

ANACORTES PARKS & RECREATION

Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Alan Mazonson, Chairperson
Phil Burton
Doug Colglazier
Rick Haley
Rob Seip

June 8, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Colglazier, Rick Haley, Alan Mazonson, Phil Burton and Rob Seip.

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

The meeting was *called to order* at approximately 6:05 p.m. by Alan Mazonson.

Minutes: May minutes were approved as submitted.

Correspondence/Communications:

- Rick reported on discussions from the last Forest Board meeting which included the wildlife corridor and how it pertains to the forest lands, complaints about motorcycle abuse in the forest lands, the budget and funding for the forest education program.
- The use of Mount Erie's south face by climbing groups was explained by Rob and broke down into 3 user groups. There are the ones with participants of nearly 200, smaller user groups of approximately 12-20 and then individual uses. Jurisdiction of this site, whether Park or Forest Board was also discussed and the general feeling was that this particular area would fall upon the Forest Board, however it was agreed by all that this become an agenda item for next month. It was also suggested that whomever addresses the issue use Dallas Kloke for his expertise.
- Doug reported that the Park Foundation met on this date wherein projects were reviewed and work toward a prestigious volunteer recognition program continues.
- Phil reported that the Conservation Easement Program campaign for May, set forth by the Friends of the Forest, was a success with approximately \$23,000 in donations being collected.

Public Comments: None

Department Report:

- Gary stated that the Kiwanis did a beach clean up last weekend at the Kiwanis Waterfront Park.
- The restroom at Washington Park is progressing.
- Lighting on Volunteer Field and lighting and siding at Marguerite and Don Daniels Field continues.
- Continuing with the West End to meet the park needs and Gary states that the option of a number of small parks in lieu of 1 large park is being explored.
- Gary has been approached by the Croation Club and the Sister City Assoc. to hold an event at Causland Memorial Park in October which would include alcohol. All were in agreement that an organized event, that has gone through the proper permitting process, should be allowed to consume alcohol in the park
- Jonn stated that the Memorial holiday weekend went well at the cemetery with Carrie assisting visitors.
- Brian Elliott will be doing more stonework at Causland Memorial Park in September.
- Dustin reports that the summer menu has been mailed out and registration began on Monday. It was requested by FIDO that if space allows, that the dog park location and hours be listed in the menu.

- The Fishing Derby at Heart Lake was June 5 with approximately 70 kids. Dustin thanked the Puget Sound Anglers for their assistance in this event.
- The Kids R Best Fest will be July 10 this year at Storvik Park. June 19 will be Skate Fest at Ben Root Skate Park from 11:00-5:00.

Dogtoberfest:

There was a proposal submitted by Summit Assistance Dogs for a benefit event to be held at Washington Park on October 9 from 10-2:30. The event would be a carnival for dogs and owners, including music, silent auction, scavenger hunt and demos. It was discussed whether or not this could be done at the current dog park location but it was felt that the dog park site wouldn't provide enough parking or vegetation to allow for a scavenger hunt, however Summit agreed that they would like to do other events at the dog park. Rick expressed concern over multiple dogs participating in a scavenger hunt on the trail system within the park secondary to the wildlife. It was also clarified that all dogs would have to remain on leash at all times, except during the demos. This event was supported by all.

H Avenue Park:

Gary stated that he was seeking planning criteria to present to Susan Black and Associates for development of a park plan. Discussion ensued over the placement of the dog park, Fido feeling that they were uncomfortable with it being labeled temporary and it was reiterated by the park board what the original agreement stated. It was agreed by all that the dog park will be placed at the site, with the area chosen to be large enough to accommodate a soccer field in the future if need be, with the guarantee that the dog park will not be moved without an acceptable alternative site. Support of Rotary to be flexible to meet the needs of a number of uses was noted. Daylight of the Ace of Hearts creek was discussed and felt that with the support of volunteers and the wetland creation fund, the surfacing of the creek could possibly happen without a financial burden. It was requested that everyone be thinking of names for the park. Gary will contact Susan Black and Associates and bring tentative plans to the next meeting. It was questioned whether or not signage could be placed to let people know where the dog park is located. It was agreed that a sign should be placed near the entrance of the park and Gary will look into such.

Heart Lake Management Plan:

Jonn thanked Alan and Doug for being on the committee in which significant public participation helped to develop the plan. Jonn highlighted some major areas such as the Roostertails being allowed one racing date per year with phase out in 2015 and camping will be left as a possibility in the future. Areas of management were discussed. The plan would be an amendment to the existing ACFL Management Plan, drafted in 1991. **A motion was made by Doug to accept the Heart Lake Management Plan as submitted. Motion was seconded and approved by all.** Jonn will bring the plan before the council on June 21 or July 5 for public comment. Jonn was thanked for an exceptional job.

Other Business:

Ross stated that there is a new development going in with a crucial link for the Smiley's Bottom/Cranberry Lake connection with a 16' wide alley. Ross has spoke with the school district and they have requested a formal request from the city to make the connection. **A motion was made to recommend that staff contact the school district to work on preserving the 16' wide alley in the new development of an already platted parcel for a connection trail linking Smiley's Bottom to the Cranberry Lake area. Motion was seconded and approved by all.**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm.

The ***NEXT REGULAR MEETING*** will be held on ***Tuesday, July 13, 2004 – 6:00 PM***, in the Council Chambers at City Hall—6th & Q Avenue, Anacortes WA.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Snyder

APPROVED: 7/13/04