

ANACORTES PARKS & RECREATION

Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

*Sarah Nichols, Chairperson
Jo Ann York-Gilmore
Christine Hansen
Alex Hernandez*

August 13, 2019

Members Present: Sarah Nichols, Jo Ann York-Gilmore, Alex Hernandez and Christine Hansen.

Staff Present: Jonn Lunsford, Dustin South, Bob Vaux and Nicole Johnston.

Minutes: June minutes were approved as submitted. The July meeting of the Anacortes Park Commission had been cancelled.

Public Comments: None.

Correspondence/Communications:

- Jonn shared details from the Forest Board meeting. The Board lacked a quorum but citizens wanted to discuss the pro's and con's of the bike skills course proposed for the "A" Avenue Landfill.
- Parks Foundation meeting did not take place for August.
- Pickett Pocket Park Update- Scheduled for construction in October. Staff is confirming with the contractor.

Special Event Requests: Nothing to report.

Department Reports:

- Dustin- Had no additional comments to share, then what he had already submitted. Dustin did confirm that the AHS soccer camp was open for both boys and girls.
- Bob- Had no additional comments to share, then what he had already submitted. Bob did share that he met with the Men's Skyline group and that they are brainstorming ideas for a memorial area that multiple people can be a part of for Washington Park.
- Jonn- Shared that Dave Oicles has transferred to the Planning Department. He will be greatly missed. The parks department currently has no arborist on staff, but we hope to find someone soon. Jonn also shared that Chuck Arneson who has worked for the city for 43 years is retiring at the end of August. We will be looking to hire two full time staff.
- Nicole- Crew is working on the GCT repairs, getting soccer goals and fields prepped for the start of soccer season, Triangle park looking to spruce up this area sooner than later, trim crew keeping up on mowing at various locations in town, small fire on Cap Sante next to the amphitheater that DNR and Anacortes Fire Dept were able to manage on Sunday, August 11th.

Bike Skills Course Update: Jonn shared the proposed location of the "A Ave Dump site. The City is moving forward with the permits for clear and grade and storm water. Once those permits are complete they will be submitted to Skagit County Health for review as they oversee the dump cap. The Forest Board will then review as will City Council.

Guemes Channel Trail: Parks crew is working on the GCT moving rock around to make it all more stable. Bill Bonner donated rock from his lot in Rock Ridge that we have been using to work on this project. Shoreline engineers are looking at best ways to protect and rebuild sections of the wall as needed. We still need more permits for the beach feeding that will eventually happen. Western Washington University discussed the trail along the edge through part of their property.

Washington Park Boat Launch Update: All paper work on a Federal, State and local level have been submitted. The boat launch will have the same footprint, same size, will be made out of metal and fiberglass, all creosote will be removed. All thanks to Transpac for their generous donation for the materials and their consulting work.

Cemetery Expansion: Nicole plans to submit the clear and grade permit to planning on Friday, August 16th. The schedule is to get the notice to the paper by 8/26. After the 21 day public comment period ends on Sept. 18th, we will go to Planning Commission on Oct. 9 and then to the City Council meeting on Oct. 21st.

Other Business: Trying to find another member for the Park Board.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45

The **NEXT REGULAR MEETING** will be held on **Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 6:00 PM**, at City Hall, 904 6th Street.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nicole Johnston

Approved: 9/10/2019