

VASHON PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

Ober Park, Performance Room, 7:00

Meeting of Board of Commissioners

8/28/2018

Commissioners attending: Abby Antonelis, Karen Gardner, Bob McMahon, Doug Ostrom.

Staff attending: Jason Acosta, Elaine Ott-Rocheford, Christopher Iannazzone

ISSUE	DISCUSSION AND OUTCOME	FOLLOW UP
Call to order & agenda review	New Commissioner is selected	
Public Comment	<p>Cap Joe: Flag is at half staff today, Cap John McCain, US Senator retired, the bottom man of the class at the Coast Guard Academy and Naval Academy is called the anchor. John McCain was 5 from the bottom, good example of how you can start your career at the bottom and move your way up.</p> <p>Doug: Okay, others</p> <p>Susan Good: Hi I'm Susan Good, 14208 Lisabuella, my fellow neighbors are here with me, we have Kathleen Webster, Jeff Goodwill, Mike Snyder, Bill, and Patricia. Each of these neighbors and I live adjacent to Lisabuella, overall we love it, however, each and every day we are impacted with the functionality of the park. We are here to ask for a slot on next month's agenda so we can address 3 issues we have identified. Ignoring park policy, enforcement of park policy, gate closure policy. We would like to be a part of further discussion in these matters.</p> <p>Doug: One of us can request for that to be on the agenda.</p> <p>Elaine: Sure</p> <p>Doug: I'd like to talk about that, Thank you.</p> <p>Abby: When you send something to us, can you detail specifics of the 3 issues please?</p>	Action Item
8/28/18 Commissioner Candidate Selection	<p>Doug: First thing to say is that we did interview the three candidates...three outstanding candidates. We hope all three of you can be involved in some way.</p> <p>Doug: Are there motions to be made to select the new candidate?</p> <p>Bob: I move that we select Hans Van Dusen as our new board member to replace Scott.</p> <p>Abby: I second it</p> <p>Doug: Let me add that I'm not eligible to add a nomination.</p> <p>Bob: Motion to Suspend the rules</p> <p>Abby: Second</p> <p>Motion to suspend the rules – Passed 4-0.</p> <p>Doug: All in favor of Hans?</p> <p>Motion to select Hans Van Dusen as the new board member. Passed 4-0.</p>	<p>Bob: I move that we select Hans Van Dusen as our new board member to replace Scott.</p> <p>Abby: Second</p> <p>Bob: Motion to Suspend the rules</p>

Bob: (Directed to Steve) Let me just say that we were really impressed with what you had to say last night. Continue to fight to become involved.
 Karen: You've got some great ideas
 Steve: From the moment we've had our discussions, it was very clear the board can do no wrong, other than not being able to select more than one person.
 Abby: I really appreciated everything you had to say as well.

**Abby: Second Motion to suspend the rules. Passed 4-0
 Motion to select Hans Van Dusen as our new board member. Passed 4-0**

VES LIGHTS

Scott Rice: Yeah thanks for having me back, we just happened to have Roman Slaybaugh, sports lighting contractor with us. Representative of Qualight. Main concern Doug brought up last time was light pollution; information given to us from Roman. In discussions with Elaine since meeting, we talked loosely about a time frame for the lights to turn off at night. We were thinking about 9 PM. I want to remind you the lights go directly onto the field, these LED lights, and not onto the highway.
 Bob: Was that all you were going to say about light pollution?
 Scott: Did you have a question?
 Bob: Light pollution, the light that goes up into space and the glare that pollutes, they are different. The light that goes off into space, can you explain this more?
 Roman: Pointing fixtures straight into the sky is a no-no in field lighting, and yes you have some reflection from the light coming off the field surface. The way we design is that the fixtures are facing down, to reduce the reflection, our light pollution is 10 ft above pole line. Don't want where players, spectators, or coaches can't see lights.
 Karen: The lights are out at 9 PM?
 Scott: Well it's up to you all.
 Roman: The nice thing is you can control lights from a smart phone, tablet, computer, anywhere in the world. Set schedule for the lights.
 Doug: Well the materials that you sent us, one thing, and I'm not familiar with all them, one was called trespass, when homes are getting light that it doesn't want.
 Roman: No, and again that is from companies that haven't been in the sports lighting business for very long. This is not something related to us.
 Doug: But the general argument that I've heard, and you can correct me if I'm wrong. LED lighting is better in trespassing standpoint but worse in light pollution toward space. How do we measure this? There are still things we don't know.
 Roman: Light meter. TR lens, our product and lensing, able to create all kinds of shapes on a field, reducing glare. HID fixtures (we don't use, they are common though) produces more glare. Our fixtures lose less lumens when directed on a field. LED lighting is much more controlled.
 Bob: Isn't the light going straight up, isn't that the function of how high the lights are turned up? And that determines reflection? Is there a height the light reflects off a field?

Scott: 10 feet above the pole

Roman: and that's all calculated with the cat system that we use, designed by IES.

David Hackett: County codes apply to field lighting, they are strict on trespass lighting, IES guidelines. I haven't heard of lots of light going off into space. I'm impressed by the dome of 10 ft, and no light higher.

Doug: general issue, light pollution is huge. Utah=best night sky because we don't have these lights, or big cities.

Roman: And you're right there are some areas, observatories nearby that we are concerned about. It comes down to competitors, who don't light fields properly. They put lights on a pole 15 feet high and point it into the night sky.

Karen: It seems to me that its reasonable, and based on what you've just said I think it is reasonable.

Doug: What we're talking about is a proposal to light fields by Vashon Highway, 1000's of cars pass each day. This may sound unrelated, but we once had a vote for a dog park over at the Burton skate park. We opened it to the public, and got criticism. People voted 90% against the lights in the park survey. I would like to invite public comment. I'm still concerned, light pollution straight up and light pollution on the highway that will affect residents.

Bob: What is it about having the lighted field next to the highway, why is that upsetting people?

Doug: Well we heard a little of this from Kevin ...lighted fields on the Highway, big change for the island. Some people don't want Vashon to become Mercer Island.

Karen: I think part of how you protect is how late you allow the lights to be on.

Scott: I mean the fields are lighted already, they will be lighted whether it's with these or generators. I haven't heard anyone personally say they didn't want lights up at VES.

David: Process is important, but this was already apart of the process of public hearings. There have been 3 articles in the Beachcomber, it's been vetted by King County.

Doug: Controversy over the Vashon Arts Center, design perspective. County decided it fit, some community members didn't. Has the design aspect been looked at by the county?

David: That happened in conjunction with the clearing and grading permit issued in 2008, 2009 for the overall project. My point Doug, this was in the Beachcomber and two meetings. This board has had 3 meetings on this issue, and this has been in the Master Plan.

Doug: Look back to dog park proposal, solicited by Elaine, solicited comments from anyone interested. This is a bigger issue than allowing dogs at the skate park. The islanders are opposed to lights.

Bob: The islanders are opposed to them because something in the survey, the question was would the community want VPD to spend money on lights?

Doug: Of course, the cost figures were including other things as well, such as the pool.

Bob: My personal opinions are that you don't like lights? The only way to know for sure is to conduct a survey or have another meeting for the purpose of expressing opinions.

Doug: I think we can do what we did for the dog park, ask people to express opinions.

Abby: Should we first though, all the items he's pointing to, should we look at those first?

David: I guess, Doug, I would oppose that. We submitted a proposal, got a \$250,000 Grant, and we are \$33,000 under budget. We would ask you to support the proposal.

Bob: Okay so where are we as a board on this issue, do we need a motion?

Elaine: You do need a motion. The prior vote was to approve the application for the grant. The second vote will be a motion to approve their proposal.

Karen: I make a motion to approve their plan.

Abby: I second that.

Bob: I would like to go back and review a little, is there urgency?

Elaine: Are you going to wait to the next meeting to vote?

Bob: I would.

David: I need to move forward on a contract with King County, and we need to manufacture the lights, October deadline.

Doug: I want to remind people we faced this situation before with the grant proposal, we didn't have a chance of a meeting, so that was an emergency revision.

David: I think we were here in late July, and it got kicked over until this meeting.

Abby: What happened at the last meeting, this wasn't address, so that's why it got pushed into this meeting.

Karen: Well we have a motion in place.

Abby: Are we on a monthly still?

Karen: I think we talked about returning to our 2 weeks in September.

Elaine: Sept 11, then.

Karen: Would it be helpful if you could meet with them?

Doug: I've been waiting to all summer.

Scott: What specifically would you need from us?

Doug: I would like more detail on lighting issues, 3rd party analysis of these issues concerning light pollution.

David: I guess it would be helpful for us for you to better detail your concerns.

Doug: Actually, you know what got me started on this was that the Seattle Times had a picture of the Puget Sound region, showing night time light pollution. Two places were dark, Puget Sound and Vashon. Vashon Island was an exception to light pollution. Vashon Nature Center had a presentation on this issue, high school students delivered it.

Karen: I don't know who you would go to for a 3rd party evaluation.

Doug: Well that's often a problem, alright, I would trust a UW biologist.

Bob: Well that biologist is looking at it through that lens.

Doug: Well that's true for everybody, a soccer fan is looking through a different lens.

Abby: I wonder if it would be helpful to get some project with drones from start to finish of old projects, the light pollution you are measuring.

Roman: I can pull verticals from other projects, D1 video perspective.

Abby: Do you think that would be helpful?

Doug: Yes, that would be very helpful. We are a public organization; we are responsible for taking the lead so that's why I want to be careful.

Scott: So I would just remind the board, this field was originally designed and approved by King County to have field lighting that is there.

Doug: This is a moving target.... People are now worrying about health issues. I would like to look at again.

Bob: Well I think that we're going to find if anything, it's better now then it would have been then. And I think we have to agree that time, money, energy have been expended until now, we need to look at this in a sensible way.

Doug you say the night sky is worse with stars, but that is not coming from anything on Vashon. We are not

contributing to light pollution. We will vote in two weeks, but we have to be sensible.
 Karen: I agree
 Bob: It's been in the plan from day 1. The new lights are more efficient.
 Scott: What we're producing now, lots of light and noise, new technology will be much better and have less impact.
 Doug: Okay there a lot of issues now, now let's move on.

June/July Financial Report
 Elaine: Speaking to cash flow. Admin-\$3,100 over budget. Wages, payroll taxes, benefits over about \$15,000 due to wage increases, offset by odds and ends. Maintenance under budget by \$48,000.
 Karen: Why? I forgot
 Elaine: Revenue is over by \$3,500. Wages are tracking right on, payroll taxes \$12,000 under due to LNI issue. I always budget benefits high, \$11,000 under. Materials are under by \$13,000. Jason budgets high for top dressing in case we need to do more. Outside services is under \$5,000.
 Elaine: Commons is \$8,000 over budget. \$3500 wages, \$2000 unbudgeted port-a-pody. \$1400 unbudgeted phone allocation that was in admin.
 Recreational programming ahead \$10,000, wages ahead \$6,000. Program guide ahead \$3,000.
 Pool summer budget is over \$12,000. \$5,000 is due to revenue being down, payroll \$4,000 over, supplies over \$3,000. Point Robinson, ahead by \$4,000. \$3,000 is revenue, all else is odds and ends.
 Fern cove is tracking \$7,000 ahead. Revenue under \$6,000, but payroll \$11,000 under. All else is odds and ends.
 Not much change in scheduled end of year cash at \$464,000.

Board Votes:
Karen: Motion to approve extending the VISD BARC lease for 20 years
Bob: Second
Passed 4-0

Status report on special needs/senior citizen needs
 Karen: So Abby and I went off into the Netherlands, exploring unmet needs in our community, disabilities and senior citizens. A group was formed from interested people, playground for all notions we came up with. We would like a trail for senior citizens and an ADA playground. The community finds this very exciting. I'm happy with involvement from the community. CC discovered Bob Horsley's design that was done around 2009, design for playground for all at Ober park. The notion is trying to meet unmet needs that the community has expressed to us, various stakeholders involved in this, eventually, I doubt by next meeting, by the meeting after that... we should have enough information. Need to discuss where we are getting funding for this, grants and fundraising.
 Bob: Can I ask who the other stakeholders are?
 Karen: Sure, CC, Bob Horsley, Suzy Calhoun, Katherine Swearington. Senior Center and parent groups.
 Doug: So the cost of this is pretty severe?
 Karen: Oh yes, the equipment is very expensive. We need support from community. No action at this point, information only.

Staff reports

A) Fire District Meeting Minutes – reviewed.
Elaine: Where we last left the discussion was you wanted to know what was negotiated with King County. The Fire District proposed \$11,000 for us.
Karen: Lets negotiate, \$11,000 is too high.
Elaine: Based on property value, \$11,000. I knocked off some figures and properties that aren't used and that figure was \$5,000. Meet in the middle at \$8,000.
Karen: How does everyone feel about \$8,000?
Abby: I don't think we can reasonably expect to get lower.
Doug: I don't understand why the School District, who has more access to funding, doesn't pay more.
Charlie: The School District is driven by a different RCW, despite land assets of \$11 million. I'm happy for the dialogue tonight. Parks properties are large, scattered, and hard to access, and put other properties at risk. A wild land fire is labor intensive and resource intensive.
Karen: I suggest we consider the \$8,000 and move on.
Abby: You suggested you could do more research, but we need a decision soon.
Doug: Of course we need decisions, but there are a lot of balls in the air still. We want to know some more information and what other districts are doing.
Bob: \$8,000 isn't much for the Fire Department and Schools, but it means a lot to us. Let's find out more information.
Charlie: I'm happy to help but I feel like I'm leading the parade, your offer is your homework not mine. I started at \$11,000. Participate with me.
Elaine: My number was based on active properties I thought would be at risk and had considerable usage.
Bob: I say we offer \$5,000 based on Elaine's information.
Cap Joe: I say no offers are made yet.
Doug: As things stand we will be voting next meeting.
Elaine: Anything I can add?
Abby: Recent calculations would be helpful.

B) Wingehaven Maintenance Road
Elaine: Dana Winge reported to me she was going to work with the Washington Water Trail system to repair the road, since she holds an easement allowing her to do so, and she needs that for access to her property. She sold her property, though. She made negotiations with the new owner to pay for road. Jason and I are meeting with this owner on Friday. Once the owner has a plan, we have to approve.
Jason: Wingehaven will be more accessible, we will be able to maintain the park.
Elaine: Better access for us and anyone who wants to walk down the road.
We should set the standard for how that road should be, that's why we will be approving the road. New owner can make improvements to road, we are not responsible to maintain it, but we can choose to

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maintain if we find that valuable.

Karen: I've got calls into two organizations for Ivy removal, but they are busy.

C) BARC

Elaine: Myself, Jason, and Eric went by BARC due to some reports of unapproved modifications made at the park. I had approved a BARC park steward to make small dirt mounds and improve the bike trails, but there are two ten foot mounds that I did not approve. Someone had also put in an outdoor concrete skate ramp, also not approved. I contacted our insurance company, and asked to what extent is it acceptable for park users to make changes? They said never, shut it down. So I sent a letter to the Stewards saying these areas are shut down. They said that DIY is good, and again I told them insurance company said no. There is a policy that says board approval is needed for modifications. And the VISD owns the property, which also requires their approval. So we are meeting with the stewards to further discuss.

Jason: Park employees are there to maintain the area often, almost every day. These changes happened quickly, and we didn't see the process, so couldn't prevent it. It is closed now and roped off.

Elaine: If they come back with a proposal for engineered designs that could work.

D) VIGA/Village Green

Elaine: Working on a canopy installation to provide more covered space in the rainy season, their expense. Our insurance company has approved, as long as we have an agreement.

Bob: board approved?

Elaine: Not necessary if under \$2,000, but I will likely bring it to you for approval, anyway.

Abby: I have a question; can they vend there every day of the week?

Elaine: Wednesdays and Saturdays. I allowed them to vend during commuter traffic during the week in exchange for the Wednesday.

Elaine: A volunteer wanted to propose a chalk board installation at Village green. Community chalk board. Eric and I thought this would be a good vehicle for community feedback. I like the idea.

E) Pool

Elaine: in the home stretch with the Summer season, Sept 3rd summer season ends. Uncovered until mid October. Closed Oct 13/14 for dome installation.

F) Concerts in the park

Elaine: Last one is this Thursday

G) Grant Status

Elaine: Agren grant, I submitted an RFQ for a topographical survey. BARC recreational programming grant, Eric interviewed stewards, generated year long schedule for open skate, Skate like a girl program. Private lessons, other skate activities, programs. VES restroom concession grant, we will meet with David Hackett first then iron out fundraising from sports groups.

H) Strategic Plan Status

Elaine: Really close to having draft plan complete, maybe next meeting but most likely the meeting after.

Karen: Motion to Adjourn

Bob: Second

Passed 4-0

Adjourn	8:50 pm S, D 4-0		
Next Meeting	September 11, 2018, 7:00 PM		

Respectfully submitted by:
Chris Iannazzone