

VASHON PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

Ober Park, Performance Room, 7:00 pm

DATE: Tuesday, February 2, 2019

Commissioners attending: Bob McMahon, Doug Ostrom, Hans Van Dusen, Karen Gardiner. Abby Antonelis absent.

Staff attending: Elaine, Jason

| ISSUE | DISCUSSION AND OUTCOME | FOLLOW UP |
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| Call To Order & Agenda Review | The meeting was called to order and the agenda was reviewed at 7:00 PM by Bob McMahon. | |
| Public Comment | Cap Joe: I have 6 tours coming up for the lighthouse including a girl scout group not from Vashon. | |
| Minutes/ Vouchers | Doug: Move to accept vouchers. Karen: Second. Board Votes. 4-0 | |
| January Financial Report | <p><u>January Financial Report</u></p> <p>Admin – over by \$1000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At this point just odds and ends <p>Maintenance – ahead \$6k</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January revenue came in about \$3k high • All else odds and ends <p>Commons – at budget</p> <p>Programs – at budget</p> <p>Pool Summer - at budget</p> <p>Pool Winter – at budget</p> <p>Pt Rob – ahead \$2400 – odds and ends</p> <p>Fern Cove – at budget</p> <p>CIP – started at \$145k; added \$10k for the Ober Architect design, so now at \$155k</p> <p>Ending cash \$16k ahead of the Projected reserve, because we started \$36k ahead with starting cash, also even despite the addition of the Gate Attendant to the maintenance budget.</p> <p>Cash is off from the eom balance sheet cash by the levy dollars, as Marie has not entered it into QB yet.</p> <p>No budget to actual, since it's just January.</p> | |
| <u>2020 – 2023 Levy/Resolution</u> | <p><u>2020 – 2023 Levy/Resolution</u></p> <p>Elaine: All paperwork was submitted by the deadline, 2/22. Pro/con statements were due today; the rebuttals will be due 2/28. Ballots and voter's pamphlets will be mailed 4/3.</p> <p>I have secured the marketing folks who did our postcard last time to do the same. Will have out by end of</p> | |

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| <p><u>Fire District</u> <u>Interlocal</u></p> | <p>March before the voters pamphlet goes out. Same layout/photos to reduce costs. Abby, Hans, and I will fine-tune the facts/highlights on Thursday. Will run it by y'all before finalizing. Eric's goal is to have the Rec Guide out mid March with a levy blurb.</p> <p>Elaine: Bob, Abby, Doug, and I met with the Fire Board/Charlie on Feb 19. We made two main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Value" is arbitrary as has been demonstrated by the creative agreements with all the other taxing agencies. If the School District – with far more high value assets and 2,000 people daily for 9 months out of the year – only pays \$1800 (understanding it's a separate RCW), it seems preposterous that we would pay \$11,500 or even the \$8800 compromise. If we are willing to pay somewhere between \$1800 and \$5877, the difference to the Fire District of \$3,000 to \$7,000 is inconsequential relative to their budget, where that money means a lot to us. 2. We are the lowest in the pecking order of the Junior Taxing District and are at risk of being severely compromised with the levy increases proposed this year by King County, the Library, and the Hospital District. We have no other means of recovery and are at the mercy of higher level Districts like the Fire District. <p>The Fire District's predominant stance is that they are making up for 27 years of deferred maintenance and are under serious financial constraints, as well. "We're in the same boat you are in; ours is simply a larger boat." Both sides agreed to not agree at the meeting but to mutually discuss it at our respective Board meetings and attempt to come up with a final number.</p> <p>Bob: Comparing it to the schools- with all of the kids in the place- this is total apples and oranges to say we would be anywhere near the likelihood of requiring the employees of the Park District to need that kind of service. It's very difficult to balance the \$1,800 from the school district to anything higher than that. It's not as if there is a fire that is more likely to come on one of these two properties.</p> <p>Karen: I do believe we can say something- but the amount is so incredibly arbitrary. We should decide what we are willing to pay and tell them that is what we are going to pay and tell them to sue us if they aren't happy with it.</p> <p>Doug: How can you ask the voters to pay such and such money even if it is what the school district is paying? I think this disparity occurs very early in this discussion. What are the property taxes about? I feel we were discussing two different concepts. How often is one being discussed or the other? It depends on who uses it- you have the Low Tide celebration and there are lots of people there. That's one day and school is 180 days.</p> <p>Elaine: You need to decide on a fee.</p> <p>Hans: One is \$5,800 which is where it stands. That was our suggestion. But the more we learn and understand, the other amount that comes up is \$1,800. Those are the two numbers that are relevant to the Park Board. We either retain the original offer or if we feel that is inconsistent then we need to reconsider and make a lower offer. Right?</p> <p>Karen: Yes, that's right.</p> <p>Doug: Someone asked about the other jurisdictions on the island. Should we wait until the lawyers sort</p> | |
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| | <p>this out on each side? If that's the case- "the lawyers are making progress"- should we consider 1-2 years and then seeing what these other jurisdictions have decided and be consistent with them?</p> <p>Hans: Candy, is the fire district intending to bill King County Parks and Washington State Ferries?</p> <p>Candy: Yes. Our legal counsel has gotten them to pay other districts way more money than they want to give us.</p> <p>Hans: Thank you.</p> <p>Karen: Is it \$1,800 or \$5,877?</p> <p>Elaine: I'm with you. I think it should be somewhere in between.</p> <p>Doug: It should be a round number. That's what you said last time Hans and this whole calculation is arbitrary.</p> <p>Bob: It should be a fixed number we agree to.</p> <p>Hans: A full flat fee.</p> <p>Karen: We can revisit it in a year or two once we see what everyone else is doing.</p> <p>Doug: \$4,000?</p> <p>Karen: I would be okay with \$4,000.</p> <p>Cap Joe: When this all came up, I read the provision in the Revised Code of Washington. As I recall, it says that each entity (like the Vashon Park District) must make a contract with the applicable fire and rescue. It doesn't say anything about money. I don't know the legislative history of this particular provision. The intent is that the fire department would know the extent for the amount of work that they might be taking on. This wasn't intended to be a revenue-raising piece of legislation. It was intended to tell the fire district the extent of the work and property that they would have to take care of.</p> <p>Jason: The Fire District will sometimes do an exchange instead of paying money. We could offer to maintain their grounds as a compensation deal. In most city entities- the Park Districts generally do that. That is an option. The Fire District has a deal with The Water District and they get water for free for training and fires. Those are options.</p> <p>Hans: How does that fit?</p> <p>Jason: I mean, we can do it.. I just have to know how much property we would be looking at. Then I can go out and see how long it would take.</p> <p>Karen: It's an innovative solution!</p> <p>Jason: Even if we had seasonal guys do it in the summer. It should be public notice to have a request to see what they spend on land care.</p> <p>Bob: We also need to know what's involved.</p> <p>Jason: Right, we need a description, as well.</p> <p>Elaine: I can follow up with Charlie about that.</p> <p>Hans: So we need the value and the body of work.</p> | Action Item |
| Staff Reports: | <p><u>Ober Grant</u></p> <p>Elaine: The Ober Advisory Committee met with the Landscape Architect group to discuss our primary goals for the playground.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility is primary, as it addresses both senior and ADA needs. Accessibility includes paved | |

trails including access to the amphitheater area. Accessibility includes playground equipment usable by all.

- Discussed senior desires – exercise equipment, game tables – incorporated within or outside the play area.
- Discussed drainage/infrastructure/utility needs.
- Discussed long-term additional phases, like adding a restroom.

They will be sending cut sheets and links of exercise/play equipment for our review at our next meeting on March 1. Concept alternative(s) completed by March 8; preferred concept design and cost estimate by March 22. The first week of March we will know if we are invited to apply for the grant. I will be getting it together the month of March if we are approved to apply.

Gate Attendant

Elaine: We have hired three people to lock the BARC building, Agren, Lisabuela, Paradise Ridge, Stadium Gate. Hopefully this will reduce camping, vandalism, nefarious events, late night partying. It takes place at 9pm. They are all really strong, solid people and we talked to them about how they would handle a confrontation. Their responses were- we will be polite about it and if it gets to be combative, back off, call 911, and lock the gate. They are required to report those instances to Jason if that happens.

Doug: Does the close vary during the year?

Elaine: We are going to say 9pm all year round.

Doug: In the summer, it is still very light at 9pm.

Bob: We can discuss that monthly, potentially.

Jason: We are going to make signs that the gates are closed at 9pm.

Elaine: We want it to be consistent for the people we hired, for the neighbors, and for the BARC building, especially. We want to set this hard and fast rule.

Doug: Not to be too argumentative, but people enjoy sunsets at Lisabeula.

Elaine: People can still walk in past 9pm.

Bob: People are locked in until morning?

Jason: The police are going to keep keys in case they need to let someone out or there is an incident.

Elaine: They will always drive down and remind people and be respectful.

Jason: They will make an attempt to locate people and tell them it is time to leave. But we will have a sign posted as well- two in the parking lots and one at the gate.

Elaine: Hopefully that will solve many problems going forward.

Tramp Harbor Dock

Jason: It's actually the picnic area where the Porta-Potty is. The retaining wall that holds up that area is starting to have issues.

Karen: Climate change.

Jason: Could be. It's starting to rot. Right before the snow storm we found a sinkhole where we keep the trash can. We got back to it last week and we are finding that the rot is directly below it. The gravel and everything is just washing out. We did a repair but there are issues there that we are going to have to figure

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| | <p>out. Elaine is going to look at insurance. This is more of an informational thing so we can make plans to figure out what to do. We have had this happen in the past but this one is a lot worse. The wall is starting to crack and fall away from the rest of the wall.</p> <p>Bob: So there is really nothing to support this?</p> <p>Jason: The cinderblock was just sitting on gravel. We looked underneath and there was nothing underneath.</p> <p>Bob: So that picnic area is our property?</p> <p>Jason: Yes. As of right now we have it filled in, it could last 2-3, 10 years or it could be a week and we will see it again.</p> <p>Karen: Our liability seems fairly high. We shouldn't allow people anywhere near it.</p> <p>Elaine: There is caution tape there?</p> <p>Jason: Yes, in that area. But you can see the rot in the timber. I am hoping that the insurance will come through.</p> <p>Bob: Has insurance been contacted?</p> <p>Elaine: No, I will do that.</p> <p>Bob: That's going to be expensive.</p> <p>Jason: Would probably have to pull out all the wood and do a concrete wall.</p> <p>Hans: We are in band-aid mode right now. How does it interact with King County Roads? Eventually they have a risk there.</p> <p>Bob: That would be dangerous for a little kid to go there.</p> <p>Jason: Well we have fixed it. You can see the repairs we did on the exterior.</p> <p><u>Rec Programming Update</u></p> <p>Elaine: Eric just got back from vacation so will have a report next meeting.</p> | Action Item |
| Adjourn | <p>Doug: Move to adjourn.</p> <p>Bob: All in favor?</p> <p>Board votes. 4-0.</p> | |

Minutes by: Amanda Mahaffey