

# VASHON PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## MEETING MINUTES

Ober Park, Evergreen Room, 7:00 pm

**DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2017**

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

Staff attending: Elaine Ott

ISSUE	DISCUSSION AND OUTCOME	FOLLOW UP
<b>Call to order &amp; agenda review</b>	<b>The meeting was called to order by Karen Gardner at 7:00 PM. Karen reviewed the agenda.</b>	
<b>Public Comment</b>	<b>Capt. Joe: I am sad to announce the death of Jens who was a good friend of Pt. Robinson. He was just over 90. He did not want a memorial or funeral, but he wanted a party.</b>	
<b>January 2017 Minutes and Preliminary Vouchers 2.11.17 – 2.24.17</b>	<b>Bob: I MOVE that the January 2017 Minutes and Preliminary Vouchers 2.11.17 – 2.24.17 be adopted as presented. Doug: SECOND. VOTE: 3-0 in favor.</b>	<b>MOTION, SECOND TO ADOPT JANUARY 2017 MINUTES AND PRELIMINARY VOUCHERS 2.11.17 – 2.24.1017  VOTE: 3-0 IN FAVOR.</b>
<b>Seals' Bubble Proposal</b>	<b>Bill Rowe: I just heard about this. I maintain pools. I have been a certified pool caretaker. I have 3 daughters. I am concerned about tax dollars going to this project. I ask you to not approve the bubble. A plastic dome is not suitable in the Pacific NW. Parks will support it. 23 hours for private use in the off season. When will non-students be able to use this? Public use is limited. It is a monumental task to maintain a year around pool. The equipment to keep the bubble safe is questionable. Seals are a private interest group. No guarantee of 100 members use, having operated pool for 14 years. The pool I operate has a solid plastic cover. Per month, uninsulated roof, creates a negative air mass. Seals talk</b>	

about air quality. We can burp the dome I am with. A bubble cannot burp. No HVAC system is proposed. Pool house at the current location is not suitable for winter use. House is not heated. Electric use for 24 hours plus a motor for air, you are looking at almost 2/3 increase in electrical use. 35k is needed to replace the one I have now. District 19 water high on phosphates. And nitrates. They are algae lovers. This will create a greenhouse effect. It will increase need to backwash, etc. This is gray water. The loss to parks will be \$10k per month. Please do not approve until further study.

**Unidentified Woman:** He works for VAC (Vashon Athletic Club). His remarks are entirely speculative. He does not know what it will cost and he is not privy to the plans.

**Engineer:** He knows a lot. We considered all these issues. Scott Bonney is also an expert.

**Scott B.** We have looked at air and water quality. We have also looked at esthetic issues. We looked at other bubble pools. We talked to them extensively. There will be air circulation. The presentation 2 weeks ago included many of these issues.

**Doug:** How long has the Mercer Island bubble been there?

**Scott:** 8 years. The money includes replacement of many parts of the pool. Rowe is good guy.

**Karen:** I don't recall heating of the facility.,

**Scott:** It includes renovation of facilities.

**Karl Stetson:** My father was an aquatic professional. I have seen what it takes to run.

**Karen:** An aquatics program can bring a lot of things to a community. Even though the Seals are amazing, I think the schools would really use it. When it is cold and wet, they are wonderful.

**Doug:** Are bubbles viable?

**Engineer:** Yes. If they are done right. They have done a lot of homework.

**Ginger:** I swam in a bubble all my life in Vegas and never once was there an air quality issue.

**Lisa:** I have kids that swim with the Seals. There is a huge segment of the community that would love to use it. Our kids are desperate for pool use. Seniors are really in need of swimming facilities as well.

**Karen:** We have a cost issue. I would like to find a way to do this. We have enough internecine warfare on this Island. Can we find a way to work together?

**Bruce Jackson:** The strength of the aquatic program when I was a kid was tremendous. You build it and they will come.

**Lisa:** Ideally, working together would take working with a private entity.

**Doug:** We are taxpayer funded. There is a huge issue we have to address: competition with the Athletic Club.

	<p><b>Carl:</b> I have been in swimming since I was 4. On the competition issue, it is one thing when there are multiple private entities. The VAC is a monopoly here and it is not affordable for families. If a public entity can go head to head with a private, I don't see why there is a misgiving.</p> <p><b>Doug:</b> It is about \$20 per swim.</p> <p><b>Carl:</b> I can't swim right now.</p> <p><b>Bob:</b> It is also a capacity issue with VAC, as well as a monopoly. Is VAC able to do competition swimming? No, not for meets.</p> <p><b>Unidentified Man:</b> The more people in the water the better. Pools work in conjunction. Each has their purpose.</p> <p><b>Karen:</b> I would want to try to make sure it is not a zero sum engagement.</p> <p><b>Terry:</b> We are a family of 6. We can't afford to swim. I grew up swimming from 4<sup>th</sup> grade on. I don't see this as a competition. VPD is providing a service to the community.</p> <p><b>Bill Rowe:</b> I am a taxpayer and that is why I am here. Pools are expensive. I am not here as an employee with VAC.</p> <p><b>Unidentified Woman:</b> I swim at VAC 4-5 days a week. More times than not I cannot get space in the pool. It is overcrowded with lap swimmers. There is a large lap swimmer population on the Island.</p> <p><b>Sadie Choo:</b> I wish we had a regulation pool. We appreciate the VAC very much. The covered pool could solve the problems.</p> <p><b>Unidentified Woman:</b> I belonged to VAC for 14 years. I know that there are so many kids on the Island who need an alternative. We have nothing for the middle range. VAC is cutting out Silver Sneakers. We can make this grow. Synergistically it can work.</p> <p><b>Capt. Joe:</b> This is our democracy.</p>	
<p><b>Board Vote</b></p>	<p><b>Stewardship Guidelines:</b>  <b>Elaine:</b> This motion was made at the last meeting and it was seconded  <b>VOTE: 3-0 in favor</b></p>	<p><b>STEWARDSHIP GUIDELINES VOTE: 3-0 IN FAVOR.</b></p>
<p><b>Tramp Harbor Dock</b></p>	<p><b>Elaine:</b> We applied for the JARPA application. It is under the purview of the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR). A state appropriation may come through. DNR wouldn't talk to us unless we submitted an application. We did. I said that I needed two things. I needed a draft lease to know the conditions and terms of replacement; and I requested closeout procedures. What would it take to tear it down? I met with our land manager and received both documents. The closeout procedures is boiler plate and it requires a number of permits. It is</p>	

interesting to note that they would not go after us; rather they would go after King County (KC), since KC failed to transfer the lease. It is clear that the mystery would be how KC reacts. They will fight us.

**Doug:** If it is KC, do we have to do anything on the other option.

**Elaine:** Yes, KC doesn't want it. This lease would bind us to the State. If we enter into the lease, then decided to tear the dock down, we would be responsible for payment. It's nuts & bolts on the lease: 1) It requires a survey to determine property lines; 2) It's use is defined as being for public use (free use). If we want to do say a dock moorage (commercial venture), then we would pay rent; and, 3) Originally, they were insistent that we do something immediately. A 12-year lease would mean 12 years to do this. If we tore it down at the end, it would be at our expense. No grants are available for tearing it down. Typically, leases renew without a hitch. Remember, Sharon Nelson is considering an appropriation of 800k to 1 million. There could be a state grant for 500k that could apply. The Sportsman Club is interested in helping. The dock could even be smaller. We own out to 180 feet.

**Bob:** We would need community input.

**Elaine:** KC and VPD did some public meetings. Birders and fishers are heavy users there. We would lose the deep-sea advantage if we made it shorter.

**Capt. Joe:** The divers did not participate. I am surprised.

**Elaine:** They define the dock as a tenant-owned dock.

**Karen:** Could we start saving 10k per year for 10 years for our portion?

**Bob:** We could stretch it over 12 years and hope the dock doesn't crash.

**CC:** A lot of things can happen in 12 years. I would move sooner rather than later.

**Elaine:** Senator Nelson or state grant agencies could affect the timing on this, too.

**Karen:** We have users that find this valuable.

**Doug:** If we replace it, would there be an increase in maintenance.

**Elaine:** No treated wood can be used whatsoever. The pilings would have to be concrete or steel. There is also a plastic.

**Capt. Joe:** The ferry system just put in steel piers. If torn down, it should be known that it was built by Capt. George Vancouver in 1892.

**Elaine:** I suggest we have our attorney review the lease.

**Bob:** Timeline relative to the pool needs? If we push things off every year, there would be an increase in maintenance to the pool.

**Elaine:** In September, there will be a lot of work done with the grant and drain projects.

**Doug:** The Engineering Report is a scary report on things that need to be done right away.

**Bob:** Those immediate things are covered, right?

	<p><b>Elaine:</b> Yes, in the September grant and drain projects.</p> <p><b>Doug:</b> I am more worried about things that we can't foresee. Now is the time to talk about this. If the school would abandon their idea of not giving us a nickel for the pool...</p> <p><b>Doug:</b> They refused to consider the pool. If they would just get on board. It would make it easier to pass their bond.</p> <p><b>Bob:</b> That's our job.</p> <p><b>Doug:</b> They talk about the desirability, but that's where it ends.</p> <p><b>Bob:</b> I spent time with the athletic director, she and Soltman. They were both in favor of adding programs to the pool, but they couldn't make plans because it wasn't open year around.</p> <p><b>Capt. Joe:</b> There is not a linear connection to running equipment year around. The increased wear and tear can be calculated. Bob is an old shipyard boss and could do the numbers.</p> <p><b>Karen:</b> 8 years ago, I was trying to do this with apple presses. I used Calculus to figure it out.</p> <p><b>Capt. Joe:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Karen:</b> It's worthwhile:</p> <p><b>Elaine:</b> I will ask Scott to get with Captain Joe to calculate it.</p> <p><b>Bob:</b> I MOVE that we proceed with the DNR lease.</p> <p><b>Doug:</b> SECOND.</p> <p><b>Elaine:</b> Work on the dock will probably happen sooner rather than later.</p> <p><b>CC:</b> You have the perfect opportunity to raise the pool issue with the schools. The only way to make this be a success is if the schools pick up part of the costs.</p> <p><b>Bob:</b> Our lease does not require that they pay anything for pool use.</p>	<p><b>MOTION, SECOND IN FAVOR OF PROCEEDING WITH LEASE.</b></p>
<p><b>Surplus Office Equipment</b></p>	<p><b>Elaine:</b> We need a surplus policy. In the meantime I must ask for you to surplus. Our upstairs is a collection of stuff. We need it surplused.</p> <p><b>Bob:</b> \$100 worth of junk.? I MOVE that we surplus it.</p> <p><b>Doug:</b> SECOND.</p> <p><b>Bob:</b> I MOVE that we suspend the rules.</p> <p><b>Doug:</b> SECOND.</p> <p><b>VOTE:</b> 3-0 in favor of suspending the rules.</p> <p><b>VOTE:</b> 3-0 in favor of the motion.</p>	<p><b>MOTION, SECOND TO SURPLUS ITEMS IN THE UPSTAIRS.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION, SECOND TO SUSPEND THE RULES.</b></p> <p><b>VOTE: 3-0 TO SUSPEND</b></p>

		<b>RULES.</b>	
		<b>VOTE: 3-0 IN FAVOR OF MOTION TO SURPLUS.</b>	
<b>School District</b>	<p><b>Bob: Everything is about the money.</b></p> <p><b>Elaine: The status of the discussion is this: VISD is putting together an analysis of use. They want that prepared before a small meeting on this. I am putting numbers together.</b></p> <p><b>Doug: Do we have any information?</b></p> <p><b>Karen: I sent Elaine an email of items to discuss. We need to think outside the box. I think that we need to look at what we are currently paying for and the rationale behind it. In terms of the Seals bubble, we thought we would have a motion tonight. We are not ready. There are two commissioners that are not present. Until we find out where we would get the money from, we will just wait and see.</b></p> <p><b>Doug: How much money are we talking about? I am sure the Seals numbers are accurate, but could we get an outside entity to evaluate?</b></p> <p><b>Elaine: The numbers came from Scott Bonney. He does not have a vested interest. His numbers are reliable. He is an employee. I think that we are being conservative.</b></p> <p><b>Doug: I did a back-of-the-envelope look at this. I compared, made adjustments and I came up with an estimate consistent with this. We want to be really careful about this.</b></p> <p><b>Elaine: I think it is a pretty good estimate.</b></p>		
<b>Adjourn</b>	<p><b>8:15 PM</b></p> <p><b>Bob: I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN.</b></p> <p><b>Doug: SECOND.</b></p> <p><b>VOTE: 3-0 IN FAVOR.</b></p>		
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>March 14, 2017, 7:00 PM</b>		

Respectfully submitted by:  
Mary Reeves