

ANACORTES PARKS & RECREATION

Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Phil Burton, Chairperson
Doug Colglazier
Rob Seip
Aaron Rasmussen
Marcia Hunt

September 11, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Colglazier, Rob Seip, Phil Burton & Marcia Hunt.

STAFF PRESENT: Gary Robinson, Jonn Lunsford and Mary Snyder.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Phil Burton at approximately 6:05.

Minutes: Minutes from the August meeting were approved as submitted.

Public Comments: None.

Correspondence/Communications:

- Gary stated that he has received a requested use of Causland Memorial Park for a wedding with about 200 people attending. Current policies limit the use to 75 secondary to being in a neighborhood, parking issues and no restrooms available. It was agreed by commission members that the current limit should be enforced since this is a private event and to be fair to the neighbors.
- Marcia reported on the forest board meeting with discussions including the Mt. Erie working group, milfoil at Heart Lake with removal slated for the spring and invasive plants at Cap Sante. It was noted that no decisions have been made on Mt. Erie use however Jonn has been in contact with the Mountaineers, advising them of the proposed limit of 50.
- Doug reported on the Park Foundation and their focus remains on the North Shore trail, monitoring developing subdivisions. Another project the foundation assisted with was Kiwanis Meadows and Saturday was the inaugural use of the field for soccer with the Parks and Recreation leagues.

Comprehensive Plan Update: The preliminary draft report has been received from the firm that conducted the phone survey and is being reviewed internally. Gary will circulate the report within the next week or two to the park board members for review. The next step of the process will to be to develop a draft comprehensive plan, incorporating results of compiled information received.

2008 Budget: The budget hearing will be in October and highlights are the acquired full time staff person to the maintenance crew, funds designated for Volunteer Park and increased funding for general park maintenance. Replacement items include a vehicle slated for Washington Park and being considered is an electric vehicle that would be used solely within the park.

Department Reports:

- Jonn stated that field work continues on the baseball fields with tournaments through next weekend. Soccer is being allowed on the turf field however a problem has been noted with the ball being kicked against the fence and wall. Jonn stated that amenities will be added for Kiwanis Meadows and recycling receptacles will be added slowly to all parks.

- Gary reported that there will be a “No More War Rally” at Causland Memorial Park on Saturday, Sept. 15, however the request for use arrived too late to seek park board approval.
- Work continues on the Washington Park playground and the area is looking good.
- There will be a celebration of the protection of 1500 acres in the ACFL through the Conservation Easement Program on Saturday, September 15 – 3:00-5:00 at the Heart Lake parking lot and all were encouraged to attend.
- The effort is moving forward for a new playground at Storvik Park, “Our Town, Our Park”, with an event slated for September 21 to present the proposed playground design.
- Gary will be presenting a proposal to council regarding property acquisition on Cap Sante, which is a small, undevelopable piece.
- Discussed was the letter to the editor regarding a dispute with a dog off leash at Washington Park and questioning the mechanism in which to deal with such. Staff continually monitors the park however such incidents should always be reported to 911 for enforcement. It was mentioned that the problem of dogs off leash is also growing at Volunteer Park.
- Gary stated that the park at West 12th & Pennsylvania Avenue has been redesigned, addressing the wetlands and will be submitted to the planning commission. Gary proposed naming the developing park as the “John & Doris Tursi Park” since John and his belated wife have contributed to the community in a variety of ways. Questioned was whether this was the most appropriate way to honor the Tursi’s.

Other Business:

Marcia questioned whether there was a proposed connecting trail between Volunteer Park and the forest lands. Jonn stated that they have the supplies and will be working on the trail that will connect to the Windward development soon.

Phil stated that he attended a Rotary fundraiser wine tasting event at Scimitar and \$10,000-12,000 was raised towards the Ace of Hearts Creek Park.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55.

The ***NEXT REGULAR MEETING*** will be held on ***Tuesday, October 9, 2007 – 6:00 PM***, in the Council Chambers at City Hall—6th & Q Avenue, Anacortes WA.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Snyder

APPROVED: 10/09/2007