

ANACORTES PARKS & RECREATION

Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

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

October 9, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Colglazier, Aaron Rasmussen & Marcia Hunt.

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

The meeting was called to order by Doug Colglazier at approximately 6:05.

Minutes: Minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Public Comments: None.

Correspondence/Communications:

- Marcia reported that discussed items at the Forest Board meeting included off trail use at Sugarloaf Meadows and staff discussions with a private land owner near Mt. Erie to continue to allow a trail to cross his property.
- Gary reported that the Anacortes Park Foundation meeting consisted of on-going project discussions.

Comprehensive Plan Update: The survey portion of the plan update is in the process of being circulated with the overall view apparently being positive. The steering committee will continue to meet and address items, with the next meeting slated for October 16. Staff will then develop a draft plan before bringing to the Park and Forest Board and public review. The plan needs to be completed by June 1, 2008 for grant seeking purposes.

2008 Budget: The preliminary budgets have been presented at the council study session. The parks department is hopeful to add 1 fulltime staff person to their maintenance crew next year.

Our Town, Our Park: Gary circulated a picture of Storvik Park and explained the concept of the park proposed in the NE section of the park. The berm between the ballfield and restroom will be removed and Gary is seeking input about removal of four trees in that same area which will allow the site to be opened up. There were no objections to this request. Doug questioned if a possible sidewalk could be installed at a later date around the new area.

Pennsylvania Park Update: Gary has submitted a conditional use application with a modified design of the park. Wetland issues have been addressed and the buffers will be enhanced with native plantings. The design will soon be going to the Planning Commission for review. Neighbors that have been working on the plan are supportive of the design. The park board is supportive and approves of modifications made.

Department Reports:

- Andy reported that the restrooms in the campground will be closing on October 15. A tree fell with the recent winds, causing damage and power outages in site A-18. The Search and Rescue event scheduled for Washington Park was cancelled due to lack of participants.
- Jonn stated that he has been busy submitting grants for police assistance in the ACFL, ballfield at Ace of Hearts Creek and possible funding with the Guemes Channel Trail.
- Talks have begun regarding baseball tournaments for next year with Pat Swapp. Don Daniels, Jr. may be interested in having another tournament.
- There is some interest in purchasing an electric vehicle for Washington Park and staff will be going to Western Washington University next week to talk to personnel about such as they have been using them for some time.
- Gary stated that work will continue at Ace of Hearts Creek Park with volunteer labor once the contractors have finished up their ongoing projects. They estimate that there is about a week's worth of work by a skilled excavator to get the proper grades.

Other Business:

- Doug questioned other parcels that may be protected with the conservation easement program and if there is still the potential for the Forest Board and the Park Board to work together to develop the northernmost of Cranberry Lake to serve as a picnic/park site for the west end. Jonn stated that the language protects the Morrison Park area of Cranberry Lake however that does not include the north side. There are still some parcels owned by Public Works that could use protection by the CEP.
- Gary reported he has had some discussions with a property owner in the Cap Sante area that lies within the park parcel, wherein half of it lies in the water and the other half on the cliff. No agreement has been reached to date.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:08.

The ***NEXT REGULAR MEETING*** will be held on ***Tuesday, November 13, 2007 – 6:00 PM***, in the Council Chambers at City Hall—6th & Q Avenue, Anacortes WA.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Snyder

APPROVED: 11/13/2007