

August 23, 2016

In attendance: Commissioners Karen Gardner, Bob McMahon, Doug Ostrum, Scott Harvey, Maintenance Supervisor Jason Acosta

Captain Joe Wubbold reported that about 40 lighthouse tourists visited Pt. Robinson this past weekend, and also a tour for young photographers was led by Ray Fortner, a well known island photographer. Bob commented that Pt. Robinson looks as good as he's ever seen it, and complimented Jason and Captain Joe on how well it's being maintained.

Jason reported that King County will be putting in a new irrigation system here on the lawn at Ober Park. Work will begin on Sept. 6. The previous irrigation system was ruined by the work done at the reconstruction work done on the library, and there was agreement that the contractor was at fault, and that King County would remedy the situation.

Minutes and vouchers are accepted.

Motion to authorize the Treasurer to be allowed to ask for whatever information he/she deems appropriate. Motion passes.

Scott Harvey makes a motion that the district switch to organic fertilizers and to eliminate use of herbicides. Doug seconds the motion.

We currently use a product called "Speed Zone" to control dandelions and clover. We only use herbicides at VES and Agren, none of the other parks. Jason explained state law on the use of herbicides, regarding posted notices. "Speed Zone" is a product that says that it's safe to walk on the fields 30 minutes after application.

Scott brought up the question of whether this product is safe for butterflies and bees, and Karen requested that he provide a data sheet on the product.

Jason pointed out that a healthy field will withstand pests and competitive species, but also said that VES is still "weak" and needs more attention. He also pointed out that if you want to go organic it will take more fertilizer and more man hours to apply it. Scott agreed to table the motion for the time being.

On the past policies & procedures that were discussed last week, Scott sees no need to include the complete written RCW's in the policies and suggests that we include the RCW #, and not quote the actual language included in the RCW. He also believes that instead of asking for a real estate "appraisal" when disposing of property that we ask for an "evaluation" from a real estate professional. Scott and Doug agree that we should eliminate "VPD employees" from this policy as well. Karen agrees to make these changes and Bob concurs.

On this week's policies, although Scott likes this very much as a banker, he has an issue with point #8 regarding net present value analysis. Doug (who did his senior thesis on payback analysis) points out

that this can often be a very “squishy” number. Doug questions point #4, and Scott points out that this is covered in point #5. Karen is happy with the language in point #8 and thinks it should be kept. Scott makes a further argument that this should be kept simple and streamlined for the sake of the folks in the community. There is agreement to change the language and bring it back at the next meeting.

General Financial Management – Scott asks for more time to present extensive revisions and asks that it be tabled until the next meeting. Agreed

Captain Joe points out that there may be a policy already in existence.

There will be another 3 policies and procedures to be considered next meeting. Scott says that Karen and Bob have done a great job on this.

Captain Joe asks about the work at the pool. Bob says he’s spoken with Elaine and says that Enduris appears to be willing to pay for the changes that must be made to the drains, although he’s not sure that they will pay to remove the water from the pool. He also points out that there are a lot of possible action choices available and that there is a need for a lot more research before we can make a decision about how to proceed

Jason reports that it looks like insurance would cover damages done by vandals at VES even though there is no fencing in place to prevent this. The Soccer users have not agreed to pay for the fencing that Jason would like to put up, but he has money in his budget to cover the costs and he has fencing in hand to do 200 feet. He would like to do the whole 400 feet to protect the field. Scott doesn’t want to spend any more money on VES. Doug proposes that we ask the Soccer players to cover the cost of the fence. Jason reminds the commissioners about what the soccer players already provide. Jason says that the cost will be about \$3000 to us at this time. Karen would like to spend the \$3K. Captain Joe explains that the claims history can affect insurance premiums, even with a non-profit operation like Enduris.

Doug and Scott would like to see the users pay for these improvements, while Karen and Bob are for spending the \$3K and finishing the fields. It is decided to revisit this issue when LuAnn is present.

Scott moves that we adjourn, Doug seconds, motion passes 4 -0.

