

# VASHON PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## MEETING MINUTES

Ober Park, Evergreen Room, 7:00 pm

DATE: Tuesday, July 24, 2018

Commissioners attending: Doug Ostrum, Bob McMahon, Karen Gardner, Abby Antonelis

Staff attending: Elaine Ott-Rocheford, Jason Acosta

ISSUE	DISCUSSION AND OUTCOME	FOLLOW UP
<b>Call to order &amp; agenda review</b>	Call to order by Doug, review agenda.	
<b>Public Comment</b>	<p>Cap Joe: For once I have none.</p> <p>CC: I have some things to report on playground stuff. To bring everybody up to date, there's been some talk about replacing some of the playground equipment, and it's a 25 year old playground and the stuff needs to get done – I believe that Abby and Karen were the first two people to bring up the idea of making the playground inclusive.</p> <p>Abby: I think actually Jason.</p> <p>CC: Okay. I had talked to the Senior Center who was interested in perhaps partnering with the Park District to include a senior playground, if that's what you want to call it. A place for seniors to do some exercise, maybe have a walk around the park, social interaction, working on balance and things like that. What I've done the last couple of weeks is I've talked to two park districts close by here, one in Gig Harbor and one in Renton. Both of whom have built in the last couple of years these new inclusive playgrounds. The folks in Gig Harbor spent about a half a million bucks on their playground. The folks in Renton spent about \$1.7M, but they got grant money for a big chunk of it and they raised over \$750K in donation. They worked in conjunction with the Rotary club. So having taken this information, I then started looking at possible granting opportunities, and what I want to tell you is – if you want to partner with the Senior Center, and partner with maybe the Nature Center, the Food Bank, I believe there are some serious granting opportunities. By serious I mean, I think the Sutherland Foundation is one that is a good prospect and they make grants between \$50K and \$150K for capital projects. There are a couple of others that I believe are viable and I have by no means finished exploring the granting universe. So, what I want to tell you is if you want to talk this over and think about – I found the plan that Bob Horsley made – if you want to think about reimagining this park out back here and explore this possibility, I would be happy to continue to do this kind of work and feed you the information that I find.</p> <p>Abby: That's great.</p> <p>Doug: This is terrific. Just for right now, I'm having trouble imaging a Food Bank connection –</p> <p>CC: Well, you do the lunches in the park with the Food Bank. One of the things you're going to need is benches, picnic tables and trash/recycling. Those things all cost money. And what these strategic partnerships do is they open up different granting opportunities. They fall into different headings, you're working not just with</p>	

government agencies, you're working with non-profits, community building – it makes these granting proposals very attractive, and the more components you can add, the more attractive it becomes. I talked to Abby about bringing in VIGA. One of the things that Bob had done when he made his plan was he made space for booths during Strawberry Festival. But it could easily be adapted to perhaps help VIGA with some of their needs. You could also plant food in your landscaping and use that as educational component. There are all kinds of ways to work this, and as I was studying some of the more successful projects – when I've been talking to playground reps I ask 'tell me about your success stories – tell me what made your success stories different from the guys' – because there are some stories where they're still working to raise money after 10 years, some places where it's raised very quickly. The good planning and the looking at these grants and the partnering with community partners is what that does – it lets you tap into their donors.

Truman : Just a historical perspective, I was on the Board when we put that in, the original playground. And the way that happened was a group of people, actually moms, came to us and said 'this playground is dangerous and we want to build a new one' – there was a playground there, but it was very dangerous. And they put together the plan, they put together the original grant proposal, they did most the work – we just partnered with them to do it. So my recommendation would be that you put out to some of the parent groups that we need you guys to organize and be the core group to put this thing together.

Karen: The conversations with the Senior Center – they were very excited about the notion. So I'm wondering if we need more than one.

CC: Yes. I believe that we need strategic partnerships with these groups – I think parents who have kids with special needs – and I talked with Elaine about this. I think it's going to take two years of prep.

Truman: I think we did it in about a year.

CC: I think it will take two years of prep to get everybody on board and raise the money.

Karen: Well, I think we like the idea and would like to move it forward. Let's see what we can figure out.

CC: At this point it's not costing anybody anything.

Karen: Right

CC: If you happen to be over in Gig Harbor, stop in and take a look at this park. If you happen to be in Renton go look at that one.

Bob: Where is it in Gig Harbor?

CC: It's right at the end of the harbor, it's called Crescent Creek Park.

Jason: Does it have a lot of workout equipment?

CC: It's simply an accessible park. There's outdoor exercise things as a separate component. But I believe I found a company, a non-profit, called Shane's Inspiration that does the playground design for free if they team with your project – that can be a \$50K to \$60K pricetag.

Doug: One quick thing, Bob Horsley, who did the plan that you were talking about , also did a plan for VCC quite some time ago, where he had very low impact workout stations around VCC. He knows how to do that.

CC: Bob is willing to continue to help in that function.

Karen: Great. Thank you, CC.

CC: So we'll just continue gathering information.

<p><b>6.24.18 Minutes</b>  <b>6.23.18 – 7.18.18</b>  <b>Preliminary</b>  <b>Vouchers, May</b>  <b>Vouchers</b></p>	<p>Bob: I move to accept the minutes and vouchers.  Karen: Second.  Cap Joe: May I make a correction to the minutes – Jay Holtz’s name isn’t correct in the minutes.  Doug: So motion to accept the minutes as amended?  Bob: Yes.  Doug: All in favor? That includes vouchers as well?  (agreement)  Doug: Okay. We move then to VES lights.</p>	
<p><b>VES Lights</b></p>	<p>Scott Rice: So, I’m not really David Hackett. David is on vacation so I’m sitting in, giving a report based on what we know at this point. So we’ve received two proposals to do the lights, by two manufacturers. One is the Gorilla Musco which does a lot of field lighting not only here but around the country and the world, and a fairly newer company called Qualight which has a newer technology, I think they’re nice. Elaine saw them. They came and gave a presentation to us and I think Elaine and Jason were there.  Elaine: We each went to one presentation, but it sounds like they’re both pretty high tech.  Scott R: Yes, they’re both great manufacturers. We have received the formal bids. They’re both well within the grant parameters.  Doug: What’s the difference between them?  Scott R: In price, or in product?  Doug: Well, whatever’s relevant.  Scott R: Well they both provide the lighting that we need, that’s required to do the sports up there that they want to do. They’re different approaches to their lighting systems. Musco – I don’t know how to explain it without getting too technical – a picture is worth a thousand words; in their presentations they show how their product actually looks when it’s working. They actually brought the fixtures in and demonstrated to us how it works.  Bob: Is it a matter of placement of the fixtures?  Scott R: They’re actually a little bit different manufacturing processes in how they’re put together. They’re LED, all really efficient, but frankly I think the Qualight system looked a little more solid than the Musco system and a little better engineering involved, in putting together. They’re kind of bullet proof, to me. That’s above my pay grade, I don’t get to choose, these are just the manufacturers we’ve asked for proposals. And King Co has told us that we’re okay with what we have out there in terms of the electrical. Permitting had already been done when they originally did the VES project out there; the conduits are in the ground. All we need to do is pull wires from holes and away we go.  Jason: What about an upgraded panel, lightbulbs?  Scott R: We don’t know that for sure yet, but both manufacturers have given us their proposal based on guaranteeing that they will provide whatever electrical we need to do there. So there’s not going to be any surprises for us. They have had electricians come out and look at it, they know if they have what they need there.  Bob: So where do we go from here?  Elaine: Well, you guys approved their grant application, but you have not approved the actual project. Doug had presented a resolution; I put the copy in your packet. I also gave it to you back in May when we thought</p>	

we were going to have a presentation. Doug has some concerns that he had wanted to have addressed.

Doug: I think we still need to speak to cost, probably going to need knowing the type of lighting, etc, I haven't heard anything about those things in a meeting discussed.

Elaine: You're ready to ask for the Board's approval?

Scott R: Yeah, we're ready to move forward, but I don't know who the group is going to decide to go forward with.

Doug: One question would be, is there a cost component?

Scott R: What we would do next is we would sign the paperwork with King County to figure out how the grant money would be allocated during the project, so that's our next process.

Doug: and the other question would be ongoing expenses connected with the proposal.

Scott R: Both manufacturers have 25 year no-charge guarantees.

Doug: But I mean in terms of like monthly costs.

Scott R: You guys would have to set a policy on how you charge for the light being used.

Doug: I think we've done that.

Elaine: So part of the resolution is the user groups are also responsible for incremental costs in connection with the lights, including but not limited to increased energy costs, maintenance costs, vandalism repair and eventual replacement. These costs will be determined by VPD staff with input from the user groups, but I think the intent is that user groups would be bearing those incremental costs.

Scott R: They're using them, so why wouldn't they pay for it?

Bob: Did we pass that resolution?

Doug: We did

Scott R: Seems logical to me.

Bob: So then somehow, we have to be able to see the proposal and bounce that against the resolution

Elaine: I sent the resolution to David back in May.

Bob: Who chooses which of the proposals?

Scott R: It'll be a combination of people from probably the user groups – David and Lacrosse and soccer.

Jason: I've looked at, I've met with Qualight before and I met with Musco with all you guys, they're both reputable companies. Musco is actually doing the lighting for the new stadium up here at the football field at the high school. I think they're almost done – they're only waiting on one pole, and they had that osprey up there that was nesting, so they have to wait for them to finish their nesting to do that last connection. Whichever one they pick I feel comfortable with. I think both of them have technologies where we can control the lighting off of our phones so we can have it shut down at a certain time and can't turn on until a certain time. There are different ways to monitor it and I think there's a little bit of grace time, so you can shut down and it gives you time to get off the field so you're not stuck in the dark.

Scott R: Yeah, it's pretty amazing.

Bob: Wondering if we should address the concerns that were brought up some time back about light pollution.

Doug: That was another thing I was going to mention. Since we had this discussion, the Nature Center actually had a presentation on light pollution on Vashon Island. Apparently this was done by high school students, otherwise I'd invite this person to speak with us – but I'm wondering what you can say to that. Because I talk to people who say they're still angry about the sign at Thriftway or the hardware store and they see this as

	<p>another example of that.</p> <p>Scott R: Yeah, this LED lighting is amazing – in the presentations that they gave us – and I’ve seen it at fields that I’ve been to. The way this new LED technology works is the light actually goes straight onto the field and there is virtually zero bleed. It’s unbelievable. Once you walk off the field, it’s dark.</p> <p>Doug: The issue isn’t so much the neighbors around the field, it’s what goes up.</p> <p>Scott R: It goes down.</p> <p>Doug: It goes down and then bounces back up apparently. This is the argument I’ve heard.</p> <p>Bob: What’s in the resolution about that?</p> <p>Elaine: The key points in the resolution that Doug asked to have addressed were the incremental costs being borne by the user groups, so that sounds like it’s been agreed to?</p> <p>Scott R: I don’t know, I’m not part of that discussion.</p> <p>Elaine: Okay, so that needs to be addressed. Aesthetics, light pollution, durability, maintenance costs- those all need to be addressed.</p> <p>Scott R: No maintenance costs for 25 years.</p> <p>Elaine: The last thing is user groups would agree to negotiate with us for appropriate hours of lighting use. That we get to control it.</p> <p>Jason: Lights have to be off at certain times.</p> <p>Elaine: So you all want to see a plan with these items addressed.</p> <p>Doug: I do.</p> <p>Abby: I think at least like- it seems like nobody’s looking at this, and somebody needs to look at this and acknowledge everything.</p> <p>Elaine: So it sounds like we need to have another meeting for the board, and you’ll address those points and we’ll take it from there.</p> <p>Bob: Would that be the full board, or would we have a subcommittee to talk it over?</p> <p>Elaine: David had suggested that we have a subcommittee to talk it over – that was the initial plan. But whatever you guys decide.</p> <p>Scott R: If David said that, then that’s what we should do.</p> <p>Elaine: Okay, so why don’t we plan on having a subcommittee meeting now, and our next meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in August, so by then we’ll have sussed out all the issues in our subcommittee, come to the full board and take a vote.</p>	
<p><b>Financial Report</b></p>	<p>Elaine: Levy dollars at this point have come in \$5,300 over projection. Admin is coming in out of \$3,300 over budget – of that, payroll costs are forecast to be over by about \$12K total. That is within that \$3,300 projection. Then the \$9,000 is offset just by odds and ends. In Maintenance, Jason is ahead by \$44,000 and that is for real.</p> <p>Karen: How could that be?</p> <p>Elaine: Well, he’s ahead by \$3,000 in revenue; payroll costs are ahead by \$21K; \$3,000 is wages alone despite the payroll increases; payroll taxes – remember last year I budgeted super high based on this ridiculous L &amp; I costs of \$3 an hour. I didn’t know how that was going to change for this year. Well, it’s changed significantly, so we’re way ahead as far as the L &amp; I costs are concerned. We’re ahead about \$7,000 in benefits. So that’s the</p>	

bulk of the savings. His supplies are tracking about \$3,000 over budget, offset by materials being \$16,000 under budget. Jason budgets really high for top dressing needs, and he's determining that he's not going to fully need those dollar amounts for this year.

Jason: Yeah, what I do is – instead of doing ¼ inch thick on top dressing we're going 1/8 inch. Otherwise it just looks like a lot of sand out there, it never gets down; we've been kind of cutting it back. I've got all the important things that I want, so that's why we're saving a little money. Also we get a pretty good deal with the guy who's been top dressing it for us compared to what we used to do from off island. Someone on island has the proper equipment to do it and he's cheaper than everybody else out there.

Karen: Who is that?

Jason: Jake Johnson. He bought the top dresser and everything else for it and he gives us a pretty good deal. He does us and the school and he does other projects. He's giving back to the community.

Elaine: So as a result of that, he's ahead \$5,000 in outside services, because that's where Jake gets charged. It's just some tremendous efficiencies that he's found.

Karen: Well done.

Elaine: All right, Commons Budget is tracking \$6,600 over budget; \$3,000 of that is wages, \$2,000 is for the unbudgeted porta potty that we have to pay for, and \$1,500 is for unbudgeted telephone reimbursements that was just missed in the budgeting process – I used to take it under Admin but now we're portioning these out to all the cost centers, so it just wasn't done for Commons.

Doug: So when you talk about a budget here, is that a reference to the original budget that was passed last year?

Elaine: Nothing's been changed – even the wage issue, I didn't change the budget. So we're squeezing it in because we had wages that were budgeted so we're able to squeeze that in.

On the budget-to-actual on the Commons, you'll see that \$25K payment to the School District. It was budgeted for June, we actually did it in May, so if you're wondering what the \$25K is, that's what that is.

On Programs we're ahead \$6,000; \$3,000 is in anticipated savings on the Recreation Guide, all else is just odds and ends. Pool Summer Budget is over by about \$7,700. Revenue is really tracking under, and I suspect that is due to those pirated pass sales in the winter, that's just one of those processes we have to work through for the year, since the season affects the summer. Quite frankly I think we just do one budget next year.

Doug: Pirated?

Elaine: Yes – well, we do have a separate category for passes for summer; we do have summer passes. But we did have those annual passes.

Doug: Pirated sounds like somebody did something.

CC: You cannibalized your sales, is that what you're saying?

Elaine: Cannibalized in that we have two different budgets, winter and summer.

Elaine: So revenue is actually tracking \$14K down. Now we're only halfway through summer, that could pick up, that's just what the trend is showing. Good news is that's offset by Ann's tremendous management of her wages, she's tracking \$12K under budget on wages, so doing well there. Supplies are tracking about \$4,000 over; we had a number of unexpected needs from Dept of Health this year and also just some simple observations that need to be addressed, some fix on the stair ladder, diving board parts, a new footboard for the lifeguard stand, a large purchase of chemicals and chlorine, so those all hit kind of hard these last couple of

	<p>months.</p> <p>Abby: How long will those chemicals last?</p> <p>Jason: What they're buying is chlorine – I think what's happened is, because we dumped the pool into the winter months, if you have all that residual stuff in there, before we put the bubble on – we had to start with all new fresh water, you have to put in more, so it doesn't take away all your chlorine, that's what I'm thinking. Eventually I hope it's all going to settle out.</p> <p>Elaine: There were some unknowns, obviously. So we're just working through some of these problems.</p> <p>Abby: Did you overbuy in anticipation?</p> <p>Jason: No, he had to go over and get more, actually, because we were running out. So it's not that he's overbought, we're using a lot more chlorine. I talked to him this week, and it sounds like he thinks he's got it under control. He's getting there.</p> <p>Elaine: He's working through some system issues that we haven't seen before.</p> <p>Pool Winter budget nothing's changed of course, we're just over by the \$4,400 we talked about before. Basically the revenue was down by \$5,000 offset by the wages tracking about \$10K under.</p> <p>Point Robinson is ahead by \$1,600; this is just mostly odds and ends, revenue and the honey buckets and wages are pretty much tracking to budget. Fern Cove is ahead by \$9,200; most of this is due to wages. We did shift Eric to Programming, so that took that wage piece out of Fern Cove. Maintenance just hasn't been down there as much as was anticipated.</p> <p>On the Other category, and this is where we're capturing – we have some budgeted things in there, but this is where we capture the RFA ins and outs – but we're also capturing the Capital projects here. This carryover from 2017, the \$32k, I enumerated what all of those items are above, that carryover Capital items, just so you have a picture of what that was. These are all the grant items from the pool, boiler, Etc, including the \$75K grant payment itself. So I thought it might be helpful if you had a picture of what's represented there. On the back page, the items that are hitting against the Capital reserve but again from a cash-flow standpoint they are captured in that other category, I have enumerated those items as well, totals to about \$53,000. Our Reserve was \$103K at the beginning of the year; we're down to \$50K. So the \$53K that we spent is represented here. That includes items that we've actually spent, like the new slide, pool vacuum, the Keepers' fence with the donation that the Keepers made, etc. It also captures forecasted items that we haven't spent yet like the Jensen Point catch basin, we're allocating \$10K for that. So I thought it would be helpful for you guys to have a running list of what's hitting that Capital reserve.</p> <p>At this point, our total dollars ending cash balance for the year is up about \$471K.</p> <p>CC: I'd just like to tell you whoever is doing your pool newsletter –</p> <p>Elaine: Anne is doing that – she's a rockstar, isn't she? I'll tell her that, thanks.</p>	
<p><b>Commissioner Selection Process</b></p>	<p>Karen: If you look at our policy, they don't say specifically what the process is that we should use, so I'm suggesting that we decide on one. I think we need to, as a group, talk with the candidates, rather than have individual conversations and that we should do that sooner rather than later.</p> <p>Bob: I didn't understand – as a group? As a group, we can't do it because that's public meeting.</p> <p>Doug: We could have a public meeting.</p> <p>Karen: Yes, and ask questions, do what we need to do to decide who we think will be the best fit. Now I guess</p>	

one question would be, do you give the candidates the series of questions that we think we'd ask, or not?  
 Bob: I'd say yes.  
 Doug: And another issue is what if the candidates can't come in at the time that works for everybody else?  
 Karen: I don't know that we have a solution to that. Do we?  
 Bob: Are you talking about having all the candidates in a room together, at the same time?  
 Karen: Not necessarily, no.  
 Bob: Right, well then I don't see that as an issue.  
 Elaine: Although they could have the opportunity to be in this public meeting, they could all choose to attend.  
 Karen: Right.  
 Bob: But they wouldn't all have to happen on the same day, unless –  
 Karen: Well it just means that we'd have to all be present at different times.  
 Doug: We'd have to have a special meeting.  
 Bob: We could try to set it up.  
 Karen: We could say from 7 to 7:30, 7:30 to 8, 8 to 8:30.  
 Bob: So do we have a leader for this effort?  
 Doug: I thought we could just have a special meeting, same structure as we have otherwise.  
 Bob: I mean pulling together the procedure.  
 Doug: One of the things I thought about is we could prepare, each of us, as many questions as we wanted individually, and then present those questions at the meeting – does that make sense?  
 Karen: Yes. I would like to see everybody else's questions.  
 Abby: Otherwise it might overlap.  
 Doug: We could sort that out at the meeting.  
 Bob: We just said that we thought it'd be a good idea to present the candidates with the questions before they're going to be asked, so what we need to do is come up with the questions.  
 Karen: Yes, and then someone needs to correlate if you will and get a list that is agreed upon by everybody who sent in their questions. So should we send them all to Doug?  
 Bob: I think that'd be a great idea.  
 Doug: Yes.  
 Captain Joe: Do you have enough candidates?  
 Karen: I think we have four.  
 Abby: Four right now.  
 Captain Joe: I ask because I know that a frequent attendee here who may be sitting behind me paid for the ad that may have helped get some of those candidates, and I've been talking it up on my little segment with the crewmen on Tuesday mornings. If you have enough candidates then I won't talk about it anymore. I will come to the public meeting.  
 Doug: One of the questions that was asked of me was what the cutoff date is and I believe we said August 1.  
 CC: I think it just said 'get your letters in by Aug 1' – it didn't say – it's my understanding you have 90 days.  
 Doug: But if it's Aug 2 and the special meeting is Aug 6, then we're cool with that?  
 All: yeah, yes.  
 Doug: I think we need to set a special meeting then.

**Action:**  
**Commissioners will send interview questions to Doug by Aug 13. He will compile and send to candidates. Special interview meeting scheduled Aug 27.**



Karen: That would make sense.  
 Cap Joe: 4 is a very good number for an appointed position.  
 Karen: Yeah.  
 Elaine: so the cutoff date is Aug 1, so you're looking at having this meeting in August?  
 Doug: Yes.  
 Elaine: so just know that at that point I have to send the candidates' names into King County to verify that they're all registered voters. I don't know how long that takes.  
 Karen: you mean, to even apply they need to assure that they're registered voters?  
 Elaine: to be considered. So there's no sense interviewing somebody if they're not a registered voter.  
 Bob: We're out of town from the 4<sup>th</sup> until the 11<sup>th</sup>.  
 Abby: The 12<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> is good for me.  
 Karen: The week of the 12<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>?  
 Doug: That's the worst week for me.  
 Karen: So we're looking at the last week of August.  
 Doug: Or the 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>.  
 Abby: Can we just do it on the last meeting? Is that possible? Can we just do a special one before?  
 Doug: What about the 27<sup>th</sup>? Is that too late, waiting too long?  
 Bob: It's getting awful late.  
 Karen: When's the cutoff date?  
 Elaine: I submitted the notice to King County on June 14<sup>th</sup>. So September 14<sup>th</sup> is when you need to have it.  
 Karen: So we don't want to do it the same night as our regular meeting.  
 Doug: No, I think that's too long, it could be the day before.  
 Karen: Would the 27<sup>th</sup> work for everybody?  
 (all agree)  
 Karen: Time? 6? 7?  
 Doug: There may be people commuting from town, so we don't want to make it too early.  
 Karen: I think 7 would be okay.  
 Bob: Here?  
 (all agree)  
 Doug: Okay, 7pm on the 27<sup>th</sup>. So, what other issues do we need to resolve in terms of setting this up?  
 Karen: What we need to do is send you our questions.  
 Doug: Okay.  
 Abby: Set a cutoff date for sending the questions two weeks before that?  
 Doug: Sure.  
 CC: You'll share the questions with your candidates beforehand?  
 Karen/all: Yes.  
 Bob: So when are we supposed to have them to Doug?  
 Elaine: By August 13<sup>th</sup>.  
 Doug: Okay.  
 Abby: I also think it'd be nice to send a note out to all these people and say 'this is our plan.'

	<p>Karen: Yeah, absolutely.  Doug: Do you want me to do that?  Karen: Yes, please, that would be great.</p>	
<p><b>Proxy Voting</b></p>	<p>Doug: This is an issue that I am kind of interested in. I actually spent some time looking at proxy voting in government organizations and it's not a usual procedure. There were a number of arguments presented all in the same direction, which suggested that probably not the best idea because of potential irregularities in transmitting the proxy to the appropriate person. But also because there is the question of the deliberative body: that we come together and talk about things; potentially, we change each others' minds, and proxy voting is making a vote before that deliberative meeting. So the argument is that proxy voting is really not a plausible thing for government agencies. And the obvious thing is if proxy voting becomes widespread, it creates an incentive to not even come to the meetings. Apparently, Vashon Park District rules are silent on proxy voting but I think for purposes of clarity it might be that we consider saying that proxy voting is not an acceptable procedure for the Park District. Yes?</p> <p>Bob: I was thinking at one time that the policy and procedures we did have a phone in possibility, that you could phone in during the meeting – do you remember?</p> <p>Elaine: The reason this came up was that Abby was going to be out of town and she wanted to participate in a vote, and so she asked if proxy voting was okay. I went to the existing policies, and there was no statement made to that effect. Our policy #2270 that speaks to rules of order says it will be guided by Keesey's modern parliamentary procedure board, so I went to that before I responded to Abby. It did state specifically other methods of voting include: blah-dy blah-dy blah, the mail vote, the vote by proxy. So this was the guiding document that I referred back to Abby saying yes, it is acceptable. But you could certainly make, or certainly change, the policy or an exception to the policy to state that proxy is not okay. That's up to you.</p> <p>Doug: Just to give you an example from the top level of government, the US Senate is considering a Supreme Court nominee and it's pretty clear that proxy voting is not permitted in the US Senate because if it were permitted the nominee for Supreme Court justice would be in at this point. The issue is if there's going to be 99 votes or 100 votes, if John McCain is allowed to vote by proxy and it's in favor even if it were 50/50 Mike Pence would break the tie. So there's an example of the national level where proxy voting is clearly not permitted. And I read about – mostly at the national level but not exclusively the number of legislative procedures changed to make proxy voting not acceptable, when it was acceptable previously. US House of Representatives, committee system does allow proxy voting because people are members of same committees and they might be voting – it seemed like common sense to allow proxy voting. Despite that, they changed that, and made proxy voting not acceptable.</p> <p>Bob: So we would have to change that policy, the Board?</p> <p>Karen: Yeah. I'll change the policy, but I'm wondering if we can do it by phone? Rather than by proxy.</p> <p>Abby: I disagree. I don't think that we should do away with it at all, because if you take this specific example I had voted and voiced my strong support for the motion multiple times. The reason we had a revote was because of a technicality – but you all know the situation. So I was literally in the middle of nowhere. I couldn't call, I couldn't do anything. And it would have meant that things that we had been talking about and that I felt strongly about and that had the support of other people on the Board as well would have to wait for another</p>	

month. I think making a policy to take this away is overdoing it. Because in this specific situation it made a lot of sense for me to vote by proxy.

Doug: It would have for me as well, but it didn't even occur to me to vote by proxy. Because I've been a member of the Board for 4 years. I'd observed Board meetings before, and I'd spent some time watching Congress and State legislatures and they have never done proxy voting. So it didn't even occur to me that that was a possibility for me.

Karen: If we did allow proxy voting, we could put in something that you could only do it once during a particular year.

Bob: Or give a condition where it could be allowed.

Doug: I'm sorry, but I think the idea of a phone-in vote on the day of the vote is different than proxy voting. Part of the issue for me is making a decision before the discussion. In other words, we're supposed to be a deliberative body talking about these things. Even though the vote's been talked about once or twice or a hundred times before, the discussion that day could change things. And actually, I've experienced that, talking to Board members – they come in and they vote differently than I thought. So that could happen and I think it should happen. But proxy voting is you're voting before that discussion.

Karen: Well, would you be okay with a phone-in rather than proxy?

Abby: I don't think that this is going to open an avalanche of all of us proxy voting, and I think that if it does maybe we should bring this possible policy up again.

Doug: I think we should be clear as to whether or not it's permitted.

Abby: Well, I think it is clear now, because we're ruled by this policy. It is permitted.

Doug: Well, there are other rules that I can cite that make that less clear, actually. Robert's Rules of Order, specifically says no proxy voting. I don't know if there's any legal standing to that at all, but I did read that, for example. And there are rules pertaining to non-profit organizations; we're not a non-profit, but, again, it's not permitted in non-profits. If you do a google search for proxy voting in WA state, there are two situations that are talked about. One is, if you are a stockholder in a corporation or a mutual fund there are provisions for proxy voting. The other place where it's cited, and these are overwhelming examples – the other example is condominium associations where proxy voting is permitted. Other than that, there's no discussion whatsoever that I could find.

Bob: What was that document that you were referring to?

Elaine: The policy addresses rules of order, and the rules of order are guided by Keesey's modern parliamentary procedure. This is where your ability to vote would be defined. So going into Keesey's rule it does state that vote by proxy is acceptable. It's not specified in the policy.

Bob: Well, one this is true is that if we write a policy that says 'phone in is okay, proxy isn't' – in a specific case, the Board can vote to allow proxies in that one situation.

Karen: Overriding policy.

Bob: Overriding in a given situation, like one where a person can't get to a phone but it's an important one, we need to get it settled, we can vote on that one specific case. We're not totally hamstrung by it. I think we ought to write something up and talk about it.

Cap Joe: One board that I've sat on had a person who was absent and was allowed to participate in the debate by speakerphone and then voted via speakerphone and everybody heard what that person had to say and

could weigh whatever that person had to say. There was no policy – it was in the bylaws. The bylaws allowed this. So that’s another way that it can be done. I would be very much against allowing voting where the person voting did not participate or was given the opportunity to participate in the debate.

Doug: Even when there’s a speakerphone – it’s one thing for the opposite person to hear. But the person who’s in the discussion ?

LuAnn: thank you for pointing that out, I was going to raise my hand and say that – I had difficulty hearing by speakerphone when I called in to a meeting after my car accident. What is the point in the two week delay in voting after you’ve made a motion? Is that not so that you can hear input from other people or think about things and discuss it, so a person who believe in a proxy they miss all that.

Doug: Well, there is that. But also, I would say that part of the reason for that two week delay is to allow Board members and other others to learn about it and to make the presentation at the meeting in which the actual vote occurs.

CC: I’m gonna use the example of early voting. Mail-in ballots, because this is in effect, voting before you have all the information coming out about election. So there’s the big picture, where sometimes you can wind up with information at the end that really would influence your decision if you’ve already made it – and what I’m saying is, think about real life situations. We have cell phones that are good most places, but there are dead zones where they don’t work. You guys want to design a system that’s flexible enough to meet the needs of modern day life here and to make it not onerous for people to perform their duties.

Abby: I want to say one more thing. I think that had I not felt comfortable with my vote when I sent it in, I wouldn’t have made it and I would have not voted on the subject. It seems very cumbersome to make another policy about this that could be suspended in the future anyway. Because on the other hand, you can just make a motion to not allow someone to vote by proxy if you don’t feel like that’s the case so, I just think making this policy – in this particular case, it would have delayed things a whole other month for things that I think were really important.

Doug: It would have meant you wouldn’t have been able to vote, that’s the only difference.

?: You have a five member board. What happens if two of your members are absent and three of your members decide they’re not going to allow a proxy vote for that particular vote – you’ve just eliminated those two people. By the same token, if you do allow that proxy vote and then you only have 3 board meetings – but never mind, you need a quorum present, but still you could silence two voices, pretty easily if you wanted to.

??: and if the public is present at the meeting of the vote, they can’t face, question, yell at –

Bob: It seems we might need to table this and think on it a little bit.

CC: You guys had kind of an exceptional situation here.

Bob: Yeah.

Doug: No, but going forward it means that if we say proxy votes are okay, we may see more of them, because we are absent sometimes. I agree depending on the issue – people are going to vote depending on how they feel about the underlying issue. That would get complicated. So I think we need to allow or disallow it.

Abby: I think we should move on for now. I think we should see if it starts happening a lot, and then maybe bring up a policy if it does.

Bob: We may be solving a non-existent problem.

<p><b>BARC Cement Pump Track/BARC Lease</b></p>	<p>Elaine: It's Marco Gall and the non-profit RJ's Kids that are moving forward with the cement pump track at BARC. They have submitted a grant application to RCO and there's one little piece of the grant application process that needs to be addressed. The application has been accepted, but before they can actually approve it – which is a ways out – they need us to address the lease with the School District for the BARC property. So the life of this particular project through RCO's eyes, should they give them a grant, the life of the project needs to be 20 years. The lease that we hold with the School District for BARC is 20 years; we are 11 years into it. So we need to renew the lease in order for RCO to be comfortable with granting a grant. I've spoken with the School District and they don't think that's going to be a problem, but the process needs to start with you guys. So I would just need a motion to approve extending the lease, let's just say go for another 20 years.</p> <p>Karen: I motion.</p> <p>Bob: Second.</p> <p>Elaine: Okay, we don't have to vote on it tonight, we can wait until the next meeting, I just want that process moving. Thank you.</p>	<p><b>Karen: Motion to approve extending the VISD BARC lease for 20 years.</b></p> <p><b>Bob: Second.</b></p>
<p><b>Fire District Interlocal</b></p>	<p>Elaine: Charlie Krimmert and I have had many many discussions about this. We've gone round and round with various approaches. I don't think anybody can argue with the fact that we need to have an interlocal, and there needs to be some sort of consideration to the tune of whatever value we decide the service is worth. I kicked around several different options. One was to have our staff serve as volunteers; nobody is interested. So that's dead in the water. We talked about, as Hilary suggested, just doing fire drills at Jensen Point – that is nowhere near the value that the Fire District has arrived at, which is \$11K. Even the \$5k value I've come up with is nowhere near that value, to be fair. I came up with another potential – I did a whole bunch of research into drill activities that are done in unique facilities and listed out about 12 different possibilities like water rescue and basement rescue, a whole bunch of things. And the Fire District was not interested in that, so that idea was dead in the water. I did reach out to a number of other standalone districts to question how do they value this. The only one that responded was – well, I had some responses, but one was relevant. It was Mt Si View. Bainbridge Island actually has never heard of this. They are out of compliance.</p> <p>Doug: They've never heard of this?</p> <p>Elaine: Yes, Bainbridge Island.</p> <p>Elaine: PenMet responded, they do have an interlocal agreement and they actually use the same formula that Charlie has proposed. So where things stand now – Charlie has assessed the fee to be \$11,500. I have assessed the fee to be about \$5800. We agreed that one potential solution would be to meet in the middle at a fee about \$8600. Charlie has also worked up another option; it's a fee-for-services. I sent these out to you last night. He's basically come up with a form: if there was an incident, be it medical or fire, it would fit into the form and he wanted to clarify that most Fire District services for us – 80% of them are medical in nature, they tend to be on average one every 45 days, so 8 times a year. So we worked out what that would look like under this scenario. This estimate would be about \$6800 a year – a little more palatable than the \$8688. The disadvantage of this approach of course is it could be difficult to budget; it could be lower, it could be higher.</p>	<p><b>Action: Elaine will review Fire District Commissioners mtg minutes and report back.</b></p>

So there was that. I did ask him, too, for the formula valuations that he's used for other effective Island entities. He said that some are still under negotiation but they're actually moving to having them all being fee only.

Karen: Oh – no more statues?

Doug: Does he include the King County Parks, the King County roads?

Elaine: Yes. And I asked to see those formulations; he says he's still in negotiations with them, so he doesn't have an answer to that right now. The ones he did share with me actually looked to be pretty fair, to be honest. They looked like pretty fair valuations.

Bob: The interesting thing about this 80% are medical calls – and I'm sure that out of that 80%, out of that group, probably 90% are Island citizens and this could happen to them anywhere. And it just happens to be on our property.

Elaine: Well, I agree, but – that is the law. To be fair, I'm playing a little bit of devil's advocate on this, I agree – I think the law is absurd. But it is the law. It is what it is.

Bob: I understand that but there's something I don't like about the fee for service thing.

Doug: If we think the law is absurd, then we do the minimum that the law requires, don't we? I mean, the minimum is \$1, or \$100 or something like that. The example I have is I was running by Jensen Point last week, and I saw these really fat people on bicycles – and I thought, I don't know if they should be doing this all day, long distance cycling, they don't really look like they're up for it. So I ran around again, and the next time I ran around the aid car was there. And this was in front of the restroom at Jensen Point, and they were rescuing some of these rather obese cyclists. So I'm guessing these people were from off island, most of them, I've talked to some of them in the past – so are we responsible for, is that something he's counting as one of our expenses? Because technically they were on Park District property because they were going to the restroom. It just seems ridiculous that we should be responsible for that.

Elaine: It's the law. The law is absurd.

Karen: I still think it's rather arbitrary, and I still don't understand why we can't say to him 'we will pay you X amount and that's it.' If you don't like it, sue us.

Elaine: Well, you can say that if he agrees that that is the value. Remember, I did run this by our attorney and he says that there are accounting standards that we have to be true to that drive this as well; the accounting standards state that it must be fair value for the service.

Bob: So we're not going to get out of this; I think we're wasting a lot of time on it. If we can get it down –

Karen: Like \$6800?

Bob: Well, that's the negotiation

Elaine: That is fee for services; the \$8600 is where we landed with that \$1.50 formula.

Karen: Well we don't want that we could end up with \$15K –

Elaine: That's true, it could.

Karen: So what's the least?

Elaine: \$8600.

Karen: I guess we're doomed.

Jason: And what about school district owned properties?

Elaine: Yep, that's what my \$5000 figure was all about. I did put the Coast Guard back in because the lease

stipulates that – the lease specifically says we are responsible for taxes, so I put that back in. But yeah, everything else I took out.

Abby: Can you tell us why he didn't accept your \$5800?

Elaine: Well, because if we went that route, we would have to put signs up at, for example, Lost Lake, Spring Beach, properties all surrounding Fisher Pond, those are all properties that I took out. You'd have to put signs up that say 'anybody who comes in here and falls or whatever, there will be no medical services available to you' – so it gets cumbersome, it's hard to manage.

Abby: Even if they have insurance?

Elaine: Yes. Yeah, so this meet in the middle approach means they will still serve all our properties, all of them, without any signage whatever saying they won't. It's just sort of a compromise.

Bob: I think we ought to authorize Elaine to negotiate a number.

Doug: What's the possibility in waiting until these other private entities come to terms with the Fire District and see what they do?

Elaine: You can do that if you like. That's up to you, it's your prerogative.

Abby: Have they settled with anybody else yet?

Elaine: Just the small ones that we've talked about. The cemetery, water, airport. King County is the big one that he's really struggling with.

Karen: And rightly so.

Elaine: So if you want that to be where we are right now, we want to wait to see where things land –

Karen: Yeah.

Elaine: The King County negotiations, I think that's fair.

Doug: Yes.

Cap Joe: Would it be worth sending a courier trusted and true to one of the Board meetings to see how he reports to the Board, how he's doing all this? He cannot have been doing this on his own.

Doug: Well at one point we heard the Board members hadn't heard anything about it.

Cap Joe: Well, first of all the concept – the concept of operations is that he is going at this on his own. Secondly, I assume that he would have to report to the Board, just like you're reporting to this Board. I would assume that he would have to report to that Board what progress he's making, what objections he's getting, and it would be a good idea to do some intelligence collecting on the ground, to see exactly what it going on.

Karen: Wasn't there a Board member that you said something, Why are you doing this? And the Board member said because we can.

Elaine: Yeah, there has been that report, but he does copy one Board member on all our communications. Simple way to find out is just go to their Minutes.

Cap Joe: I just think there's something really strange going on.

Karen: I agree.

Cap Joe: There's something really strange going on here, and I don't want us to be caught in the strangeness.

Doug: My son says that at one point the park district on Bainbridge Island had a disagreement with the city of Bainbridge Island. And the Park District's argument there was they wanted a strawberry field. And the city owned the strawberry field. And the park district said you're government, we're government. This is not a gift that you're giving us, this is just an exchange between government. Technically we might be different, but you

	<p>really should just give it to us. And they talked the city of Bainbridge Island into doing that. Well, this is kind of the same thing. We're government, they're government; they're charging one part of government even though their budget is how many times as big as ours. It's a legal thing, I understand the legal implication. But as a philosophical thing it's really objectionable.</p> <p>Bob: That's exactly right. And we have legal advice that we have to do it, so I don't know why we keep talking about it.</p> <p>Doug: We want to find out for sure if the elected officials of the Fire District are on board with this. If they are, then that's a different matter, than if the Fire Chief alone is championing this.</p> <p>Elaine: I'll take a look at the minutes and just clarify that. I'll send you all an email and let you know.</p>	
<p><b>Staff Reports</b></p>	<p>Elaine: These are really quick.</p> <p><b>1)</b> Just wanted to let you know the Ober slide is in. It's really cool, they did a great job getting that up. It's actually two new slides, a big one and a little one. We sent photos to the Beachcomber and Paul was gracious enough to put a nice little thing in Seen &amp; Heard. I'm going to try – he's asked me, I actually sent him a bigger email about all of the Maintenance projects we've been addressing. This came off of your suggestion that we let him know about the new grant that we got, so he's asked me to do a commentary speaking to our deferred maintenance accomplishments and the grants that we've received. So I'm going to try to get that done.</p> <p><b>2)</b> Concerts in the Park are starting in August. It'll be every Thursday in August, there are 5 concerts – I strongly urge the Park Board members to attend. These are really good opportunities to just show your support of the services and Pete Welch always points out who's in the audience; it's a good way to get your faces out there.</p> <p>Doug: On one occasion somebody shouted out any Park District Commissioners present? And they've stopped doing that – the one I went to, they didn't do that.</p> <p>Elaine: Well, anyway – it's a good idea to go, they are really fun.</p> <p><b>3)</b> The status of the grant projects – Eric has been assigned starting at the BARC Recreation Programming piece, that's a \$36K grant and he's on fire with this. He's setting up meetings and just really starting to hit the ground running on this one, so I would assume we're going to have some pretty cool things going on pretty soon. I'd say within the next 30 days, we'll have some decisions about where we're going to go with that, so I'll report on that at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Agren drain installation project – I met, over the course of several meetings, with John Candy. He's a former Seattle Parks guy, he's come to our meetings several times. He's kind of an expert in that area. I also brought in the School District's civil engineer, the School District field project that's going on down here. He met with me a couple of times, we've talked on the phone, we went to Agren. In the context of this consulting, everybody agreed that we really would be wise to bring in an expert project management oversight for this. It's all covered by the grant; it's all reimbursable – so just wanted to let you know I've released the RFQ. I've had a couple of responses; one of them is fabulous. I'll keep you posted on that, but it's starting to rock and roll. We're going to be moving pretty quickly on getting that project done. It won't be done until next July, but at least getting the process in place.</p> <p>Karen: Why so long?</p> <p>Elaine: It's an issue of logistics with the field itself, for stripping, re-seeding; it's a growth issue more than anything else, just the way you do a field.</p>	



Jason: You should let it sit for about a year, before you put anybody on it. Once it's stripped, seeded – so the root has time to establish.

Karen: That's going to be really cool.

Jason: The ones at VES, that was almost a year. But yeah, you gotta let those root.

Elaine: So that's in the works. The VES restroom project – really having a problem with getting the fundraising going. So I've been working with one person in particular, but I'm starting to put the heat on the sport guys to start doing some fundraising, so we're going to get that going soon. I do feel satisfied another piece of that project is how I bid it – it's much more complicated than your average bid. Because you're purchasing a kit in the process. I won't get into where we landed, but I've been going back and forth with MRSC public works guru about how to do this, and even she was a little stumped. So I at least have some resolution on how we're going to do it, now it's just a matter of getting it down. We do have some time, more time on that one; I'm not panicked about it at all. I'm anxious to get that fundraising started.

Scott R: did you have a conversation with Qualite about that?

Elaine: Not yet. I will. That is a little bit problematic because they need to participate with the contractor who would be actually doing the selecting – it's all a matter of how you word the bid.

Jason: If I remember right, they actually do the installation themselves. They could actually bid on the project if they wanted.

Elaine: But it actually would not be appropriate for me to speak to Qualite . We know they can do it. I think it would be a little unethical, quite frankly. If they would actually bid on it. But I will let them know, when the bid goes out. The way you do it is you say 'we want this kind of a restroom' and we specify the exact specifications. I could say I want a Qualite restroom type. So – if they're going to a contractor, I would just let them know when the bid is out.

Abby: Just to be clear, our staff isn't – VPD staff isn't doing the construction.

Jason: We could do it, we just have so much else going on we don't have time.

Abby: We've done it in the past, so that's why I ask.

Elaine: I have one more little thing to add to Staff Report. This is sort an interesting thing shaken up at Wingehaven. So you know, we've been talking about needing to fix that maintenance road for some time, and we all decided that is a low priority to the District. So the WA Water Trails System people have been speaking to me about actually doing some fundraising, and they've reached out to a contractor and gotten an estimate on taking this on themselves. It looks like it's going to be about a \$14K project, so it's heating up, the conversation about them taking it on. We actually have a lead on the road grind from out here, the highway – we have a really good price that the Water Trails will purchase and use to essentially pave that road with the road grind. So that's burbling in the background. The conversation is heating up. In the meantime, last week, Dana Winge of Wingehaven, she lives right next door. And she came in and stated that she would be interested – she has an easement on that road to access her home; her property is off to the side. I was never aware of this easement, this is the first I've seen of it.

Jason: This is all the way down at the bottom. She's on the water and if you look at where that turnaround is at the bottom, there's a set of stairs that goes up to her home. So at some point she had access to that road to go up to her property.

Elaine: Yeah, so she's considering participating in paying to have the road done as well. So this is all to say that

we may very well be getting that road fixed in the very near future at no cost to ourselves.

Karen: Well, I'm the board member that's supposedly in charge of that park – so is it possible that some of the money could go for removing some of the ivy off the trees, or do they care?

Elaine: I doubt that they would want to help with that.

Jason: The reason why the water trail is interested in it is because they want to put that back on the water trail system – and the only way they can do that is if there's a restroom down there. Well, they haven't had a restroom down there and they used to use the United like they do everywhere else. Ever since I've worked here there's never been a restroom down there, and that's because I heard United couldn't get up and down that road anymore to clean it. So they took it off the Water Trails; now they want it back on.

Bob: Curious why Water Trails would be interested in that road.

Elaine: They want a location at the North end of the Island where there are kayak people.

Bob: The people want to walk up that road?

(many voice) No, it's for the sanican - they can clean it, etc

CC: You may want to talk to the Land Trust guys about the ivy removal. They may be up for helping you guys out.

Jason: Great idea.

Karen: Good idea.

Jason: You might also want to bring up they use our apartment at Fisher – they're there this year – from what I understand they're usually only there for 3 months, and now they're going to be there for 8. The Land Trust – so the apartment up above Fisher Pond. It's our building. And we loan, they use that apartment for interns and we never charge them for it. In the past they used to use trail work – they maintained all the trails at Fisher and I think they did other trails for us. But they're usually only there for 3 months and now they're there for 8.

Doug: So what you're saying is they might have more time to do more stuff.

Jason: They might.

Elaine: They're getting from us and we're getting from them, so...

Karen: Good idea, thank you.

Doug: Okay, anything else?

Abby: I move to adjourn.

Bob: Second.

Doug: All in favor? Okay.

Bob: Thanks, everybody, for coming.