



PARK BOARD AGENDA
Fire District Conference Center
10518 – 18th St. SE, Lake Stevens
Tuesday, September 24, 2013

OPEN HOUSE **6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL:

GUEST BUSINESS:

ACTION ITEMS: A. Approval of July 23, 2013 Minutes * Chair Jones

DISCUSSION ITEMS: A. Preliminary Results of Survey Russ

B. Review Draft Goals and Policies Russ

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Chair Jones

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

ADJOURN:

PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: A.

*ITEMS ATTACHED

**ITEMS PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED

#ITEMS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND

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Staff Report
City of Lake Stevens
Park & Recreation Planning Board

Park Board Briefing
Date: **September 24, 2013**

Subject: **Parks & Recreation Meeting**
Contact Person/Department: **Russell Wright**, Senior Planner

SUMMARY: Staff will discuss preliminary results from the 2013 Parks and Recreation Survey and discuss updated goals and policies for the Park Plan.

Discussion Item A

Staff prepared a survey to solicit public response on parks and recreation facilities within the city of Lake Stevens. The survey contained questions related to demographics, access to facilities, facility use & preferences, community desires, satisfaction and potential funding sources. The survey was distributed to over 400 randomly selected residents by mail. The survey has also been posted electronically on the city's website. To date, 64 mailed surveys have been completed and returned in addition 25 electronic surveys have been taken. Preliminary results indicate that between 60 and 80 percent of respondents have visited parks and recreation facilities in Lake Stevens in the past 12 months. Lake Stevens Community Park is the most widely visited community park, Lundeen Park is the most widely visited neighborhood park, and North Lakeshore Swim Beach is the most widely visited Mini-Park. The library is the most frequently used special facility followed by the city boat launch. Survey respondents suggested that community and neighborhood level parks should receive the highest priorities. Some of the most popular uses included walking/hiking, beach use, and swimming. Some of the most desired improvements include walking, hiking and multiuse trails, picnic areas, public docks, and improved restrooms. Overall respondents claim to be somewhat satisfied with the facilities and amenities. The most common complaints are difficulty to access and lack of amenities. Respondents identified park the cost of park maintenance and land for additional access as major issues to be resolved in the future. Popular funding sources include matching funds, public and private partnerships and user fees. Final analysis will be included within the park plan.

Discussion Item B

At the last meeting staff suggested that the current goals and policies included in the Park Element of the Comprehensive Plan should be updated. Staff discussed organizational examples from other jurisdictions. Staff is preparing an updated goals and polices section for the Board's consideration. Many of the goals and policies remain applicable; however, they will be organized cohesively around common themes. The revised goals and policies section will be distributed and discussed at the meeting.
