

# VASHON PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## MEETING MINUTES

Ober Park, Performance Room, 7:00 pm

DATE: Tuesday, May 26, 2015

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

Staff attending: Elaine Ott

ISSUE	DISCUSSION AND OUTCOME	FOLLOW UP
<b>Call to order &amp; agenda review</b>	The meeting was called to order by Joe Wald. Joe reviewed the agenda.	
<b>Public Comment</b>	<p><b>Hilary:</b> The Voice of Vashon &amp; Beachcomber are sponsoring a debate July 8, 7-9PM, for prospective Board Commissioner.</p> <p><b>Capt. Joe:</b> The roof replacement has begun on the Lighthouse. The truck was loaded with materials, but not a single jack-tar was around to unload the materials. Not a single person showed to get started. Also, we have been doing tours for two weeks now and more than half are from off-Island. Houses are full and booked.</p> <p><b>Scott:</b> Doug, who handles kayak rentals, says they had more than twice as many kayak rentals compared to last year. They have added paddleboards.</p> <p><b>Capt. Joe:</b> That is how men started going to sea, by straddling logs.</p>	
<b>Approve April Minutes and Vouchers</b>	<p><b>Bill:</b> I MOVE THAT WE APPROVE THE APRIL MINUTES AND VOUCHERS.</p> <p><b>Scott:</b> SECOND</p> <p><b>VOTE:</b> 4-0</p>	<p><b>MOTION, SECOND TO APPROVE APRIL MINUTES AND VOUCHERS. VOTE IN FAVOR OF MOTION.</b></p>
<b>Financial Report</b>	<p><b>Elaine:</b> Administration is ahead by 6K. Maintenance is under budget in all categories by 21K. Commons are a little low on revenue. Pt. Robinson is ahead 9K. Fern Cove is negative. April VES costs were about 4K in permit fees. We are still ahead about 40K. We will need the TAN in September to get through the VES.</p> <p><b>Hilary:</b> If we are closing permits, why are we paying for them?</p> <p><b>Elaine:</b> Every time they answer an e-mail, they charge us.</p>	

<p><b>VES</b></p>	<p><b>Elaine:</b> Mitch, Jason and I met with Mike Meins. Bad news is that we have to pave all but the N. parking lot. Cost estimate is upwards of 260K.  <b>Scott:</b> What about Mitch?  <b>Elaine:</b> He is included in that amount.  <b>Scott:</b> What about sales tax?  <b>Elaine:</b> It is included. 260K is the full package. There are geotechnical reports that are gratis. We might be able to squeak by.  <b>Scott:</b> It was my understanding that this is news to everybody? I would really think that it is prudent to spend more money. We should engage a high-end land use attorney. Just to have them say, you have to do this.  <b>Elaine:</b> I am reluctant to do this right now. Let me report on the good news. King County permitting folks said they felt really bad about this. They are advocating on our behalf. I called the ombudsperson. She has already started the process of obtaining a grant through the KC Parks. Let's see what happens before engaging an attorney.  <b>Scott:</b> If we get the grant, somebody else might not get the grant. Maybe somebody needs it. Maybe we don't need the grant.  <b>Elaine:</b> We have had a dialog and it sounds favorable. They are not saying no. If it is not required for this, it maybe is not fair to take the money. Get a professional involved.  <b>Scott:</b> We don't have money today. The question is how to get it done.  <b>Capt. Joe:</b> I sat on the finance committee. This is one of the things we said we would complete in 2015. We have been working on this for three years. Let's get it done!  <b>Janet:</b> Thousands of volunteer hours have gone into this. I was recently involved with non-profits. We had an open and public process. If you get a good legal opinion, you don't need to share the information with King County.</p>	
<p><b>Sponsorship Policy Vote</b></p>	<p><b>Elaine:</b> At the last meeting, Scott moved to accept the proposed policy, seconded by Joe.  <b>Joe:</b> I didn't second it.  <b>Bill:</b> It leaves a door open for creeping commercialism: T-shirts, billboards. There ought to be a place in this world to go to without commercialism. This proposal still leaves this open for the director. In this little way, I don't want to leave the door open for commercialism.  <b>Lu-Ann:</b> I think that you are hanging onto a Dinosaur. It's as if it was Mayberry-esque. There is revenue today. I don't mind the signs at the high school. I am not crazy about it. We can always use the money.  <b>Scott:</b> There is a lot of deferred maintenance. <b>I WILL AMEND MY MOTION TO LIMIT IT TO SPORTS FACILITIES.</b>  <b>Hilary:</b> You would have to get permission from the School District for the pool.  <b>Scott:</b> We will do it by the book. We can always change it.  <b>Lu-Ann:</b> <b>I SECOND THE AMENDMENT.</b>  <b>VOTE ON AMENDMENT: 3-1 PASS</b></p>	<p><b>AMEND MOTION, SECOND, TO LIMIT MOTION TO SPORTS FACILITIES.</b></p>

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Staff Reports	<p><i>1) 5-year plan survey</i></p> <p><b>Elaine:</b> At the last meeting, we talked about the survey, but I have not had a moment to work on it. We talked about getting a research firm and I have been in touch with professional firms. The cost is 20K depending on the length and how much work they do. You can mitigate by offering a token for their participation like a Starbucks card. Bill, you were right, 20-30K</p> <p><b>Elaine:</b> I looked at three or four firms. All of them do this hand in hand with the 5 year plan. It is a huge undertaking. Nice to have professional help.</p> <p><b>Scott:</b> Based on breaking news today, this is something that we may need to talk about next year because we don't have the money. There are ways to mitigate.</p> <p><b>LuAnn:</b> I don't know what the options are. What does 50K get us?</p> <p><b>Elaine:</b> We would have them do an RFP and see what they have to offer.</p> <p><b>Scott:</b> We should get this info in Sept/Oct for the budget process.</p> <p><b>Elaine:</b> RCO likes data/surveys.</p> <p><b>Capt. Joe:</b> Are we not going out to the Vashon community then? That is a mistake. When talking to people in the community regarding the levy, it was expected for us to come back to them and ask what they want.</p> <p><b>Bill:</b> Here is where you are going to get the answer: in the elections. People on the Island will make their decision in November. Thousands will make it known.</p> <p><b>Capt. Joe:</b> I stick by what I said. There ought to be some forum provided to ask the community what they want. Maybe ask for a flood of letters saying what they would like from their Park District.</p> <p><b>Mary:</b> It was just a choice between the two people are running.</p> <p><b>Unidentified Man:</b> I think that it would be a gift to whoever gets elected in November. It would be an opportunity for the new commissioners.</p> <p><b>Lu-Ann:</b> What would they be reacting to?</p> <p><b>Unidentified Man:</b> Create a process for people to be heard.</p> <p><b>Truman:</b> The survey used to be a part of the plan. Let the new people do a survey.</p> <p><b>Elaine:</b> It sounds like we are leaning towards 2016.</p> <p><i>2) Maintenance Staff</i></p> <p><b>Elaine:</b> Jason is having a hard time getting part-time help. He wants to promote a part-timer to full time to get things done.</p> <p><b>Bill:</b> I am loath to add FTE's because they never go away.</p> <p><b>Lu-Ann:</b> We do have a part-time maintenance 1 and a seasonal. So this would not be adding a FTE.</p> <p><b>Elaine:</b> It fits in the budget based on the 21K.</p>	

	<p><b>Scott: He wants a full-time and a seasonal, but would he like more help?</b>  <b>Elaine: He would like more help. He would be short one seasonal. So as long as it is in budget, it's OK?</b>  <b>Scott: Yes.</b>  <b>Bill: He may have to go to an agency.</b>  <b>Elaine: We have tried to work with high schoolers. We are having a hard time getting seasonal. Eric is trying to fill housekeeper jobs. I have talked to a lot of people who are having a hard time getting seasonal help.</b></p> <p><b>3) Pool</b>  <b>Elaine: I am working on putting the pool fix out to bid. Should be in the \$10k - \$25k realm. Despite Enduris covering this, does the board wish this to be a public bid opening, or am I authorized to do it myself?</b>  <b>Bill: Not our money. Fine with you handling the bid opening.</b>  <b>Elaine: Scott is still on budget. Due to the cool weather, the turnout has not been as good as expected.</b></p>	
	<p><b>MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECOND. VOTE 4-0</b>  <b>The meeting was adjourned at 8: 04 PM.</b></p>	
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>June 9, 2015, 7:00 PM</b></p>	

Respectfully submitted by:  
Mary Reeves