

VASHON PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

Ober Park, Performance Room, 7:00 pm

DATE: Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Commissioners attending: Karen Gardner, Bob McMahon, Doug Ostrom. Lu-Ann Branch, Scott Harvey absent.

Staff attending: Jason Acosta, Elaine Ott, Robin Thomas, Scott Bonney

ISSUE	DISCUSSION AND OUTCOME	FOLLOW UP
Call to order & agenda review	The meeting was called to order by Karen Gardner. Karen reviewed the agenda.	
Public Comment	<p>Jason: Add the state agency for towing to the agenda. They won't answer my calls.</p> <p>Capt. Joe: I am so happy to see so many young people here to advocate for their issues.</p> <p>Capt. Joe: Pt. Robinson is the beginning of a life story. A young man recently told me that he would like to marry his fiancé at the top of the Lighthouse. She did not know. We got up to the tower, the tour was on the gallery, and he vanished. He had dropped to one knee. She said yes. We all hugged, and the place was full. For the second time in two weeks when I left Pt. Robinson, it was clear that it means a lot more to the people on the Island than just fun. It is a place for all of us to go for reflection.</p> <p>Elaine: I would like to acknowledge a donation from Cici to the pool.</p> <p>Capt. Joe: She has just returned from the Netherlands.</p>	
December, 2016 Vouchers Preliminary 1.19.17- 2.10.17	<p>Doug: I MOVE that we accept the vouchers as presented.</p> <p>Bob: SECOND</p> <p>VOTE: 3-0 in favor of the motion.</p>	MOTION, SECOND TO ACCEPT THE VOUCHERS AS PRESENTED. V

		VOTE: 3-0 in favor.
Seals' Bubble Proposal	<p>Scott Bonney: The Seals get an 'A' for effort. We just received their final report. VPD needs the interlocal agreement.</p> <p>Mike O'Connor: I am from the Vashon Seals, as is Karin Choo. We presented a plan in November, 2016. We have worked closely with the Park District. Our plan is much more community-based. We will ask the board to approve our plan, as we think it enhances the VPD. The pool has received high accolades. Again, as we presented it in November, we propose the dome. The plan is similar in that the cost of the dome will be assisted by the community. The permit is through the King County Fire Marshall, and it is approved. VPD will provide ongoing operations and maintenance. The erection of the dome is scheduled for 10-1-2017.</p> <p>Scott B.: We have been working on this for 7 years. I know the people in the community well. I can tell you that people in the community really appreciate the pool. Having a year-around pool will greatly improve the community involvement. A year-around facility open to the public will provide for additional opportunities. They are getting more oriented in providing health and welfare opportunities. We are the only deep- water facility on the Island. We have worked with VCC. We also provide opportunities with swim teams. Seals are our biggest users. The kids are incredible. It is a demanding sport. We also have masters swimming. You can be older and be competitive. Robust swimming lessons are in the summer. The Seals are candidates to be lifeguards. The dome would be heated. It would be used on the weekend for families. It would be a great advantage. We would like aquatic programming in schools. Some schools don't have their own pools. You could have a swim team. The Seals have introduced water polo. We are proposing operating the pool 33 hours a week. We need a permanent solution for year-around use of the pool. A question has been what would be the community interest. This would be a good stepping stone. There are opportunities to solve technical problems, i.e., boiler, chlorinator, etc. This provides increased employment opportunities on the island. In the summer, we provide seasonal employment opportunities. We could increase this if we were year-around. We have a comprehensive relationship with the community. We normally start mid-</p>	

spring. They write a 7k check. The Seals have provided a number of additional contributions to the pool. There are lane lines for the pool. Funds to go the (King County) KC grant at the boiler. The grant was awarded to us due to the opportunity for year around use. The Seals contribute to significant resources. They are a big part of the community. 90 families are involved in water polo. It will have challenges. We are ready to meet these challenges.

Karen: The Seals pay \$85 per hour for 10 hours per week of use. We have budgeted 85k. We have agreed to pay \$85 per hour.

Scott: They pay currently pay \$50 per week.

Karen: Net cost to the Park District is 54,880k. We ask the commissioners to take these on.

Engineer: Seals are contributing to 53% of total revenue and 30% of use. We are asking less than 4% of the budget.

Karen: Our target is Oct. 2017. Elaine rounded the numbers. They would be asking the Parks to take on 13,720k in 2017. 55K annually thereafter.

Elaine: What the hours look like: M-F public swim from noon - 3. 3-5 PM Seals. Revenue figures are realistic. They are not overly optimistic.

Doug: How many people per week?

Elaine: 20 people per day.

Bob: 20 people per day?

Scott: per weekend?

Elaine: Weekdays, the pool is available.

Scott: We would work to develop the project.

Elaine: It is do-able financially. Our reserve goals are met with some spare. 2018 is a very nuts and bolts projection. It assumes a modest wage increase. No deferred maintenance. No CIP. We need to renegotiate VISD. It is assumed we

won't have a second half of the \$100k payment.

Karen: We don't want to rush you, but we want to start fundraising in earnest very soon.

Elaine: The other piece is that we don't know whether the School District would approve this. We are still trying to get information from them regarding the septic system. We were told the septic was for summer use only.

Scott: The facilities are aged. There are things that we could use as low flow features.

Bob: The showers are questionable.

Capt. Joe: VCC desires support this. **Question:** will there be increased maintenance? Filters?

Scott: We figured into the costs chemicals, supplies, wear on boiler, etc. We also factored into additional operational costs for year-round use. Incremental costs have been included.

Engineer: There is only one place that makes the Bubble --somewhere in California.

Engineer: We looked at a couple of different options. We were asked to look at something that wouldn't involve major changes in the structure.

Capt. Joe: Are there irregularities?

Engineer: Zero risk to the VPD. We are taking this on.

Doug: How temporary? In a snow storm, could there be a collapse?

Engineer: Assurances are that this will not happen. The interior temperature is well above freezing. Any snow will melt.

Scott: Mercer Island pool has a bubble and it has never been affected by weather. It is anticipated that this bubble will last 5-10 years.

Capt. Joe: This would come out of the reserves?

Elaine: It comes out of the unallocated.

Karen: There are concerns: interdependencies. We don't know really what the amount of money we have is. We are happy with the 1/2018 opening. Everybody would like to see this happen.

Bob: When will we know about the Commons?

Karen: I had a meeting with the VISD. There is a disagreement. On Sunday, I met with Bob Hennessey for some time. There is an effort to find a win-win situation. Part of what we said is that we can't find another park district that has to pay this kind of money. This is in negotiation. I am heartened by the fact that we want to work together. We will find a satisfactory outcome. Elaine and Soltman will define a methodology. Then we will have to apply this. I think that we are talking weeks.

Doug: Who is responsible for costs?

Karen: We want to find what is fair and equitable. We need to share. Why can't we use some maintenance guys for maintenance there?

Doug: Regarding the survey, the question about the pool had an ambiguous answer. I did not get the impression that there was an overwhelming support for the pool. How does this relate?

Elaine: The question on the survey was regarding a permanent structure, a full-time facility. A much larger project. This is much scaled down.

Engineer: Timing is difficult. We have been doing this for over a year. We are parents of swimmers. We have the momentum.

Karen: What we need is a motion.

Doug: Deferred maintenance costs?

Karen: Let's put this on the agenda next time in two weeks.

	<p>Audience member: Shall we make a presentation with the VISD?</p> <p>Karen: An amiable solution is desired. We need to offset maintenance, scheduling.</p> <p>Elaine: It is premature to go before the VISD. You could perhaps approach them informally.</p> <p>Engineer: There are 400 kids in the high school.</p>	<p>Agenda Item</p>
<p>Pool Grant</p>	<p>Elaine: There is a timeline on the grant, The King County (KC) grant would fix the boiler. We had originally planned on this this winter. I have yet to see the contract. They said that they are working on it. I was told it would come out this week, but I haven't seen it. It would take a lot of pressure off if we pushed this until the fall. I ran all this by the grant administrator and he said it was fine. The grant is approved. I just can't spend money until we get the contract.</p>	
<p>Interlocal Agreement</p>	<p>Karen: We can't find a single park service (PS) that gives money to any school district (SD). Bob Hennessy said ours was an exception. We need to call parks to determine whether they have their own facilities.</p> <p>Elaine: That doesn't make any sense at all. Parks have nothing to do with schools. SD are funded entirely differently.</p> <p>Karen: The Beachcomber is also asking this. We need to make sure our facts are correct. My interpretation is that we can't find other PD that pays a SD like this. They have separate facilities.</p> <p>Bob: Everyone I researched talks about SD and parks separately. Every interlocal I looked at was about parks using schools.</p> <p>Elaine: Mt Si, 3 stand-alones are just like us.</p> <p>Capt. Joe: If you go to history and look at minutes of meetings and you hear about these, you see that there is no rational amount of money involved; it was done on a different basis. Then you can say, we understand there was a different atmosphere then than what we have now. Soltman draws a lot of water with the board.</p>	

	<p>Karen: I want to find a way for it to be win/win.</p> <p>Bob: You worry me. This sounds like 50/50. What seems to me to be a sensible practice now is that we understand how we got here. We can send them a bill for all the money they owe us.</p> <p>Karen: We need context: we live on a small island. We want to renegotiate to an agreement that makes sense. We need methodology as to how to allocate costs.</p> <p>Bob: They have a 20 million-dollar budget. We spend 750k on maintenance. 100k is a large part of our maintenance budget.</p> <p>Doug: VPD does pay them something for identifiable things.</p> <p>Capt. Joe: Michael and Elaine can figure out a way to allocate costs. We could find that we don't need to pay for some of these things.</p> <p>Bob: The amount of schedulable activities is Agren and VES. We use the Nike site. That is all we have.</p> <p>Jason: If you look at the original intent, we were supposed to pay 10k. Then it went up. Where is the money at? Now they say they want to take 50k of the 100k.</p> <p>Elaine: Another point is that VPD put significant CIP money in through March 2006. Why are we paying for facilities we put in?</p> <p>Doug: We should be billing them.</p> <p>Karen: We are starting from scratch.</p> <p>Elaine: There is a recent e-mail. Hennessey wants a small committee. The committee would propose agreement for both boards.</p> <p>Bob: what does the community expect?</p>	
<p>Park Standards</p>	<p>Jason: A couple of years ago, we started to work on standards. It has been put on hold. I needed to find out from the board about ranking of the parks. I put</p>	<p>Agenda Item?</p>

	<p>together a list of how I think our parks are prioritized.</p> <p>Karen: I am interested in miscellaneous properties. They are maintained by others.</p> <p>Bob: Burton Acres are maintained by others.</p> <p>Karen: This looks reasonable to me.</p> <p>Jason: I will write standards for the ‘A’ parks.</p>	
<p>Stewardship Guidelines</p>	<p>Elaine: We are updating user guidelines. See item 5 in my handout. I scratched off open meetings. They are not governmental agencies, not a requirement. Item 6, I scratched off copy of meeting minutes. I have never received any. It is not a policy. It is a board document that governs how we operate.</p> <p>Capt. Joe: Don't we have a stewardship policy?</p> <p>Elaine: Yes, it is a support document.</p> <p>Bob: I MOVE that we accept the proposed stewardship guidelines.</p> <p>Doug: SECOND.</p>	<p>MOTION, SECOND TO ADOPT STEWARDSHIP GUIDELINES</p> <p>Agenda Item</p>
<p>Surplus Office Equipment</p>	<p>Jason: We have a derelict boat in our parking lot. It was for sale. No return decals. Since we are not KC parks, the sheriff can't do anything. The sheriff recommends that we certify impound with Ricks. He suggests that we try to get an agreement and contract. He would put up signs.</p> <p>Elaine: What will result is your philosophical policy to tow derelicts.</p> <p>Doug: Timeline?</p> <p>Jason: It has been there for 3 weeks. This is a junker. We are not a part of KC.</p>	
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>8:35 PM</p>	

Next Meeting	February 28, 2017, 7:00 PM		
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Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Reeves