

VASHON PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

Ober Park, Evergreen Room, 7:30 pm

DATE: Tuesday, June 27, 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 7:30 PM. Karen reviewed the agenda.	
Public Comment	CC: I would like to say that I heard from the Vashon Island Rowing Club. They have sold 6k of tickets already. They will set up tables for Thriftway and Strawberry Festival.	
Minutes 5/13/17, 6/13/17 Preliminary Vouchers 5/19/17 – 6/22/17	Lu-Ann: I MOVE THAT WE ACCEPT THE MINUTES AND PRELIMINARY VOUCHERS AS PRESENTED. Doug: SECOND. VOTE: 5-0 IN FAVOR	MOTION, SECOND TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AND PRELIMINARY VOUCHERS AS PRESENTED. VOTE: 5-0 IN FAVOR.
School Board Compromise	Karen: The School Board has not yet agreed to our proposal. Lu-Ann: Didn't you propose it? Karen: There are no motions. Bob and I are suggesting this is the solution. Doug: I don't follow the dollar amounts clearly. One payment of 50k and one payment of 50K? Scott: For each year, 50K. We should say 50k annually. Elaine: Our budget is calendar year. We haven't made a payment this year. We owe them 50K from April from the present agreement. The next 50k would be October. We owe 100k total per the old agreement. They agreed to wait until October for full payment. Doug: What about 2018? Bob: The new agreement will spell this out.	

Scott: How much do we owe them under the old agreement?

Lu-Ann: Why did we agree to pay them 75k?

Karen: They did not like any of our proposals and we went back to square one. We would like to have their support for our bond. They are supportive. Otherwise, I think bad things will happen. Also, Jason and Elaine met with Soltman.

Jason: We met for about 2.5 hours and it was an energetic discussion. We ended coming up another 25k.

Karen: Bob and I said that philosophically we don't owe them anything. However, we live on a small island.

Doug: It is the principal.

Karen: The suggestion that we had that we would help them with the McMurray Field? They didn't care about that. They did not want anything tied to our levy.

Lu-Ann: We can't pay without a levy.

Scott: No, it is a bone.

Doug: With Bob's motion and Scott's motion, it is not clear that we can go to voters and say that we will ensure that we can get these services.

Karen: We need an accounting.

Bob: It is difficult to account.

Doug: Jason has an incremental cost system.

Bob: So, if there is one guy that is trying to figure out how much of their time is for kids...

Lu-Ann: Jason does that all the time.

Elaine: It is not a matter of: today I will mow the fields because of club soccer. They do many different things. It is guesswork.

Scott: Jason and the SD seemed to come together. They don't water it anymore because we are out there. There is no extra cost there. I commend them for coming up with this. I think that we have come to an agreement.

Karen: We have to look at the future. We have to look at accountability for the future.

Lu-Ann: How do you track it?

Scott: There is a baseline. The SD is well aware of our position.

Lu-Ann: Why are we doing this? How do we get to a point where we are doing what other park districts do?

Doug: The boards could be different in 5 years. We don't know.

Karen: There are a couple of things that we can track.

Bob: How do we have new language in the new agreement? It has to be in the agreement. Otherwise we are wasting our breath.

Scott: If nothing else... details will be details in the next 60 days. Jason will

confer with the SD and outline issues like utilities
Jason: Utilities are the hardest.
Scott: They came to an agreement. I would prefer that Jason and his compatriot in the SD come up with benchmarks within the next 60 days.
Doug: Bob is talking about quarterly reporting. It looks like we are just giving the SD money.
Elaine: I think that what we have is a valid methodology. Once a year, annually, we go through the same methodology. It is not a reasonable expectation to parse it out. It is not possible.
Scott: You were the one who wanted details.
Bob: In the process of negotiating, Bob Hennessy came up with a point which was that in most other Districts, schools and parks have their own facilities. In our case, much of VPD property is owned by the School District. It makes more sense now than I thought before.
Lu-Ann: They have created their ecosystem. They don't have a swim team.
Karen: it will be interesting to see.
Scott: So you support this?
Bob: Yes, the 75k.
Scott: Soltman said that they had made a mistake in their initial analysis.
Doug: We need some accountability. It has to be in writing.
Bob: We have paid 100k for 4 years. We have paid 25k too much for years. It should be shocking.
Elaine: I think that they realize this.
Karen: I like that we came together.
Lu-Ann: It's a far cry from where we started. SD members don't want to be in the pool.
Scott: **I MOVE THAT WE APPROVE THE AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED, TO INCLUDE THE ANNUAL COMMONS MEETING DURING WHICH THE TWO PARTIES WILL AGREE ON BENCHMARK INCREMENTAL COSTS TO INCLUDE THE BENCHMARK INCREMENTAL COSTS VARIABLES WILL BE DETERMINED IN THE NEXT 60 DAYS AS A RESULT OF A MEETING BETWEEN THE SD AND VPD. THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WILL INCLUDE A 180 DAY NOTICE.**
Doug: **SECOND.**
Scott: **I MOVE TO SUSPEND THE RULES. JASON AND HIS COUNTERPART WILL AGREE ON VARIABLES. ANNUAL MEETING WILL DISCUSS COSTS. A YEAR FROM NOW THERE WILL BE A MEETING AND WE WILL DISCUSS INCREMENTAL COSTS.**
Doug: **SECOND.**
Lu-Ann: Where did the 5 years come from?

MOTION, SECOND, TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED TO INCLUDE THE ANNUAL COMMONS MEETING DURING WHICH THE TWO PARTIES WILL AGREE ON BENCHMARK

	<p>Karen: We don't want to do this every year. CC: Look at your calendar and look at levy's and bonds before you pick a time. Scott: Our levy is not until next year. CC: Put a little thought into this. Karen: 5 years would take us beyond 2019. CC: One of those things that caused trouble where the SD got blindsided. You should give them a year's notice so they can make budgetary decisions. Scott: The levy is next year. 5 years will work. Either party has to give 6 months' notice to renegotiate the terms of the agreement. Bob: Are you adding to your... Scott: The current agreement is 90 days. I am expanding it to 180 days. Doug: I HAVE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. WE SHOULD BENCHMARK INCREMENTAL COSTS. Scott: I MOVE TO SUSPEND THE RULES. Doug: SECOND. VOTE: 4-1 IN FAVOR (Lu-Ann opposed) Motion as read by Scott: VOTE: 5-0 IN FAVOR.</p>	<p>INCREMENTAL COSTS TO INCLUDE THE BENCHMARK INCREMENTAL COST VARIABLES WILL BE DETERMINED IN THE NEXT 60 DAYS AS A RESULT OF A MEETING BETWEEN THE SD AND VPD. THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WILL INCLUDE A 180 DAY NOTICE</p> <p>FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO BENCHMARK INCREMENTAL COSTS.</p> <p>MOTION, SECOND, TO SUSPEND THE RULES.</p> <p>VOTE 4-1 IN FAVOR OF MOTION.</p> <p>VOTE ON MOTION, 5-0 IN FAVOR.</p>
<p>Interlocal Agreement Amendment</p>	<p><i>The parties agree the incremental cost to the School District of allowing community use of its Commons facilities is approximately \$75,000 and the Park District will pay that amount for the duration of this agreement; except that, for the period from July 1, 2017, to July 1, 2019, the payment amount will be \$50,000. At</i></p>	

	<p><i>the end of the five-year term of this agreement, the parties will meet to mutually agree upon a new baseline of incremental costs which will form the basis of future payments from the Park District to the School District.</i></p> <p>1) Scott Harvey Resolution Vote Scott: I WITHDRAW MY PREVIOUS MOTION.</p> <p>2) Doug Ostrom Resolution Vote Doug: I WITHDRAW MY PREVIOUS MOTION.</p>	
Doug Ostrom Motions; Board Votes	<p>Doug's motion #2: Elaine: I am hearing that you want another line item in the budget. That would be the easiest methodology. I hope it will be easy. I will have to create a class code in QuickBooks, but it is doable. Revenues would be staff costs, chemicals, purchases, etc. Bob: This happens already? Elaine: I am hearing this is bubble specific line items. Income, staff costs, Karen: Remember that if it is over a certain percentage, we need to be able to make decisions. Elaine: Where it will get complicated is with the annual purchases. We buy every couple of years. Scott: The seals would be on notice ... It would make it easier for everyone to see the balance. Elaine: I can see some value to it. VOTE5-0</p>	VOTES ON DOUG'S SECOND MOTION 5-0 IN FAVOR.
Fern Cove Septic	<p>Doug: motion re Fern Cove. Vote 4-1 in favor.</p>	
Staff Reports	<p>1) Pool I had absolute confirmation from Enduris that the main drain will be covered and they have agreed. I am waiting until I receive a final confirmation from her. The boiler fix is under way. Bob: We will be operational by this weekend? Jason: By the end of the week. Elaine: We have no update on the bubble. I will get that. Robin: Did the change of the footprint and fence get worked out? Elaine: The septic system is in the hands of the attorneys. The SD wanted an amendment to the lease. We compromised by having two</p>	

	<p>attorneys look at the indemnity clause. Karen: The amendment they wanted us to sign was overreaching. They wanted everything to be our fault. Lu-Ann: We wanted equipment monitoring.</p> <p>2) Fire District Elaine: Everyone was there but Bob. This is very complicated. I have follow-up questions for them. By my estimation, based on 2017 numbers, the 2016 numbers came down equally. Everyone came down. Charlie was saying that as the assessed values of property increased, if the bucket is more than an amount, the amount they assess must come down. It is why we dropped. Scott: The cap comes off every 5 or so years, which it did in 2016. Elaine: It has jumped so much that we will go down this next time. Charlie also said that when the property values decrease, the amount that you assess increases. Scott: All they need is \$1.35. Elaine: We will drop to 42 cents. Wiggle room is 53 cents. If they go to \$1.50, that will take them to 56 cents. That is 3 cents they will pick off us. Elaine: What scares me is that it is so tight. If KC can come up 55 cents we are toast; we are off the map. I ran that scenario on the back page of the handout. Scott: I oppose it. Doug: Is there any chance to convince the county? What are they thinking? Elaine: Hazel will know. I will contact her. Karen: We need to look at a bond. Scott: They are tied together.</p>	<p>Elaine</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Scott: I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN. Doug: SECOND. VOTE: 5-0 IN FAVOR</p> <p>(The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.)</p>	<p>MOTION, SECOND, TO ADJOURN.</p> <p>VOTE: 5-0 IN FAVOR</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>July 11, 2017, 7:00 PM</p>	

Respectfully submitted by:
Mary Reeves