

VASHON PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

Ober Park, Evergreen Room, 7:00 pm

DATE: Tuesday, April 25, 2017

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

Staff attending: Jason Acosta, Elaine Ott, Robin Thomas.

ISSUE	DISCUSSION AND OUTCOME	FOLLOW UP
Call to order & agenda review	The meeting was called to order by Karen Gardner at 7:00 PM. Karen reviewed the agenda. She announced that there will be no real estate motion.	
Public Comment	<p>Capt. Joe: Between now and when we meet again, we will have a wedding at Pt. Robinson– a very small one.</p> <p>Lisa: I am hoping you will vote favorably on the full-time pool with the bubble.</p> <p>Unidentified Man: Have you had any luck with the Commons?</p> <p>Lu-Ann: Those two are not linked.</p> <p>Lisa: I take strong issue with that. I have found no other community that requires a park district to pay for use of school district property by the community.</p> <p>Unidentified Man: When do you think that you would make a decision?</p> <p>Karen: We have a meeting tomorrow. It is a process.</p> <p>Lisa: Is it a decision?</p> <p>Karen: As amicably as possible.</p> <p>Scott: we are obligated to pay for the next two months.</p>	
Preliminary Vouchers 4.3.17 – 4.19.17	<p>Lu-Ann: I move we approve the vouchers as presented.</p> <p>Doug: Why the \$1700 property tax item compared to the others?</p> <p>Elaine: What we pay for is surface water. I will look up the \$1,700 matter on the vouchers.</p> <p>Bob: Second.</p> <p>VOTE: 5-0 in favor.</p>	Elaine
Real Estate Motion	<i>(As mentioned above, this did not occur).</i>	
Vashon Swim 4 All	Scott Bonney: I submitted a synopsis of my plan to the Board. I have been mulling this around for some time now. I have a handout. It has to do with people knowing how to swim. If you get to 11 or 12 years old and you do not know how to	

swim, you probably will never learn. Every year at the pool I have people come up to me who have kids who don't know how to swim. I tell them that I could put them into a group session. They see a group of 5-6 year olds. The only other option is private lessons for \$25 for ½ hour. You can't learn to swim in 15 minutes. They fall through the cracks and do not learn to swim. Imagine being that youngster who is invited to go sail boating. It's likely that is the only person who doesn't know how to swim. They must have a preserver on all the time. The child sees this as something that will keep them alive. They will probably not do this again. With help from people in the community, all ages can learn how to swim. We will teach them for free. We thought about it a lot and we thought Saturday and Sunday mornings would work. We don't open the pool until 11 for laps. 9:30 – 11 could be Vashon Swim for all. There will probably be some age limit. We have received support from the community. Adults too. We want those who cannot swim and adults who learned to swim a long time ago.

Karen: I have been looking into the elderly and special needs people. How can we build in anything for them? These people often don't feel comfortable in private lessons. We will try to actively recruit them to come. There are two people on our advisory committee who have connections. Could I ask them to talk to you?

Scott: I would be honored to talk to them. We will have top instructors. We will have those competent with special needs and seniors. We will have languages other than English.

Bob: All costs would be covered?

Scott B.: Yes. Promotion and labor. I have commitments.

Doug: You talk about kids and parents. Both are potentials for the program. Would you teach them together?

Scott B.: We want them to feel super comfortable. We will develop those slots for them. The summer swim program is very successful. We also have ongoing a level 1 group.

Karen: What is the population of those who can't swim on the Island?

Scott B.: 20-25%.

Lu-Ann: What prevents parents from saying they will sign their kids up?

Scott: We will make money available for scholarships for group programs or we will try to address it directly. If they don't want to be in the group, they will be offered the opportunity for the Saturday or Sunday swim. We are not going to lose business out of this.

Lisa: I think that it will be a feeder program. It could open up the world. Most kids don't want to be one-on-one alone.

Karen: Have you talked to the Park Board Foundation?

Scott: Yes, I am a member.

Lu-Ann: Are you going to solicit payments from those who want to do the

	<p>Saturday/Sunday thing? Scott: No. If they want to donate, they can. Unidentified Man: I would help coach. Lu-Ann: Will there be a minimum age limit? Scott: We are still thinking about it. It depends on why they want to be there. There are other things in the process as well: curriculum for those with fears, etc. Bob: The reason we must do this is psychological? It is not financial. Why not have a paying group for older people? Scott: Some are hesitant to apply for financial aid. They are hesitant to begin with. Yes, there may be people who would be willing to pay. I don't want to make that a requirement. Nothing sells better like the word "free". Karen: Please keep us posted.</p>	
<p>Fern Cove Septic</p>	<p>Elaine: Eric met with the KC (King County) Department of Health, and they ran tests, and confirmed the septic location. They will red tag the house shortly. It will not have a timeline on it. She identified good sites for the septic. There will be no fines or remedial costs. Karen: Why no septic system? Lorilee from the Beachcomber: I have been trying to find that out too. Lu-Ann: Why did we not know about it? Lorilee: Public health. If you just get the house, you don't have to do one. It wasn't on the radar. Mary: There was an older woman there with a life estate. I think it was a hand's-off thing. Scott: A lot of people don't think about things when it is free as this was. Doug: There was fundraising, RCO, but no park district money. Elaine: We cannot sell it because of the RCO. The former friends of Fern Cove would be outraged. Insurance will cover lost income, but not the septic. Scott: For how long? Elaine: I am waiting to hear about that. Revenue for a year is 40-48k. When we discount housekeepers, etc. We actually come out ahead about 8,800k. Other options: Eric has looked into grants. The emergency grant is 10k. The capitol grant is 30k, but it doesn't look promising. Karen: 40k is the price for a new septic. Elaine: Historic Seattle asked about whether or not we were interested in selling it. Scott: Maintaining as an historical site. Why not explore that? Elaine: I can follow up with RCO. If it does not remain a government property in perpetuity, then if you sell it you have to buy a life property of equal value. Scott: I wouldn't have a problem with that. There must be something else on the</p>	<p>Elaine</p> <p>Elaine</p>

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Elaine: I'll find out.

Lu-Ann: There is something about the lower part of Fern Cove, like an estuary and the house cannot be split off from that.

Karen: The best approach is to put this on the back burner until next year.

Elaine: We have uncovered three more grants. Bottom line, in order to apply for grants, we need to get a 3k design. We have a list of folks. We have to do an RFQ. Neil Drawbridge said it would be about 3k. We would like to explore these grants.

Lu-Ann: Do you need a motion?

Scott: How long is Enduris covering the revenue? I'm all for building it later in the summer.

Elaine: May 7 is a grant application deadline. We are kind of under the gun. It would take a week to get a design.

Scott: You said you only had two weeks.

Eric: She will work with us.

Elaine: We have to use it by Summer 2018. One grant is due June 7. 4culture is May.

Karen: Can the 10k grant be used for design too.

Elaine: The Waterworks grant is for funding for 2018. 4culture is awarded in July.

Bob: Would there be any value in looking at what else needs to be done to the house?

Elaine: Historic grants might fix the basement.

Karen: We need a motion for the design. If the 10k grant allows us to use part for the design that would be great.

Lu-Ann: We could get a combination of grants.

Scott: Any grant that doesn't fully fund this I don't think is worth it.

Karen: I agree we need a design. If it doesn't come out of the 10k, we do it.

Lu-Ann: We can pass motion authorizing them to pursue the grant and the design.

Elaine: There is annual locked-in income if it is 40k. We do not know if Enduris will cover a year's worth of revenue.

Scott: I go with the motion that we pay for it.

Lu-Ann: I MOVE THAT WE AUTHORIZE A SEPTIC STUDY FOR FERN COVE.

Doug: SECOND.

Scott: I MOVE THAT WE SUSPEND THE RULES.

Bob: SECOND.

Scott: I MOVE THAT IT NOT COST MORE THAN 5K.

Lu-Ann: I think that is responsible. I ACCEPT THAT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

Elaine

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	<p>VOTE: 5-0 IN FAVOR TO SUSPEND THE RULES VOTE: 5-0 IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION AS AMENDED.</p>	<p>COST MORE THAN 5K IS ACCEPTED.</p> <p>VOTE: 5-0 IN FAVOR OF SUSPENDING THE RULES.</p> <p>VOTE: 5-0 IN FAVOR OF AMENDED MOTION.</p>	
<p>Staff Report:</p>	<p><i>1) Visitor Survey</i> Elaine: We are partnering with the Chamber of Commerce. This is a good example of a CAPRA requirement.</p> <p><i>2) Tramp Harbor</i> Elaine: The state is willing to consider changes to the liability and indemnity sections.</p> <p><i>3) Foundation</i> Elaine: Kelly has been very busy getting this together. She has 5 of 8 board members. It is about 6 months out. She has the business license and EIN. The first board meeting will be in the next several weeks. I am on the board.</p> <p><i>4) Public Shooting on VPD Property</i> Jason: I was at a meeting where Fish and Wildlife were present. There is a group that is looking for private landowners who would be open to public shooting. They are willing to come out and make a presentation to us. The Board, In Unison: NO hunting on VPD land! Jason: We have many acres that are not used. 20 acres here, 40 acres there. Owners can put restrictions on the land. Lu-Ann: There was hunting at Dockton Forest when it was state lands.</p>		
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Scott: I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN. BOB: SECOND. VOTE: 5-0 IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.</p>	<p>MOTION, SECOND TO ADJOURN.</p>	

	<i>The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.</i>	VOTE: 5-0 IN FAVOR.	
Next Meeting	May 9, 2017, 7:00 PM		

Respectfully submitted by:
Mary Reeves