

VASHON PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

Ober Park, Performance Room, 7:00 pm

DATE: Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Commissioners attending: Bill Ameling, Lu-Ann Branch, Scott Harvey, Joe Wald. Doug Ostrom 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 7:05 PM. He reviewed the agenda.	
Public Comment	<p>Kristen: The Seals are concerned about lane lines at the pool. Lines cost about \$2,500 each.</p> <p>Capt. Joe: The Low Tide Festival is August 4.</p> <p>Scott: Someone brought up the issue of the concerts in the park. It has been suggested that the hat be passed during concerts. It could bring some money in. Why are we not doing this?</p> <p>Elaine: It has never been brought up before.</p> <p>Bill: Tipping the musicians would be good.</p> <p>Lu-Ann: It would be good if we could tip them.</p> <p>Bill: There were about 300 people there.</p>	
VES Bid Opening	Elaine: One bid came in and there is a process that we have to follow. Date & time received today was 4:47 PM via delivery. The bid form is signed. There is a WA contractor #, UBI, state excise tax, etc. The bid bond is attached at 5% of the total bid. They are responsive. This is a company that did the library.	
VES	<p>Elaine: We have two options before us for VES parking. The commissioners must decide on option 1 or 2. Assumptions for 2016 – 30K for consultant. 10K for rowing club. With option 1, I would have projected a 100K reserve. We could utilize our TAN. It will need to be renewed in 2016. The only exception is that if the N lot is open only 3 days, it would not have to be paved. King County said that our only option to take off the N lot was that we would have to restore it to its natural state—no grass. Grass is not an option. Option one is less expensive. Option two would give us more time.</p> <p>Bill: We could not hire any extra people next year to get the reserves.</p> <p>Lu-Ann: What would be the impact</p> <p>Jason: I would like to bring in more people to make the parks more beautiful. We are barely maintaining as it is now. We have cleaned-up Agren.</p>	

Scott: For 120K, I can't imagine the Board wouldn't put up a fight. It is a no-brainer.

Bill: It is not a no brainer. There is nothing that says that we can get around paving it. If we pave it now, we save. Further, it is not safe to not pave the lots. If you go out there on weekends, you will see that it is not safe because families park along the road. People on Vashon want clean, safe parks. This is a 40-50 year asset. The no brainer is to not do it.

Scott: I have been here for 2 years and this project has been going on that long. No parent has said this (that it is not safe). Nothing in the Beachcomber. No tremendous outcry. No hue & cry.

Bill: You don't go up there—you don't see it.

Elaine: King County has raised safety as a concern. There was a neighborhood complaint. King County said something has to be done about parking safety. I would be concerned about push back if we fought them.

Scott: I am saying that we should pushback. Attorney's fees would be worth it. Choices: we still have to pave it or return it to nature. We should fight it. There is no money in the budget (for paving), even with the reserve.

Bill: We can finance it into the next year.

Scott: We don't need to spend 260K for parking.

Bill: We agreed to do whatever was necessary.

Mitch: If we extract that lot from the permit and we decide in the future that we really do need it, you would be under a whole new set of standards. We are grandfathered in right now. We are talking about new environmental standards and it would cost lots of money. We would have to get new drawings, permit fees, etc. That number is guesstimated at 50K. The lot and sides of the road is packed on the weekends.

Doug H.: Chan (from King County) will not change his mind.

Mary: If we fund this, the other user groups will be requesting money for improved parking as well.

Robin: I do the scheduling and I check on the fields. One day I texted Elaine that there were 55+ cars on the sidewalk and over a 186 in the lot. Trying to get out of the two driveways is a hazard; you have to creep out and worry about someone clipping you. There were so many cars and people.

Unidentified Woman: Scott, you said that no parents have complained. We should not pit one group against the other. These people pay a tax on their homes to fund this kind of thing. Why have there been no fundraisers?

Lu-Ann: They have put in a lot of volunteer hours, \$124 in fundraising and in-kind donations. So if they contributed 300k hours they have already contributed.

Unidentified Woman: Fundraising could be ongoing.

Lu-Ann: I want to say about Scott's perspective – what if we still have to pave it after we fought and lost? I'm trying to understand, Scott – where is the savings here?

Scott: I think it is worth 30K to fight.

Hoffman: I will pay 20K of it.

	<p>Lu-Ann: I have been out there. I think that there is a valid safety concern added to what we may lose.</p> <p>Bill: If someone gets hurt, this 30K is nothing compared to what we could be hit with.</p> <p>Elaine: King County will not change their minds. I am for paving now.</p> <p>Mary: If you have that many people up there, perhaps you are scheduling too many people.</p> <p>Elaine: We do often say no. It is hard to educate the users.</p> <p>Candy: Are we really going to achieve something. Can we put it off? You don't always go down the road. They put pressure on you.</p> <p>Lu-Ann: We are as tired of this as anyone.</p> <p>Robin: This is every weekend where we have this kind of crowding.</p> <p>Doug H.: What if you don't accept the alternative?</p> <p>Elaine: You mean in terms of the bid?</p> <p>Bill: I MOVE THAT WE ACCEPT THE ENTIRE BID AND THAT WE USE ALL THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES NEEDED FOR OPTION 1.</p> <p>LU-ANN: SECOND.</p> <p>Bill: I MOVE THAT WE SUSPEND THE RULES.</p> <p>Lu-Ann: SECOND.</p> <p>Bill: I CALL THE QUESTION.</p> <p>VOTE to suspend the rules 3-1. Scott opposes.</p> <p>Hilary: I didn't hear how much TAN is left. I think that it is important to know the cash flow.</p> <p>Elaine: We have a verbal approval to renew the TAN immediately. For 200K, we stipulated to a resting period sometime during the year. It could move it to the first part of the TAN. I think that it works.</p> <p>Scott: A verbal agreement is not binding. If we accept it and they change their minds, where are we?</p> <p>Bill: They won't change their minds.</p> <p>Capt. Joe: The finance committee on which I sat came out with a report that was required to go to the auditors. I signed on to that report. One comment was that there be no more borrowing until 2016. We should tell the auditors about any change. A financial plan has to be written.</p> <p>Elaine: We need a fiscal policy.</p> <p>Capt. Joe: You are now talking about deep-sixing the report. I think that the auditors need to be notified.</p> <p>VOTE: 3-1 in favor of motion. Scott opposes.</p>	<p>MOTION, SECOND TO ACCEPT THE ENTIRE BID AND USE ALL FINANCIAL RESOURCES NEEDED, INCLUDING OPTION 1.</p> <p>MOTION, SECOND TO SUSPEND THE RULES.</p> <p>VOTE TO SUSPEND THE RULES: 3-1 IN FAVOR.</p> <p>VOTE ON MOTION: 3-1 IN FAVOR.</p>
<p>May Minutes and Vouchers</p>	<p>Lu-Ann: I MOVE THAT WE ACCEPT THE VOUCHERS AND MINUTES FOR MAY.</p> <p>Bill: SECOND.</p>	<p>MOTION, SECOND TO</p>

	VOTE: 4-0	ACCEPT MAY MINUTES AND VOUCHERS. VOTE: 4-0 IN FAVOR.
May Financial Report	<p>Elaine: Administration is under budget 18K due to lower educational costs. Big surprise: the bill was \$11,500, lower than expected. Maintenance is under budget in all categories. All other categories are close to budget. We will also be carrying a TAN into next year. The pool is doing well what with all the hot weather.</p> <p>Jason: They haven't had to use electricity because of the solar. Sometimes, they even had to turn off the solar because it was too hot.</p> <p>Elaine: Kit is training cashiers and whipping the administration into shape.</p> <p>Bill: Please, tell Kit thank you.</p> <p>Lu-Ann: The whole crew, too.</p>	
“Agent to Receive Claims” Resolution	<p>Elaine: There is a new RCW that Enduris says we need to adopt regarding claims for damages that have to be filed with the Auditor.</p> <p>Bill: We just need a name.</p> <p>Scott: I MOVE THAT WE ADOPT THE RCW AS REQUIRED.</p> <p>Commissioner: SECOND.</p> <p>Lu-Ann: I MOVE THAT WE SUSPEND THE RULES.</p> <p>Bill: SECOND.</p> <p>VOTE: 3-0-1. Scott abstaining.</p> <p>MAIN MOTION VOTE: 3-0-1. Scott abstaining.</p>	<p>MOTION, SECOND, TO ADOPT RCW 4.96.020.</p> <p>MOTION, SECOND, TO SUSPEND THE RULES.</p> <p>VOTE: 3-0-1 TO SUSPEND.</p> <p>VOTE: 3-0-1 TO ADOPT.</p>
Rowing Club/VPD King County Grant	<p>Elaine: On June 17th, I was notified by the Rowing Club that they may be eligible for a grant. The grant must be from us. The application deadline was on the 19th for 60K. The Rowing Club, in writing, said that they would be responsible. I signed for the grant pending board approval.</p> <p>Scott: I MOVE THAT WE ACCEPT THE GRANT.</p> <p>Bill: SECOND.</p> <p>Scott: I MOVE TO SUSPEND THE RULES.</p> <p>Bill: SECOND.</p> <p>VOTE TO SUSPEND: 4-0 IN FAVOR.</p>	<p>MOTION, SECOND TO ACCEPT ROWING CLUB GRANT</p> <p>MOTION,</p>

	<p>Capt. Joe: Can't the board delegate authority for these kinds of things to the Executive Director?</p> <p>Bill: I want to retain this. The Board should have a say in this.</p> <p>Lu-Ann: I would agree.</p> <p>Scott: I would like to commend Elaine for this.</p> <p>MAIN MOTION: vote 4-0 in favor.</p>	<p>SECOND TO SUSPEND THE RULES</p> <p>VOTE TO SUSPEND: 4-0 IN FAVOR</p> <p>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: 4-0 IN FAVOR.</p>
<p>Tramp Harbor Dock—Survey Results and Next Step</p>	<p>Elaine: The survey results are in—it is pretty lengthy and is on the website. I will give you the highlights. We had 10 people total the second night. 4 people the first night. I asked King County to look at the IP addresses, but I haven't heard back yet. Tramp harbor – 763 survey respondents, 75% were Vashon zip codes. I wanted the statistics to prove the point that this is a state issue. The survey showed some good feelings about the dock. Good piece for grant writing. To the question, how often do you visit? A lot of respondents rarely go. 12.5% said never. Those who do go there say they are there for the wildlife watching and fishing. Next steps: July 29th meeting with the County. This will be about the lease. We will look into the Mayor's ordinance. I'm trying to get July 29th nailed down.</p> <p>Bill: I am on vacation then.</p> <p>Elaine: By the end of August, we have to have a decision made as to whether or not we apply for the lease. Advantage: all issues are in the lease. We have to apply for the lease to get information as to what the issues are. We would not be bound to the lease.</p>	<p>Agenda Item</p>
<p>Staff Reports</p>	<p>1) <i>Pool Fix</i> Elaine: I will contract with the one and only bidder at 22K. Enduris will pay for it and they have approved it. This is for the drain to the pond. Tomorrow is a preconstruction meeting.</p> <p>2) <i>Pt. Robinson Grant</i> Elaine: Eric just secured another \$10k 4 Culture grant. This will be for the barn. It includes house downspouts.</p> <p>3) <i>Strawberry Festival</i> Elaine: We are committed to having a booth that I will staff. I would love your participation. I want to have campaign people stop by. Profits will go to the RFA fund. Capt Joe: I will do a couple of hours. Joe: Put out a calendar.</p>	

	Elaine: I will do that.	Elaine
Adjourn	8:23 PM MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECOND, VOTE: 4-0 IN FAVOR.	MOTION, SECOND TO ADJOURN VOTE: 4-0 IN FAVOR
Next Meeting	7:00 PM July 28th	

Respectfully Submitted by:
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