

VASHON PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Ober Park, Performance Room, 7:00 pm

DATE: Tuesday, December 9, 2014

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

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 Branch	
Public Comments	<p>Capt. Joe: Last Sunday we had the best open house at Pt. Robinson ever. Thanks to Doug, chili was eaten to the bottom of the pan. Huge success! This is the first thing some people go to during the Christmas Season. It was a great day. Also, at the last meeting, Scott mentioned reviving the poll. The Board of commissioners did not pick it up, but I put it on Vashon All. 27 people answered. What we know is that there are 2 who will vote for the levy and 6 who will not. VES is not on the agenda and I would like to know the status of the drawing.</p> <p>Elaine: I will be reporting on it.</p> <p>Gary: The Mega-splash Program awarded me an award. I am one of the few people who sees it, but I think that it should be in some other location. Since VPD was a big component, this should be in public view.</p> <p>Bill: I will take it for two weeks and then pass it on to Joe.</p> <p>Elaine: We have a soccer trophy case, but it was knocked down.</p> <p>Lu-Ann: Maybe we can come up with some ideas.</p>	
Approve October vouchers	<p>Scott: I move we approve the October vouchers.</p> <p>Joe: Second</p> <p>VOTE: The October Vouchers were unanimously approved.</p>	VOTE: OCTOBER VOUCHERS APPROVED
Financial Report	<p>Elaine: Insurance is the only thing that needs to be mentioned. We got dinged deductibles for the Elizabeth Ripley claim and for a maintenance worker backing into another vehicle. Pool: added two months for Scott Bonney. Lodging would be 12K in the positive. Skate would be 5K positive. VES: received 5K back from the deposit for the water right application. RFA other: budget is ahead due to donations and changes in caretaker status. Payment on the loan 75K TAN, payoff done.</p>	
Friends of the Pool Report	<p>Elaine: Friends of the Pool are here. On this past Friday, Scott Bonney and I met with Bob McMahan and addressed some of the issues raised at the last Board meeting. What is the solution to the tiles falling off? It is irrelevant at this point. The tile has a raised edge and the recommendation is that it be cemented over. We would have to tie the machines to the fence. We can't drain the pool yet. The timing on this deck surfacing is a problem. We must bid it out and the temperature is 50 degrees. The Friends' wish list long-term is that the pool be covered. We should contract out more for next year, 4K. 2016 is more likely.</p>	

What is the optimal way to add 4 weeks to the pool schedule? May 15-September 15. This is when we have the best weather. We will need lifeguards and Friends will help work the shifts. 15K is proposed. Anticipated revenue is 5K. This assumes no lessons, school users and lap swimmers. They anticipate another couple thousand dollars in revenue. They have asked me to attach two letters of support of the extended time. The Vashon Seals also support the extended time.

Bob McMahon: We support opening May 16th and closing September 20th. When school is in session, the pool will be limited to school hours. Yes, we did commit to training and recruiting voluntary staffers. I also found drowning statistics in the State. It emphasizes safety issues: Everyone should be able to swim on the Island. The status on the winter and thermal cover is that the cost is the same. Enduris is considering paying for it, but as of today, they will not likely cover it. It costs \$10,500. It has been taken out of the budget for this year. It was never officially decided to include it in the budget. Scott is weighing against a hard cover. The problem with the hard cover is that it would entail deck work. A thermal cover is easy to work with. We are suggesting a thermal cover.

Doug: Is the winter cover viable?

Elaine: It is not as safe as the thermal cover. Scott said that almost all pools use it.

Peter: Lincoln Park has both covers.

Elaine: We may have the possibility of acquiring one.

Lu-Ann: Can Scott or I talk to Enduris about the winter cover?

Elaine: Yes, I will send you his contact information.

Bill: How did we determine the cost of the punch card last year?

Lu-Ann: I think that it was based on the prior year.

Joe: I think that it was based on the King County numbers.

Bill: What do swimmers think about complaints?

Rebecca: I thought it was reasonable.

Ann White: It is the same as last year.

Elaine: Scott is proposing a short-term pass.

Lu-Ann: Do punch cards carry over?

Rebecca: I was told that it carries over.

Bill: I am more inclined to doubt the revenue increase. In the budget, I would put 10K in.

Elaine: We did.

Lu-Ann: What about the lifeguards?

Bob: We are willing to volunteer, so the regular lifeguards would continue.

Lu-Ann: Some lifeguards go back to college.

Bob: Scott felt optimistic.

Gary: Some high school students have to do community service.

Scott: What about the liability? What does the insurance company think about this?

Bob: Everybody would be certified.

Doug: Isn't it likely that this would cost us more for extended hours?

Elaine: I will find out.

Doug: Are the covers an issue for Enduris?

Elaine: I will ask this as well.
 Rebecca: Is there a possibility of continuing lessons?
 Elaine: Scott is not anticipating it for school age kids.
 Barb McMahan: The numbers are just preliminary to show you what we are looking at; a lot of the program has not been fully defined.
 Bob: There is a lot of upside for revenue. There is a possibility that we could shrink the 10K considerably.
 Barb: Voices support classes for elder people.
 Donna: There is a line item in the budget.
 Rebecca: How are the user fees connected to the budget?
 Scott: Pools should pay a smaller percentage based on my proposal. I talked to Scott B. re decreasing user fees and he suggested going ahead and making greater discounts on the user cards.
 Bob: It is still fuzzy as to the connection.
 Scott: I disagree.
 Joe: As far as I am concerned the fee proposal has nothing to do with the pool.
 Bill: That is correct. Joe is correct. We are talking about two different proposals. The fee proposal is finished.
 Doug: This is a way of extending the pool season.
 Bob: That doesn't make any sense at all. He is decreasing total revenue.
 Lu-Ann: Scott, you never mentioned that in your motion.
 Scott: The original motion would need to be amended.
 Bill: No budget item is final until the whole budget is done. We kind of agreed. It is all liquid until the final day. Elaine's budget includes the 10K. If at a later budget talk we make changes, we will readdress the issue.
 Scott: Fees are connected to extension of season.
 Lu-Ann: He wants to tie that to the user fees.

Board Votes:

- 1) Motion to Accept job Profile for Administrative Specialist
 Bill: I call the question.
 Joe: Second.
 VOTE: Four in favor, Scott abstains.

- 2) Motion to Accept the new Pay Range for Access2
 Bill: I call the question.
 Joe: Second.
 VOTE: In favor: Unanimous.

- 3) Motion to Accept User Fee and Services Proposal
 Bill: I call the question
 Joe: Second.
 Scott: I amend the motion to the one section of the proposal 10K. I want it to have the proposal that Friends of the Pool replace that part of my motion.
 Bob: We don't endorse it. The two issues are separate. Point of Order to read the motion.
 Elaine read the motion into the record from the last Board

VOTE IN FAVOR OF MOTION TO ACCEPT JOB PROFILE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST. 14-34

VOTE IN FAVOR OF MOTION TO ACCEPT THE NEW PAY RANGE FOR ACCESS 2. 14-35

VOTE OPPOSED TO MOTION TO ACCEPT USER FEE AND SERVICES PROPOSAL. 14-36

meeting.
Scott: I want to replace the last paragraph with the Park District to invest no less than 10K.
Bill: What does that have to do with user fees?
Scott: The pool has paid a disproportionate part. This would reduce the overall costs that they paid.
Bill: It has nothing to do with extending the season.
Scott: I know Friends were not asking for less.
Barb: what is Scott’s motivation?
Scott: I talked to Scott B. He did not seem to have direction as to what to do with the 10K. This proposal fits with my original proposal.
Lu-Ann: As I look at this, I am feeling the love that there are two votes that support and two that do not. There is one vote that might support user fees. Did you ask anybody if they talked to me?
Bill: Are you buying votes?
Lu-Ann: I am not going to vote to get my way. I am incensed by some of the tactics that you, Scott, have been using to push this. Ethically, it stinks. It smells bad. I have been on the Board for 5 years and these two guys (Joe and Bill) have never said, “If you vote for this, I will vote for that”. That culture will never happen.
Bill: I call the question.
In favor of the motion: Doug and Scott. **Opposed Lu-Ann, Bill, and Joe.**
Lu-Ann: We can’t operate the Park District like that.
Barb: Lu-Ann, I appreciate your integrity.

Budget Item Updates

Elaine: There have been some changes from our last discussion. We received approval for 1,123,638.
Bill: We are not getting the one million, 3K?
Elaine: No. The levy election is now expected to cost \$23,500. I had budgeted 20K. This is just for the levy, so we have to have another 10K for the Commissioner election. I moved attorney fees to the unallocated reserve. No changes to maintenance. **Commons:** I met with Dave Wilke. I went through and isolated all of the pieces that would go towards the payment. It is hard to measure a lot of variables. I think it is pretty close. 100K is pretty close.
Bill: It was to be an incremental cost, not percentages. It is b-----t. What we have to do is say, is it worth 100K?
Bill: If we aren’t there, will the School District water the lawns in the summer? Do we wear out the fields with them? Do they put extra fertilizer on for us? If the conditions are not what we expect, we say, we are not getting our money’s worth. You can’t do it that way (percentages).
Lu-Ann: The history is that we funded this?
Bill: We started out paying this. At some point, we said that we paid for maintenance and you (the School District) aren’t doing it. Neither side was happy. We are back to the original. What do we expect for our 100K? When it comes to the fields it is another matter – it is

organic. We impact their budget. Second, if we pull out, I go back to David Hackett's quote. We are here to do what is best for the community. I think that we give them 100K.

Lu-Ann: We can change the amount.

Charles Krimmert: Can the Inter-local Committee give you this information? How do they represent the value of this money to you?

Bill: It is difficult for me to ask them, "How do you spend our money"? The truth is that they don't know how they spend it. If we pull out and it impacts their budget, where would they make up the 100K?

Charles: I am not saying pull it out. There is an Inter-local that should explain how the money is spent.

Bill: At one point, we each put in 5K and hired an accounting firm. They gave us back the money and said that it was impossible to calculate.

Truman: At the beginning, we asked, "How much does it figure out to?" and, "How do they spend the money?" The work that Elaine did is what we need to know. That number gets you close.

Bill: Do you feel that it is worth it?

Charles: I take abuse from the SD. I find this unfathomable. I am with Vashon Lacrosse. We have had multiple coaches disciplined by them. It doesn't make sense. We had coaches locked out.

Bill: Take your issue to Elaine and she will take it to the School District.

Truman: The School District was trying to pass a bond. They said to us that they would let us use their facilities if we passed the bond. We said we will do what we can to make this happen. It was because of their promise to let us use the fields.

Bill: It has been push and shove for 20 years. We have had committees. It is something that will never go away. It is not all or nothing. We could say I think it is worth \$75K. We have one year left with the agreement.

Unidentified Woman: Did you feel that things were lining up or that you go with your gut?

Elaine: I think that it was a good exercise. The final number I came up with was 110K. It is very difficult to measure.

Candy: You did it; you still are being accountable. Good job. Next year you will have hard numbers. Next year you can say that we will add 10-20K.

Unidentified Man: Can you cross the number of participant hours it will cost?

Elaine: This is my work. We did look at this.

Unidentified Man: The School District used the facility for this many hours?

Bill: One way this could be eliminated in the future is to put a measurable metric in there. Throw the original accounting method out. With the Commons, it was successful beyond measure.

Lu-Ann: It sounds like we are getting a bargain!

Elaine: I added 4K to the pool for maintenance. I have created a VES spreadsheet. Doug Hoffman is working on as-builts. The only question is the electrical. He will work with Jerry O'Hare. George Brown wrote

a letter to Mike Meins saying they had no problem leaving it as gravel. Regarding paving the north parking lot, we talked about it as a nice thing to do. That said, the letter from Janet is true; we do not have to redo it.

Bill: I think that we should put it back in.

Elaine: This is the parking behind Harbor School.

Doug Hoffman: You aren't doing the driveway and the catch basin.

Elaine: We have to add one ADA.

Scott: For this budget, what did you say to the Beachcomber? What is your position on this, Lu-Ann?

Bill: You keep mixing things up. This has nothing to do with users.

We said that we will only do what we have to do. Now I see some money that could be used for the parking lot. I see all those cars there. Put it in. Put the 18K back in there.

Lu-Ann: We don't know that for sure. Can we do it next year, 2016?

Bill: Why not finish it?

Lu-Ann: I feel that we have spent a lot on the fields. I think that anything that is not necessary should be put in the bucket discretionary.

Bill: There is safety.

Joe: When will you know? It could be a year.

Jason: There is a safety issue about the cars being parked on the highway. I go up on Sundays, especially during soccer practice and it is packed.

Lu-Ann: Could we have additional parking in the north lot?

Elaine: Yes.

Lu-Ann: Will we still have an overload?

Jason: Probably. We have six soccer fields up there. Baseball (2 fields) is not as packed.

Steve: As more and more people park on the highway, whose responsibility is it to put in a cross walk and flashing light?

Bill: That is all County. It is the same for Strawberry Festival.

Steve: Maybe the highway should be marked?

Elaine: It could be.

Unidentified Man: We tried to get the County to do it at the Yacht Club and the answer was no.

Lu-Ann: Can we delay this?

Elaine: Yes. We don't have to do it.

Lu-Ann: Keep it out for now?

Doug: Don't we end up with less rather than more money left over?

Bill: For two years we could not say what the final answer was. How thick does the asphalt have to be?

Doug H: Ultimately it is Mike Meins who decides. He goes over-town.

Bill: We can't bid if we don't know. Elaine is telling us the worst case scenario.

Elaine: We can choose not to do the north parking lot.

Capt. Joe: Were the as-builts required as part of the original contract work?

Doug: It was not in the contract. I have done a lot of the as-builts myself.

Capt. Joe: It could have been Tom, who knows? It wasn't in the

contract.
Doug H: the only thing we don't have is the electrical. The electrical contractor did not provide it.
Capt. Joe: Being our own contractor cost us a lot of money.
Elaine: There will be a final as-built.
Elaine: I have asked Mitch Treese to go over these numbers. The other item I adjusted. If we go the general contractor route, I have put it in. I know some want it to be bid out to a general contractor. Mitch is saying that general contractors are all about change orders. I think that it is a good idea that someone know what they are talking about. If he were to be the project manager, it would take up to 16 weeks.
Bill: You have to know what you want before going out to bid. There is a myth that if you hire a contractor to do the contract, the numbers are fixed in place. That is not so. In absence of real numbers, you can make any accusation you want. Neither one could prove it. I make no apologies for what we did.

Staff Reports

- 1) Pool
Elaine: Enduris is still working on it. They will make a presentation to the School District.

- 2) Skate Park Grant
Elaine: All is moving along just fine. The first concrete pour was done today. There will be a couple of change orders totaling \$1,500 as a result of King County changes. There was an additional design change that can be worked into the cost. Regarding the grant, he granted us an additional year.
Jason: They couldn't start until now.
Elaine: We have some breathing room. The scheduled completion date was next week.

- 3) Point Robinson
Elaine: We are prepared to go to bid for painting. If you want a formal open public bid, it would wait until Jan 13. Or, you could delegate to Eric and I. There is no cost to us. It is just a formality. If a bid is over 19K, we won't accept it. We want the grant to pay for this.
Bill: Delegation has been given.

- 4) Tramp Harbor Dock
Elaine: I have had our attorney and Enduris' attorney review the issues, and they say it is very complicated. They say that we are in a better position than the County. I have a meeting with Kevin Brown to discuss this. Also have requested an amendment to the condition assessment engineer for an update to the 2009 report. This will identify repair and safety concerns. It will cost no more than \$2,500.
Bill: This should go into executive session.
Janet: there is a difference between future litigation and current litigation.
Joe: There are gas cans and generators on the dock and people

are smoking on the dock. I think that it is a fire hazard.
Bill: Someone approached us and asked us to get a Ranger. He wanted to prosecute the off-Island fish poachers.
I MOVE that we make Joe the caretaker of the dock.
Jason: there needs to be a sign saying that no gas cans are permitted on the dock.
Bill: We need rules for the dock. Then, the Sheriff could enforce it.
Lu-Ann: The sooner the better.

NEXT MEETING

Respectfully submitted by:
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