

ANACORTES PARKS & RECREATION

Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

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

June 8, 2010

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

STAFF PRESENT: Gary Robinson, Jonn Lunsford, Bob Vaux and Mary Snyder

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:04.

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

Public Comments: None.

Correspondence/Communications:

- Doug reported that the Park Foundation met and discussed the trestle re-opening and the project involving various baseball organizations to create a picnic shelter as a tribute to Dave Abbott for his many hours of work and volunteerism at Volunteer Park. Per Dave, the area will be named Abbott's Haven and a dedication during a ball tournament is being sought.
- Marcia stated that the Forest Board spoke on the condition of the trails secondary to the heavy rains and possible means to educate the public on areas to avoid. Suggestions are welcome. Discussions continued on the non-native plantings bordering the forestlands. The Forest Board and Friends of the Forest will have a joint meeting on July 1, 6:00 at Heart Lake and will include a hike around the lake. It was requested that a future meeting of the Park Board and Forest Board be held.

Special Events Request: None.

Smoking in Parks Discussion: Allison Johnson from United General gave a brief presentation on eliminating smoking in parks as a means to eliminate litter, create a modeling behavior for children and creation of a social norm in parks. It was agreed that there seems to already be compliance in all parks, with the exception of the skate park. It was agreed that this will be discussed at future meetings and Allison will be informed of any decisions.

N Avenue Park: Gary stated that the Arts Commission has expressed interest in an art installation at the site. The port is pursuing other waterfront improvements in the area and it appears to be a natural connection. It was noted that minimal improvements would be needed with lighting and sidewalks. Doug stated that the Park Foundation would be interested in finding someone to fund the improvements and he will work on this project.

Department Reports:

- Bob stated that he has observed a problem with the kayakers use of the boat launch. A possible solution would be to allow the NW corner of A lot to allow for kayak only parking and launching

allowed below the area. Kayakers are working on a proposal and Bob will bring such forth for perusal.

- The Puget Sound Anglers would like to build a small structure to implement a life vest loan program at the boat launch at Washington Park. They would supply the vests. Bob will bring their proposal back for review.
- Friends of Washington Park recently did an invasive plant removal at Washington Park.
- Bumberpalooza, a music event geared for students, will be held on the last day of school at Washington Park from noon to 10 pm. Bob has a few concerns with the standing water in the area.
- Bob reported that he has had an interaction with a patron of Washington Park regarding the feeding of wild animals.
- Jonn stated that he is working on Guemes Channel Trail with grant monies to remove ivy, 400 feet at Edwards Way.
- There are tournaments scheduled for the ballfields.
- The maintenance crew did a great job at the cemetery, getting it ready for Memorial Day.
- Concrete work continues on the medians on Q Avenue.
- Police in the forestlands continues secondary to a grant and John Small has done a great job in accommodating this program.
- The Thompson Trail trestle has reopened and there will be a celebration on June 17 at the Fidalgo Bay Resort from 4:00-7:00 pm, with a formal presentation at 6:00. All were encouraged to attend.
- The SHIP trail project has gone to bid, closing next week. The project is expected to be completed by late fall.
- Work continues to allow for Storvik picnic reservations. Additional picnic tables will be placed on site and Jonn is working on such.
- The Heart Lake Master Plan will go before the council sub-committee next week, then to council.
- Nicole presented to the council on Monday, doing a nice job of reporting on various recreation programs.
- Gary reported on an easement that was achieved in front of a residence to allow for the Guemes Channel Trail in return of a street vacation.

Other Business:

- Sarah requested that the hitting boards at the tennis courts on 24th Street be replaced and possibly enlarged. Jonn will talk with the school district and work with them on this.
- Doug reported on the Daniel's field renovation and the vision of the walkway along the pond.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary A. Snyder

APPROVED: July 13, 2010