.
- 4) New Start High School, in collaboration with Adopt-A-Park, has extended their career training and environmental learning out of the classroom and into our parks. Students have spent many afternoons performing native plant restoration work at both Salmon Creek Park and Salmon Creek Ravine, supported by and contributing to classroom curriculum.

Park Events:

- 1) The Strawberry Festival has expanded and found a new home at the Town Square event site.
- 2) The annual Night of the Pumpkin event, held at Town Square Park, expanded and merged with our Halloween Carnival event held at both Dottie Harper Park and the new community center.

Grant Funding:

- 1) Puget Sound Park playground restoration project was awarded \$120,000 through the CDBG program.
- 2) Restoration work at Salmon Creek Ravine completed in partnership with EarthCorps, was funded for \$28,000 through the King Conservation District.

- 3) Final results and funding are outstanding for two grants related to Seahurst Park, one through the State Estuary and Salmon Recovery program and the other through the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. The current State funding levels do not appear to be adequate to make these grants successful for this round.

Park Recognition:

- 1) Seahurst Park's south shore renovation project received national acclaim from the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association, which named Seahurst a winner of its 2010 Best Restored Beach Awards. Only four beaches in the nation are given the award.
- 2) At the Washington State Association of Senior Centers' annual conference Burien took home two prestigious awards for Professional of the Year (Kristy Dunn) and Best New Senior Program (the "Shape Up Program")