

# VASHON PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## MEETING MINUTES

Ober Park, Performance Room, 7:00 pm

DATE: Tuesday, May 12, 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
<b>Call to order &amp; agenda review</b>	<b>The meeting was called to order by Joe Wald at 7:04 PM. Joe reviewed the agenda.</b>	
<b>Public Comment</b>	<p><b>Capt. Joe: We had to change the date for Kite Day to 6/27/2015. On Mother’s Day we had a great turnout of mothers and sons and daughters. A steady stream. Wonderful time. Election coming up – only a few more days for people to sign up to run for a commissioner position.</b></p> <p><b>Cici: I have a question about how the Board feels about people attending via Skype.</b></p> <p><b>Joe: No comment</b></p> <p><b>Lu-Ann: We have no infrastructure.</b></p> <p><b>Cici: It would require a computer and a network.</b></p> <p><b>Elaine: It could be done.</b></p> <p><b>Cici: I am considering running for commissioner and I would be away a couple times a year.</b></p> <p><b>Mitch: I do that every month.</b></p> <p><b>Cici: The School Board does it.</b></p>	
<b>Levy</b>	<p><b>Elaine: We passed at 60.63%. It has been certified.</b></p> <p><b>Kristen: Yeah. Every group has come through. I am a little bit short.</b></p> <p><b>Joe: Thanks, Kristen</b></p> <p><b>Capt. Joe. It was about 20 votes the minimum or it would have failed. It passed because of the work of Friends of the Park. The levy would not have passed if it were not for Kristen.</b></p> <p><b>Lu-Ann: It is not a great vote. The public has spoken. It was lower than most levies.</b></p> <p><b>Doug: Maybe we should have a meeting to talk about this.</b></p> <p><b>Bill: Ask the 60.63% why they voted for it.</b></p> <p><b>Lu-Ann: I’m not sure that the people who voted would come to a meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Bill: If people have a grievance we would like to talk to them face to face.</b></p> <p><b>Lu-Ann: It is different. We have 22 years with the levy passing by a lot more.</b></p> <p><b>Bill: We have had 4 rough years. People by and large, don’t understand. We are only 3-4% off. Normally you get 30% voting no. We did fine. People really like the Park District.</b></p>	

	<p><b>Doug:</b> I don't think that we can interpret it as people are happy with the Park District.</p> <p><b>Bill:</b> The only way Vashon speaks is when they go to the polls.</p> <p><b>Doug Hoffman:</b> The levy before that has friends of Hilary.</p> <p><b>Scott:</b> I think that Hilary pushed it over the top.</p> <p><b>Lu-Ann:</b> They didn't listen to her, but she got out the vote.</p>	
<p><b>VIGA Pollinator Garden</b></p>	<p><b>Gene Kuhns:</b> I received a grant through a company that I work for, a \$900 grant for pollinator through VIGA and bee-keeping. Part of the grant is to develop a pollinator garden. There is bamboo there that is invasive. We would promote it as a butterfly and pollinator garden. We will have an educational placard under Plexiglas and it would change over time. We envision a friendly place and a portable observation place for bees. Part of the placard would have a post for the Farmer's Market. It would be totally funded through the grant. Labor will be through myself or VIGA. It would be easy to mow around. All native plants, so no watering. Timeline: I could start this Saturday.</p> <p><b>Joe:</b> How would this work with maintenance?</p> <p><b>Gene:</b> Should be no maintenance. VIGA cleans up every year. We will put down weed block.</p> <p><b>Lu-Ann:</b> Is this about having pollinator friendly species?</p> <p><b>Gene:</b> Yes, sunflowers, milkweed, coneflowers, oregano and thyme.</p> <p><b>Lu-Ann:</b> Maintenance?</p> <p><b>Gene:</b> None because of the weed block.</p> <p><b>Margo:</b> VIGA is considering actions and design possibilities. We would have two years before the space could change. It is long-term and with perennials. We do maintenance every spring. Gene's proposal is a heck of a lot better. The bamboo would be contained.</p> <p><b>Jason:</b> I was concerned about people getting stung.</p> <p><b>Elaine:</b> Their insurance company approves of this as does ours.</p> <p><b>Margo:</b> There should be no problem with bees.</p> <p><b>Lu-Ann:</b> People coming through?</p> <p><b>Jason:</b> During festival the chamber put up a stand.</p> <p><b>Gene:</b> I will reuse the bamboo. There had been native honeysuckle, but it got trimmed back.</p> <p><b>Bill:</b> What about homeless people?</p> <p><b>Margo:</b> Bamboo makes hidey-holes. Taking down the bamboo will make it so nobody can be concealed.</p> <p><b>Scott:</b> Do we need a motion for this?</p> <p><b>Bill:</b> Let the Director make the decision.</p> <p><b>Elaine:</b> Because there is a sign, you guys need to approve it.</p> <p><b>Peter:</b> Most of the plants you are mentioning are not native here.</p>	

	<p><b>Lu-Ann: I MOVE THAT WE ACCEPT THE DONATION.</b>  <b>Bill: I MOVE THAT WE SUSPEND THE RULES.</b>  <b>Scott: SECOND TO SUSPEND.</b>  <b>Doug: SECOND TO ACCEPT.</b>  <b>Elaine: Do you want to review the sign?</b>  <b>Joe: We should leave it up to you, Elaine.</b>  <b>John Candy: I don't want to turn it into commercial sign.</b>  <b>Bill: You can put up a small sign recognizing sponsorship.</b>  <b>John: You could be opening a can of worms.</b>  <b>Bill: I CALL THE QUESTION.</b>  <b>VOTE: 5-0 IN FAVOR</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION  SECOND TO  ACCEPT GENE  KUHN'S  DONATION.  VOTE: 5-0 IN  FAVOR.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION,  SECOND TO  SUSPEND THE  RULES.  VOTE: 5-0 IN  FAVOR</b></p>
<p><b>VES</b></p>	<p><b>Elaine: A question from Janet Quimby. Is it new use that requires paving? No answer to that. We are close to going out to bid. It may be reduced or eliminated. Scope of work from Mitch Treese. We need a three week time line. We need a meeting in 3 weeks.</b>  <b>Bill: Just move the regular meeting to June 2 from June 9.</b>  <b>Doug: I won't be there on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.</b>  <b>Scott: it has come to my attention that this includes paving that is not necessary. I don't know why we would propose it. I have raised this many times. We have had all these groups show up. Nobody has showed up to say that they need more parking spots. We are increasing the cost to pay for space that King County doesn't require.</b>  <b>Mitch: Currently the understanding of the County is that we are putting in 4 ADA spaces. If we are forced to pave we will pave. If we have to pave it will be 65%. Then it will be up to you to decide if you want the rest paved.</b>  <b>Scott: I would rather have that money available for groups.</b>  <b>Bill: We have held to the premise that for 3 years the County hasn't come up with what the correct requirement is. We still don't know what is required. Elaine says to put up the whole cost. We might have to anyhow.</b>  <b>Elaine: Should we include potentially paving the North Lot or not?</b>  <b>Bill: You are saying that we should put the cost for the whole thing.</b>  <b>Mitch: It is a separate bid for the 3 pieces, so we will know exactly what it is.</b>  <b>Bill: There may be no requirement at all. We can approve getting a price.</b>  <b>Doug: I am concerned that we complete it at the lowest cost.</b>  <b>Elaine: We know that they don't require the North Parking Lot to be paved.</b>  <b>Bill: We will only do what we need to do.</b></p>	<p><b>June 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting moved to June 2<sup>nd</sup>.</b></p>

	<p><b>Mitch:</b> It is just preparation – know your costs. We still don’t know what the County will require. It is prudent to cover that.</p> <p><b>Capt. Joe:</b> Mitch: we have had a lot of dust-off about the drawings. Are these what the County would require?</p> <p><b>Mitch:</b> Yes and no. There is a punch list. It is three pieces, but it not a cohesive with 100% of what Mike Meins might require.</p> <p><b>Capt. Joe:</b> I appreciate Mitch taking this on. We will finally get this finished.</p> <p><b>Scott:</b> Fixed price contract for this?</p> <p><b>Mitch:</b> It is specific. There are other items that are not completely defined. I don’t guess on numbers.</p>	
<p><b>Teen Summer Fun Camp</b></p>	<p><b>Kristen:</b> the day after the election, Hilary and I were seen together. Part of Hilary’s point was that she wanted to bring back some of the programs. Our first attempt at this is to do an anti-Hilary fun summer camp for 10-15 year olds. For two hours in the morning, they would be working in the parks. No power tools. They would get free lunch from the Food Bank. Then we would go to the pool, maybe Lisabeula, etc. It would cost the park \$750. We make money if we have 15. They could take ownership and maybe they would not vandalize the parks. Are we going to ask parents to pay for their kids to work? You can get community service credit. We would hire someone. If you give us permission, we will put the word out.</p> <p><b>Bill:</b> This is an Executive Director decision. Elaine should look at this.</p> <p><b>Lu-Ann:</b> Are we opening up a precedent?</p> <p><b>Bill:</b> It used to be all about programs, so, here we are here again. So, looking at about the next four years, are we going to spend on things or people?</p> <p><b>Lu-Ann:</b> That is a Board-level decision.</p> <p><b>Bill:</b> Remember, Susan managed it all. It was Susan’s decision to bring programs in.</p> <p><b>Kristen:</b> That’s what Hilary’s point is all about. We need more programs.</p> <p><b>Bill:</b> It is a valid issue. Is it people or things?</p> <p><b>Scott:</b> Let’s try this and the information will factor into the future decisions. We have to have 10 kids minimum.</p> <p><b>Doug:</b> All this before July?</p> <p><b>Lu-Ann:</b> It is good to have community programs.</p> <p><b>Elaine:</b> We will address this in the 5-year plan survey.</p> <p><b>Jason:</b> It depends on the kids.</p> <p><b>Bill:</b> Programs are decided by the Executive Director.</p> <p><b>Doug:</b> We should approve it as a pilot program. <b>I MOVE THAT WE APPROVE THIS PROGRAM AS A PILOT PROGRAM.</b></p> <p><b>Scott:</b> <b>SECOND.</b></p> <p><b>Scott:</b> <b>I ALSO MOVE TO SUSPEND THE RULES.</b></p>	<p>MOTION, SECOND TO APPROVE KRISTEN’S</p>

	<p><b>Beachcomber:</b> We are asked to get this information out earlier.  <b>Doug:</b> SECOND THE MOTION TO SUSPEND.  <b>VOTE:</b> 4-0-1  <b>Lu-Ann:</b> I just believe that we are going in the wrong direction – leave these decisions up to Elaine.  <b>Scott:</b> I SECOND THE MOTION.  <b>VOTE ON THE MAIN MOTION:</b> 3-0-2 passed.</p>	<p>PROPOSAL AS A PILOT PROGRAM.  VOTE 4-0-1</p> <p>MOTION,  SECOND TO SUSPEND THE RULES  VOTE: 3-0-2 IN FAVOR</p>
<p><b>Sponsorship Policy</b></p>	<p><i>(After reviewing Elaine and Jason’s proposal)</i>  <b>Bill:</b> So, under this policy you do not have a billboard in the outfield?  <b>Lu-Ann:</b> It doesn’t sound like all the signs need to look the same.  <b>Bill:</b> Does this say you an?  <b>Joe:</b> it doesn’t say you can’t  <b>Lu-Ann:</b> Could this policy apply to the pollinator park?  <b>Bill:</b> I am against commercialization, like John Candy said.  <b>Lu-Ann:</b> What about the ball fields at the high school?  <b>Joe:</b> The signs at the football field get moved. They are soft signs.  <b>Scott:</b> It is Elaine’s call.  <b>Bill:</b> Does the policy state that there will be no commercialization of the parks?  <b>Scott:</b> No, but I think that it is a good guideline. A judgement call.  <b>Elaine:</b> Under the procedures, an agreement will be offered. I see that with this, I would request VIGA to put McDonald Mill up for a year.  <b>Bill:</b> I think that the Parks should be lean of all commercial signs.  <b>Toni:</b> Couldn’t they go up for the season?  <b>Jason:</b> I have talked to other parks. They shy away from advertising. Lacey makes 14K a year on this. Seattle parks is really expensive, like \$100 a day.  <b>Bill:</b> It is a small amount of money and it is not worth the money. I don’t want to see signs. They don’t belong there. There is no compelling reason to do it. Who does it benefit? Not youth baseball.  <b>Capt. Joe:</b> You would never be allowed to have signs at Pt. Robinson. I agree with Bill. The first and last time this will happen.  <b>Bill:</b> Our policy should say no sponsorship at all.  <b>Scott:</b> I MOVE THAT WE ACCEPT THE POLICY AS SUBMITTED BY ELAINE.</p>	<p>MOTION,</p>

	<p><b>Joe: SECOND.</b>  <b>John Candy: You do want a policy to support the Executive Director.</b>  <b>Joe: This will be up for vote in two weeks.</b></p>	<p><b>SECOND TO ACCEPT THE SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL.</b></p> <p><b>Agenda Item.</b></p>
<p><b>Interlocal Agreement</b></p>	<p><b>Elaine: It expires.</b>  <b>Bill: It has already renewed itself. We should have talked to it in February.</b>  <b>Elaine: We are meeting with the parties this week. The School District agreed to start providing porta potties for the users. It is working quite well.</b></p>	<p><b>Agenda Item for February 2016</b></p>
<p><b>Staff Reports</b></p>	<p><b>1) 5-year plan Survey.</b>  <b>Elaine: I have started working on 5-year plan. I have interviewed user groups. The next step is the community survey. I feel it is essential that the public communicate their wishes. I would like big ticket items will help us prioritize these expense. RCO wants to see survey data. I want to look at floating a bond, especially in support for big ticket items, potential fees, etc. At the next meeting, I will forward this to everyone. Please weigh in.</b>  <b>Bill: I can support this only if it is statistically valid. Use random questions and you have to find those people to make them answer. Find out what it means to be statistically valid and the questions should be vetted professionally. It will cost some money. There are survey firms.</b>  <b>Doug: I don't know who wrote the survey.</b>  <b>Elaine: King County did.</b>  <b>Cici: I sent Elaine some samples. They are mailed to the community and then there are follow-up phone calls. This is the expensive component. The hard is the part online. What are you looking to gain? Are you willing to spend 20-30K?</b>  <b>Bill: if you look at the levy, how are we going to spend \$4 million? If you spend 20-30K, it would guide you for the next four years. You can't pass bond issues to cover pool. It might be worth it.</b>  <b>Lu-Ann: We need facts. I think that it is money well spent. Elaine – get estimates.</b>  <b>Joe: Can we have a draft for the next meeting?</b>  <b>Elaine: Yes.</b>  <b>Capt. Joe: We have a moral and ethical obligation to follow their wishes. People I talked to before the vote expected the parks to come back to discuss what they want. Not a phone thing.</b>  <b>Scott: Not a conflict.</b>  <b>Bill: If I was a friend of the pool, I would make sure that every person in that user</b></p>	<p><b>Elaine</b></p>

	<p>group voted twice.  <b>Toni: Ask in the Beachcomber – it is free.</b>  <b>Elaine: send a postcard to every home.</b></p> <p>2) <i>Tramp Harbor Dock</i>  <b>Elaine: I have spoken with a piling company – they wrap the pilings with fiberglass and inject a substance. The cost is \$750-1Mil. This is for all the pilings. We are looking at alternatives.</b>  <b>Joe: Grants are still out there.</b>  <b>Elaine: I am looking at all those sources.</b>  <b>Elaine: 750 have replied to the survey. There are two public meetings planned at McMurray. I think we should have a representative there. Both nights. I found full copy of the King County ordinance, so I will forward that to the County and I will set a meeting accordingly.</b></p> <p>3) <i>Pool</i>  <b>Elaine: I found that there is no policy limit. Our deductible is \$1K. I am still waiting for Enduras. An engineer is perfecting the drawings.</b></p> <p>4) <i>Point Robinson</i>  <b>Elaine: The painting done. The roof will start soon. The keepers have purchased a high end picnic table.</b></p> <p><b>Bill move, Joe</b></p>	
<b>Adjourn</b>	<b>Bill: I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN.</b> <b>JOE: SECOND.</b> <b>ALL WERE IN FAVOR</b>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>May 26, 2015, 7:00 PM</b>	

Respectfully submitted by:  
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