

VASHON PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Ober Park, Performance Room, 7:00 pm

DATE: Tuesday, March 10, 2015

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 7:00 PM by Joe Wald. Joe reviewed the agenda.	
Public Comment	Capt. Joe: Cici & Andy are back!	
Board Vote: Paradise Ridge Plan	<p>Elaine read the motion from the previous Board meeting.</p> <p>Lu-Ann: (Addressing Hannah.) Are you sure that you can do this for 35K?</p> <p>Hannah: We did a clean-up of the blackberries covering the concrete. I have quotes. What makes this work is that we can recycle the concrete. When ground to 12 inch minus, even the DOT can use it. It is the concrete with rebar in it that is more difficult to dispose of. We want this done in projects. Your contribution is awesome. There also might be old wiring in the old control center. The plumbing is under control. No permit is needed. We can do it!</p> <p>Bill: I CALL THE QUESTION.</p> <p>VOTE: 5-0 in favor</p> <p>Hannah: Thank you so much. We are very excited and I know that we can raise the money.</p> <p>Elaine: The money would not be released until after the levy vote.</p>	<p>VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE PARADISE RIDGE PLAN. 5-0</p>
Tramp Harbor Dock	<p>Elaine: I met with King County about the survey. There are problems with the terms of the lease. For example, it says that we would be responsible for the liability of neighboring properties. The pier condition results leaves us with three options: 1) close the pier; 2) close sections of the pier which would be difficult to do; and, 3) keep the pier open, but with ample signage.</p> <p>Bill: Maybe we need a gate with a sign on it so that when someone comes through the gate, we know that they have read it. It would be proof that they saw it.</p> <p>Lu-Ann: It would have to be a self-closing gate.</p> <p>Bill: Anybody been to Camp Muir? They have a sign that says: "People have died beyond this point."</p> <p>Doug: The signage needs to be in different languages, including Korean and Spanish.</p> <p>Bill: Lots of off-Islanders use the pier.</p> <p>Elaine: I can show you the draft of the signage.</p>	<p>MOTION, SECOND, TO</p>

Lu-Ann: I wonder about the timeline. Can we do this by e-mail?
Elaine: Yes.
Bill: Risk comes when you have a risk known to you and you do nothing about it. **I MOVE THAT OUR CHOICE IS TO KEEP THE DOCK OPEN.**
Lu-Ann: SECOND.
Joe: The Sportsman’s group wants to keep the dock open and they are hunting for grants and ways to raise money.
Bill: Groups can put pressure on the DNR. There are other docks between here and Kitsap County. They are facing this too. We should contact them and see if we can work together.
Frank: In 1974, I drove down the dock to work on boats. I scuba dive. Vashon has 50 miles of shoreline and just one dock. The dock is important. You could raise the amount of money for the levy. I will contribute \$1,000 today in this effort with the caveat: do not cash it if you can’t fix the dock.
Ezra Parker: I am from the Audubon Society. There is significant bird-watching that goes on on the pier. As of this year, our bird survey includes Tramp Harbor where there is an abundance of birds. Many people come from off-Island to watch the birds. The Vashon Audubon Society goes to the pier at least once a month. I walk down the dock in the wind in winter and I can feel the dock move. When our group goes there, we stand at the end of the dock.
Kate Hunter: I walk it often. It is just lovely. I like that off-Islanders come there. You might want to contact the Vashon Yacht Club because they just had to redo their docks because it shaded the water too much. I don’t know who they used, but you could contact them.
Frank Jackson: The pier is a special place. I don’t feel unsafe on the pier. Get something in the Beachcomber raising awareness of the problem.
Ken: I have been on the Island for 15 years. I wonder if the dock is related to any emergency strategy. If so, maybe there is federal money available. I live close to the dock and I take my kids there. I am in marketing and I would help raise money.
Lu-Ann: We are leaving us open to some risk, but we are stewards of these resources.
Doug: We don’t know the amount of our risk. The question is, how big a risk are we willing to take to put up with keeping it open?
Bill: If we have a liability and we ignore it, that’s where liability comes from.

KEEP THE DOCK OPEN

 Agenda Item

 Elaine?

Pool Fix

Elaine: Question: The School District wants an addendum to the lease. They are reiterating that they will provide no more money. The insurance company will pay for Tier 1. It will cost us nothing. We need to get the School Board’s permission to sign without the conditions.
Bill: If we vote no to the addendum, will they close the pool?
Elaine: I don’t know.
Doug: Why are they setting an upper limit? We have to change the first paragraph. It would allow them to bill us for them making changes or repairs.
Elaine: I have drafted an addendum.
Bill: They are bound.

Elaine: The School District would come back with other language.
Beachcomber: The insurance company is paying for the whole thing. They spent 18K.
Lu-Ann: They won't reimburse us going forward.
Elaine: Yes they will, but only if we have to haul water.
Elaine: Let's set a meeting of the two Boards. Also, The Friends of the Pool want a recapture clause.
Bill: With or without the clause, the RCW's govern. Some people here still think that the School District is the problem.
Elaine: This addendum came from Michael Soltman.

Staff Reports

- 1) *VES*
Elaine: I have interviewed two people for the position and I will make a decision this week. Thanks to Joe and Mike Mattingly, we will be getting the as-builts from Tom Ossinger soon.

- 2) *Skate Park*
Elaine: We are done! It is finished. It is beautiful. The check is being processed.
Truman: It is fabulous.
Craig: I think that it is hard to get out of. There should be a feature to help those who cannot get out without assistance.
Lu-Ann: An EMT would say, "Don't move."
Elaine: I was in there. It is hard to get out of.
Jason: We could ask Grindline about this.
Elaine: We can't require helmets because we would have to have a staff presence there.
Hilary: It is not a bad idea to have a rope that people can pull themselves out with.
Lu-Ann: Who pitched in to make this happen?
Elaine: BARC.

- 3) *Point Robinson*
Elaine: We are working through the contract and we will award it this week.
Frank: You know how you see horses on the hill as you are going east on I-90? Well, how about an orca sculpture so that kids can climb on it? It could be a real attraction.

- 4) *Inspiration Point*
Jason: Jerry and I met at Inspiration Point and there are now markers. Did you know that we own property to the North of Inspiration Point? We are going to meet with arborists. We have only done a survey so far. The person who owns property below the Point actually has an "L" around us.
Lu-Ann: Do we own to the South?
Jason: He owns to the North and to the East.

<p>Levy Contingency Budget</p>	<p>Elaine: The Board has two options as I see it. 1) Make changes in line with community concerns in anticipation that the November levy passes; consequently, if the levy fails, there will be no money for 2016. 2) Play it safe and move to a contingency budget. I have worked on such a budget. There may be a third option, but I am flushing it out now.</p> <p>Bill: Some people are on the fence on the levy. Most people are in favor. I am not worried. I MOVE THAT WE WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE LEVY VOTE TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVES.</p> <p>Lu-Ann: Second.</p> <p>Doug: We should put options out there in the event the levy fails, like a fact sheet that lays out what could happen.</p> <p>Bill: The Vashon School District has a baseline levy, in which case, their levy is excess. Here, there is no going back to baseline.</p> <p>Truman: Let the Friends of the Parks do a kind of fact sheet.</p> <p>Bill: It is a gray area. We can state the facts, but we can't say do it or else.</p> <p>Truman: It is State law.</p> <p>Mary: This is the 4th levy I have been through. The staff and Board stayed professional throughout the process.</p> <p>Capt. Joe: I went to the Friends of the Parks meeting and there were five people there, three from Friends of the Pool. I am concerned that Kristen has an impossible task. It is important that user groups come to the next meeting.</p> <p>Truman: We had five people there when I was working on it. It turned out fine.</p> <p>Joe: We had five people there when I was working on a levy. It, too, turned out fine. It grows.</p> <p>Bill: I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN. SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR. 7:58 pm.</p>	<p>MOTION, SECOND, TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE LEVY TO DISCUSS FUNDING OPTIONS.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>March 24, 2015, 7:00 PM</p>	

Respectfully submitted by:
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