

ANACORTES PARKS & RECREATION

Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

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

August 12, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Colglazier, Marcia Hunt, Aaron Rasmussen and Phil Burton.

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

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:02 by chairperson Phil Burton.

Minutes: Minutes from the June and July meetings were approved.

Public Comments: Active volunteers that have been instrumental in the success of the dog park were present and voiced their support of the construction efforts underway at Ace of Hearts Creek Park. Gary stated that many thanks go to the FIDO group, along with Dave Margeson and the Rotary Club, Nels Strandberg and Strandberg Construction, Construction Unlimited and Welch Brothers Construction. They have been working on-site with grading and drainage. Gary is hopeful to move forward with the fencing, trails and plantings with the dog park being operational by late October. It is the intent for the temporary location of the dog park to remain until spring to allow time for the plantings.

Correspondence/Communications:

- Doug reported on the Anacortes Park Foundation meeting of August. The foundation has completed their assistance with the parks department in the parking lot at Marguerite and Don Daniels field. Permitting has been done for the North Shore trail for the west end trail to SHIP and will soon go out to bid. Doug reported on a potential resource to upgrade the Alton Daniels field to premier status that would be subject to matching grants. Doug reported that American Legion is hosting a week long tournament at Daniels Field starting tomorrow that will include 7 states. Doug thanked the staff for the efforts put forth on field maintenance as they look good.
- Marcia reported that the Forest Management Plan was the subject of discussion at the last Forest Board meeting of August. The final draft should be ready for approval at the next meeting. Also discussed was the formalization of the Mt. Erie subcommittee.

Special Events Request: Two special event requests were discussed. The first was for use of Causland Memorial Park by Westminster Presbyterian Church for their annual picnic on August 17, 2008. The second was for use of Storvik Park by First Assembly of God for a community wide picnic on August 31. A motion was made to approve use for both special event requests. Motion was seconded and approved by all.

Comprehensive Plan: Gary stated that he would like to refine the plan and finish discussions within the next couple of days and bring the plan back to the September meeting for approval. It was noted that Heart Lake should be included in the action plan. Marcia asked that numbers noted on walking paths be checked and she will also send Gary edits.

Department Reports:

- Jonn stated that the crew has been working hard at Volunteer with the upcoming tournament. The department has 2 full-time staff people out with personal issues. There have been a couple of small fires in the ACFL and the fire department has done a great job in responding. The state grant that allows policing of the ACFL has helped to make the woods/lakes a positive experience for visitors. Jonn stated that he is very grateful to the police for their support. The peregrine falcons that were nesting on Mt. Erie have fledged and climbers have been supportive of the temporary closure. Doug was thanked for his volunteerism at Volunteer Park and the park is looking great.
- Gary stated that Pennsylvania Park has gone out to bid and those bids will be opened on Friday, August 22. Guemes Channel or North Shore trail has been permitted for Phase I from Edwards Way to the east and hopeful to be built next year. Permits for Edwards Way to the west will be done next year. Gary states that some portions of the trail will only allow for pavement of 9' width. Washington Park revenues are up for 2008. The budget hearing with the mayor went well and there seems to be some funding available for various park projects.

Other Business: Phil reported that he has heard from some individuals that may be willing to purchase the bowling alley in Anacortes and questioning the assistance from the city in any way to ensure that this recreational opportunity remains in the community.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:59.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Snyder

APPROVED: 9/9/2008