

VASHON PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

Ober Park, Performance Room, 7:00 pm

DATE: Tuesday, June 10, 2014, 2014

Commissioners attending: Lu-Ann Branch, Scott Harvey, Doug Ostrom, Joe Wald. Bill Ameling was absent.

Staff attending: Jason Acosta, Elaine Ott

ISSUE	DISCUSSION AND OUTCOME	FOLLOW UP
Call to order & agenda review	The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Lu-Ann. She reviewed the agenda.	
Public Comment	<p>Steve Sussman: With the nice weather, I got to go to Paradise and Lisabeula; The parks were beautiful. It's because of Jason. I have done a lot of strategic planning. I have never seen managers try to work with budgets. Has anyone really created a real vision of what VPD would be a couple of years from now? It would be worthwhile to sit down to see where we are going.</p> <p>Lu-Ann: I asked that question before. The Board just seemed to get into a reactive mode. Thank you for that recommendation.</p> <p>Hilary: I have been thrown off the Finance Committee, because, after one of the meetings, I forwarded to the School District comments that I felt certain things should be null and void. That Committee meeting was a public meeting. Everything in the letter was my opinion. It's a wanting of a lack of diversity. Without diversity, there is never any change. There was no dialogue; I was just told that I was off the Committee.</p> <p>Doug: One comment was not accurate. It's true that Bill did bring up the idea of the Commons payment. To say to the School District that this was coming soon would be a serious misconception.</p> <p>Scott: For the record. I chose to have Hilary on the Finance Committee. We had two meetings which were productive. She sent that e-mail, and I had a private meeting with Hilary. I made a unilateral decision. Hilary said OK. I took the position that the committee was not a standing committee and the committee was ending the end of the month. As the chair I could not allow her to speak out like that.</p> <p>Hilary: You never said that it was a private meeting.</p> <p>Scott: I purposely did not want to get into disparaging comments. I will not comment on the letter. I felt that what she said was inappropriate.</p> <p>Lu-Ann: It is his prerogative.</p>	

	<p>Steve: When I first came to these meetings, I saw the most toxic environment I have ever seen. It was totally toxic. It is my personal experience that the Board defines the culture. The way we see it, we model it. It is hard to change a culture. I wrote to Scott that it was a great opportunity to show leadership. It's not like she set fire to a park. You are not going to get rid of Hilary. The Board has to model leadership. This was a missed opportunity.</p>	
<p>Park District History</p>	<p>Ruth: Lu-Ann was kind enough to invite me to this meeting. VPD actually began at a Community Council meeting. King County Parks was told that we have a former Nike Missile Site, and they could not afford to maintain it. King County Parks asked the Community Council what to do. I was at that meeting, and somebody turned to me and said that I had a history with the parks. I said yes, I worked with the National Park District. So, we formed a committee. In 1983, we gathered signatures at Strawberry Festival. It was set so that all five members were from different parts of the Island. The County Council approved the new district. It passed, because it didn't have any money attached. We had no staff or money. Our first goal was to educate the community. We wanted some local say in how the local parks would be run. That was how we began. We had spaghetti dinners to pay for our first expenses. We told King County Parks that we were ready to take on Nike. That's how it started. HHS was responsible for the health site. The launch site had the possibility to be a park. It was on the main highway. The Feds had a surplus program. I was on the board for 10 years.</p> <p>Steven: Was a missile at the site?</p> <p>Ruth: There was a missile there. It was taken away because it was deemed unsafe.</p>	
<p>Finance Committee Report</p>	<p>Scott: We had a meeting last week and reviewed a number of funding options. We could not meet tonight because two members were not available. We will meet and present a proposal to the Board. Next meeting a week from today at 6 PM at Ober Park. We will present on the 24th.</p>	<p>Agenda Item</p>
<p>TAN/Skate Grant</p>	<p>Three banks are considering a TAN. US Bank seems to be the most interested and asked me to ask you for a resolution to pursue. The resolution that I propose says that: We the Board of Commissioners for the Vashon Park District, do hereby grant permission to Elaine Ott, Executive Director, to pursue a line of credit for the Vashon Park District for \$150,000. SECOND. MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES. UNANIMOUS to suspend the rules. Motion on the Resolution, UNANIMOUS.</p> <p>Doug: This commits us to apply</p> <p>Scott: We can still apply to other banks</p> <p>We have put the decision as to the Skate Park on hold. I spoke with Grindline for their opinion about pouring concrete in October. Grindline said they could do the build at any time. I have two cash flow scenarios. If no TAN, assuming that we push the matter into October, we would have to bid in July - that puts 13K into August. September would have a</p>	<p>MOTION ON TAN RESOLUTION, MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES, UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR BOTH MOTIONS</p> <p># 14-9</p>

	<p>Robin: they are very savvy about the field use and they know when the fields are booked. They know to use our calendar. They email each other. They mostly use the VES fields.</p> <p>Steve: What do other fields do that have pick-up teams?</p> <p>Scott: We have a very expensive asset and it is getting used. The little kids are not tearing the fields up. .</p> <p>Lu-Ann: It is a precedent.</p> <p>Robin: We are talking a year and one half later. All of the school fields will be closed at the end of school. Agren can't be used. Our fields need to be preserved as well.</p> <p>Capt. Joe: We talked in the finance committee about a user fee. Maybe everyone who uses the fields should pay. Setting some limitation on the size of the groups is a good idea.</p> <p>Scott: We will talk about this at the next Finance Committee meeting to see if we can improve on Elaine's idea:</p> <p>Elaine: A use consists of five or more players.</p> <p>Scott: I move that we accept Elaine's proposal. Doug Second. Vote next meeting.</p>	<p>MOTION, SECOND, Vote next meeting.</p>
<p>Drug Free Workplace Policy Review - Lifeguards</p>	<p>Elaine: Think of this more as for lifeguards and sailing instructors. Currently policy: VPD will test for lifeguards and sailing instructors. Other employees may be tested. Maintenance is tested. Using drugs or alcohol while on the job is a terminable offense. Stott Bonney spoke with a number of other aquatic instructors. They have a fit for duty requirement whereby if it is felt that they are not deemed fit for duty they can be sent home and this includes drug, alcohol, physical or mental unfitness. Further disciplinary proceedings may occur if it is found that they are not deemed fit for duty.</p> <p>LA: I think that we should leave it in about all other employees.</p> <p>Elaine: We did have a situation last year.</p> <p>Steve: Run it by the insurance company.</p> <p>Elaine: I think that they were involved initially. I am adding stronger language.</p> <p>Scott: MOTION to amend our policy and make it fit for duty and have it for all employees.</p> <p>Doug: Any potential for abuse?</p> <p>Elaine: I just underwent a certification for identifying alcohol and drug use. Jason will go through it too. He can use his discretion. If there a problem, they can come see me.</p> <p>Scott: I am not concerned about liability.</p> <p>Elaine: Regarding life guards and sailing instructors, it is a terminable situation.</p> <p>Truman: If someone shows up and says, man, I am really tired today; it would give permission for the supervisor to let him take the day off.</p> <p>LA: Fit for duty could be the title of this document.</p> <p>Elaine: Fit for duty should also specify maintenance as well.</p> <p>Jason: I don't have any concerns with my guys. If there is an accident, it is an automatic check.</p>	<p>MOTION TO AMEND FITNESS POLICY</p>

	<p>Joe: Second. Lu-Ann: The pool officially opens up on Saturday. Scott: We should vote now. I move that we suspend the rules, UNANIMIOUS. VOTE ON FITNESS POLICY CHANGE, VOTE UNANIMOUS.</p>	<p>SECOND MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES VOTE UNANIMOUS VOTE ON FITNESS POLICY CHANGE UNANIMOUS #14-11</p>
<p>ADJOURN</p>	<p>Scott moved that the meeting be adjourned. Doug seconded the motion. Unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.</p>	

Respectfully submitted by
Mary Reeves