

# ANACORTES PARKS & RECREATION

## Advisory Commission

### Meeting Minutes

Aaron Rasmussen, Chairperson  
Doug Colglazier  
Phil Burton  
Marcia Hunt  
Sarah Nichols

December 8, 2009

**Members Present:** Marcia Hunt, Aaron Rasmussen, Doug Colglazier and Sarah Nichols.

**Staff Present:** Gary Robinson, Jonn Lunsford, Bob Vaux and Mary Snyder.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:02 by chairperson Aaron Rasmussen.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the October meeting were approved as submitted.

**Public Comments:** None.

#### **Correspondence/Communications:**

- Marcia reported on the Forest Board discussions that included educating the public on planting native plants in the ACFL buffers, another coyote sighting and revegetation plans for neighbors of the ACFL. There has been quite a bit of interest in becoming a member of the Mt. Erie Committee and they will meet in January.
- Doug reported on the Park Foundation and the great job that Valora has done with the website. A new playground is a wonderful addition to Kiwanis Meadows and will be dedicated early next year. Preliminary work has been done to make the decision to fund updating the Alton Daniels field to all-weather and the premier status it was in the past, which has involved working closely with Rick Harvey and Marguerite Daniels. Work continues on both the Heart Lake effort and rebuilding of the trestle. Officers for the foundation have been reelected for another year and members are being sought for the group.

**Tommy Thompson Parkway Bike Use:** Hershel Janz stated that he was involved in a bike/pedestrian accident earlier in the year and feels that something needs to be done with the speeding bicycles on the trail. He would like to see signage and speed bumps. Other solutions discussed were painting the speed limit on the asphalt, installing turtles or rumble strips and possible painting of a center stripe.

**Small Boat Center:** Efforts are continuing forward on the small boat center and Gary will bring back plans once they are finalized. It is still undecided if the port will move the building that was once at Seafarer's Memorial Park or if a new building will be built, as well as where it will located.

**Heart Lake Master Plan:** Volunteers continue to work towards the planning process. Bob displayed photos of Lake Paddon area and amenities on site. The next public meeting will be held at the Senior Activity Center on Tuesday, December 15. The Park Commission will meet next month prior to the Heart Lake Master Plan meeting of January 12 at the Senior Activity Center from 6-7 pm and designs for the Heart Lake Master Plan will be available. Agenda items will be limited at this meeting. Marcia suggested that possible tourism grants could be sought from the park foundation for this endeavor.

**Special Event Requests:** None at this time.

**Department Reports:**

- Design efforts are moving forward with the Thompson trestle rebuild and estimates are currently between \$300,000-500,000. Permits are being sought and it is estimated to be completed in April. There is a press conference slated with both the Samish Tribe and Puget Sound Energy to donate funds.
- A shelter, being built by Strandberg Construction at Ace of Hearts Creek Park, with funding through the Park Foundation, should be completed in a couple of weeks. There are a couple of drainage issues that need to be addressed on site.
- Guemes Channel Trail, located off of Edwards Way cul-de-sac, has 2400 feet paved and open to the public.
- Breakfast with Santa was a success with approximately 300 people attending.
- Andy has announced that he will be retiring in April as Washington Park manager.
- Jonn stated that he has received numerous requests for placing benches at Washington Park. He proposed the idea of collecting funds to eventually construct a lookout at Burrow Bay overlook and create accessibility to Havekost monument. The intent would be to direct people from spilling into the meadow area, giving them a photo opportunity site and also allow for benches and/or plaques by donors. All were in favor of this idea and Jonn will pursue it further.

**Other Business:**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:29.

The ***NEXT REGULAR MEETING*** will be held on ***Tuesday, January 12 – 6:00 PM*** at the **Senior Activity Center, 1701 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Anacortes, WA.** ***Please note the change in meeting location.***

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary A. Snyder

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