

VASHON PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

Ober Park, Performance Room, 6:00 pm

DATE: Tuesday, November 24, 2015

Commissioners attending: Bill Ameling, Scott Harvey, Doug Ostrom, Joe Wald. Lu-Ann Branch 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 by Joe Wald at 6:09 PM. Joe reviewed the agenda.	
Public Comment	<p>A telephone call was made to Lu-Ann who is recuperating from an auto accident in Florida.</p> <p>Hilary welcomes LuAnn and sends wishes for a speedy recovery.</p> <p>Mary O'Brien: Capt. Joe could not be here tonight. He wanted to know what happened to an inventory for pool equipment.</p> <p>Elaine: The public survey is different and will happen in the spring. The pool survey will cost 10K and it has been budgeted. I met with Senator Nelson and discussed appropriation for the Tramp Harbor Dock in 2017. She will put package together if we will work with the County. The potential is for 5M, 3M for Dockton. It is all very preliminary. I will be applying for an RCO grant through ALEA. State DNR funds it. They will work with us. I had an engineer come out and he did a pretty thorough estimate. They have agreed to do a feasibility study for us. 2M could cover it. Senator Nelson would like to see some fundraising efforts on our part. King County has contributed 50K to our fundraising efforts. ALEA grant due May 1 2016. We could show some good faith.</p> <p>Scott and Bill arrived.</p>	
Approve October Minutes and Vouchers	<p>Bill: I MOVE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AND VOUCHERS.</p> <p>Scott: SECOND.</p> <p>VOTE: 5-0 in favor</p>	<p>MOTION, SECOND TO ACCEPT MINUTES AND VOUCHERS.</p> <p>VOTE: 5-0 IN FAVOR.</p>

Financial Report	<p>Elaine: We are down in administration; we are under budget 10K. Maintenance is under budget by 13K. Commons is over. Programs are under budget \$84.00. The pool is just under budget. Pt. Robinson is under budget. Fern Cove is under budget \$1,500. VES - we voted to increase to \$398. RFA fund will be a problem next year; memorial fund ends. I am reaching out for donations to that fund.</p> <p>Hilary: How much did we spend on reduced fees?</p> <p>Elaine: Off the top of my head, about 5K.</p> <p>Scott: You mentioned maintenance revenue is down. Why?</p> <p>Elaine: Revenue set trending from last year for maintenance.</p> <p>Robin: Classrooms are not being used. It's about 1/2 off. It appears that the fields are being used more.</p> <p>Elaine: Last year we had a big rental that fell off.</p> <p>Scott: We are paying 100K and we are getting less?</p> <p>Elaine: That's true.</p> <p>Jason: We are using the fields more.</p> <p>Elaine: I paid 100K this month on the TAN. We are ahead by about 14K on the levy.</p>	
Step Progression Pay Policy/Wage Increases	<p>Elaine: I thought there were two separate numbers, but they are the same. The CPI is published for 26 national metro areas. In Seattle, it is computed for multiple counties. The CPI is one and the same. My suggestion is that we move beyond CPI.</p> <p>Bill: I MOVE WE ACCEPT.</p> <p>Doug: SECOND.</p> <p>Joe: no vote tonight.</p>	<p>MOTION, SECOND TO ACCEPT STEP PROGRESSION PAY POLICY/WAGE INCREASES</p> <p>Agenda item.</p>
Training for new elected officials.	<p>Elaine: The only training required is July 20th. It is an open government training. I also sent out a webinar. I am putting material together for a board retreat.</p> <p>Bill: we shouldn't make decisions for the next Board. That can be set by the next Board.</p> <p>Elaine: The key thing is that I have to document it.</p>	
2016 Budget	<p>Elaine: I have found that, generally, Vashon fees are on the low end for the region. I suggested 2 fee increases: one on room rentals and 2) increase pool fees. I understand that there is a desire to raise fees across the board. If we round to the nearest 25 cents, the result is 4%. I provided the current schedule. Then I updated it with 4% fees across the board. Most common is \$15.50. You can see \$5/hour profit. For the Pool, 4% goes to \$6.25. The net effect makes a 7K difference. On maintenance, in the park fee evaluation, we noticed that one came up a lot – dragging line fees, for soccer and baseball. Jason suggested that we</p>	

add in dragging line fees for the entire season. That would be \$500 for the entire season.
Jason: People pay taxes. We spend a lot of money on some sports. If we could get a little bit of money back it would be good. Lacrosse does their own field work.
Scott: I can see charging significantly more. Soccer would pay this fee.
Robin: There are 9 soccer teams + younger ones. 15 teams in all. I have not scheduled 35 teams.
Scott: 154 hours on soccer.
LuAnn: I can't really tell you guys, I am having a hard time hearing you.
Scott: What do you think about passing the cost of lining the fields on to the users?
Lu-Ann: It could be legitimate to pass on the cost.
Scott: If Jason was to continue to line the fields, is that something that you would support.
Lu-Ann: I can't hear.
Scott: Let's table this matter until Lu-Ann gets back
Bill: Whiteboard section. If we raise the fees, we've lost 560 bucks.
Elaine: that's right.
Bill: If I lived in Black Diamond, I would find that Vashon is paying more. We are not so far out of the line. Compare apples to apples. We should pass the budget with no fee increase. That would be draft #2. **I MOVE THAT WE ACCEPT DRAFT #2 WITHOUT No. 5 AND THAT THE WHOLE QUESTION OF FEES SHOULD BE DECIDED BY THE NEW BOARD. THAT WOULD BE DRAFT #3 WITHOUT INCREASES.** Let the new Board talk to the public.
Scott: This is very modest.
Bill: It is an issue for the new board. This subject needs more deliberation.
Doug: We are increasing salaries. It is part of the package. It started with Scott Bonney and the pool fees. .
Bill: **I CALL THE QUESTION ON DOUG'S MOTION OF 4%**
Joe: Motion is to accept draft 3
VOTE: 3-2. **THE MOTION FAILS.** LU-Ann, Joe and Bill were opposed. Scott and Doug voted in favor of the motion.
Bill: #3 , we would accept
Elaine: It would have to be draft 2 without classrooms. We will have a 7K reduction in reserves.
Lu-Ann: **I SECOND BILL'S MOTION.**
Joe: This will be voted on at the next meeting.

Bill: At the next meeting, when the elections are certified, people can be sworn in. This Board passes the budget. The next line is to swear in new commissioners. For the remainder of the meeting, the Commissioners can discuss training and the retreat.
Doug: Old board members have to resign.
Bill: No.

**MOTION,
SECOND TO
ACCEPT DRAFT
#2 WITHOUT No.
5.**

Agenda Item.

**VOTE ON
MOTION TO
INCREASE FEES
4% ACROSS THE
BOARD. 3-2
MOTION FAILS.**

Agenda Item.

	<p>Hilary: The election was certified today.</p> <p>Doug: I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN.</p> <p>Bill: SECOND.</p> <p>VOTE: 5-0 IN FAVOR.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.</p>	<p>MOTION, SECOND TO ADJOURN. VOTE: 5-0 IN FAVOR</p>
Next Meeting	December 8, 2015, 7:00 pm.	

Respectfully submitted by:
Mary Reeves