

VASHON PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

Ober Park, Performance Room, 7:00 pm

DATE: Tuesday, April 23, 2019

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

Staff attending: Elaine, Jason

ISSUE	DISCUSSION AND OUTCOME	FOLLOW UP
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	Captain Joe: We had the proposal of marriage out at the lighthouse. The pretext was to have a tour of the light. The light came on. We were outside; it was raining. The young man was a navy petty officer. He got down on his knee, and the proposal was accepted. We, at the magical isle of Vashon, perform more than just a useful service.	
Vashon Basketball Club Report	Elaine: Robin Magonegil was unable to make it this evening.	
4.9.19 Minutes; 4.6.19 – 4.19.19 Preliminary Vouchers; March Vouchers	Doug: Move to accept. Karen: Second Pass 5-0	Motion to accept 4.9.19 Minutes; 4.6.19 – 4.19.19 Preliminary Vouchers; March Vouchers Pass 5-0
March Financial Report	Elaine: Admin – ahead \$9700 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing ahead \$5k due to screaming deals on the levy postcard • All else odds and ends Maintenance – ahead \$13,700 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracking \$6k ahead in payroll taxes and benefits; Employment Security rates went down considerably. • All else is odds and ends in increments of \$2k up and down in a number of categories Commons – tracking \$2500 over <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue tracking ahead \$2500 • Wages are tracking \$7k over; staff has worked 18% more hours this year over this time last year due to Stadium locking into March. We’ll see how it settles out. Programs – tracking close to budget	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On B2A, Professional fees is just the lump \$100k by month. We budgeted \$8333 per month but believe, due to planning, most of this will hit summer on. • On B2A, Transportation is the ski bus fee that is hitting in winter of the next year for the prior fall season. We will budget this appropriately going forward. This is offset in the calendar year by the revenue hitting in the fall. <p>Pool Summer – tracking \$5600 ahead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly in labor taxes and benefits - overbudgeted <p>Pool Winter – tracking \$3900 over</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue tracking \$12k low • Offset by labor tracking \$10k low • All else odds and ends <p>Point Robinson – ahead \$3500 – all odds and ends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On B2A, the \$7k budget item in extraordinary maint was for painting, which is mostly hitting in labor (note \$3k over) but have not seen paint bills yet. <p>Fern Cove – ahead \$1500 – all odds and ends</p> <p>RFA/Other – ahead \$3500 due to a donation from Vashon Hoopsters</p> <p>CIP noted in top corner</p> <p>Permanent Reserve met at \$265,140 in ending cash plus \$23k surplus</p>	
<p>April 23 Levy – Next Steps</p>	<p>Abby: An interesting comment I have heard is one government entity will screw you over, so they all will screw you over.</p> <p>Elaine: Yes, there seems to be a mistrust of government.</p> <p>Doug: I heard a person say that voting for the park levy will take funds away from the potential Hospital District, when in reality, it is the other way around.</p> <p>Bob: I had one of those, too.</p> <p>Doug: There has been discussion about one levy affecting the other, so at least they are onto something.</p> <p>Captain Joe: In my circles, I have heard defensiveness about the Hospital District. Everyone else was very positive about the park levy. I believe it will be a breeze through passage.</p> <p>Elaine: The latest report is that returned ballots is 3412, so we have met the validation requirement of 40%. We will need 2047 for a 60% pass.</p> <p>Bob: What was the total number of ballots sent out?</p> <p>Hans: Around 9000 voters on Vashon. There are 6 measures in the county. Interesting to note that the highest return in favor is to a fire district giving a tax reduction.</p> <p>Elaine: If we win, the planning committee will start meeting again to meet the goals of the Strategic Plan. If we lose, we'll need to discuss next steps: when do we run again? What do we ask for? Know that we would have two options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) If the primary reason was that people are concerned about increased property taxes, then we could go super safe in November with the message of “No tax increases” at 41 cents, and we don’t do projects. And we assume that we pass with this strategy. It would be side by side with the Hospital District, which would be a tax increase. The King County measures are tax increases. I think voters 	

	<p>are tax-weary. A safe message, just to get our levy passed, is no tax increases. We can worry about capital later.</p> <p>2) But you can't assume your levy is going to pass, no matter what you do. So in May, you go into hunker down mode. Take the money we have in the bank, know what we have coming in through the remainder of 2019, and stretch that all the way through 2020. Then you budget three elections in that cycle. Obviously, we would have to make serious cuts. It's risky. When the levy passes again, we would have to start over again.</p> <p>Hans: Do we intentionally skip August as our next try?</p> <p>Elaine: It is riskier from a validation standpoint. If we lost August, we would not have another try in 2019. November typically gets more voter turnout.</p>	
<p>Fire District Interlocal Negotiations</p>	<p>Elaine: Jason looked at all VIFR properties except the Bennedesen House to review estimated time to maintain per the landscaping proposal from VIFR.</p> <p>Jason: Bennedesen is a private residence. It appears occupied. It would be awkward to go there without somebody with VIFR with me. Too, it feels wrong to have a VPD truck and equipment working at a private home in a neighborhood. I would not want to do that one for sure due to how it looks to the community.</p> <p>Elaine: Jason reports that much has not been maintained for at least a year. Jason estimates at least 19 hours per week to meet the landscape proposal from VIFR, which equates to a .5 FTE. Total cost of their proposal for the first year = \$42k if we utilize our regular staff and \$32k going forward. We question how they contract these duties for less than \$11,500, particularly at prevailing wage, because most of these duties have been grossly neglected. We would need to know the standard.</p> <p>Captain Joe: There is something sticky about this thing. The scuttlebutt is that VIFR wants to sell the Southend community building property. That should be investigated more thoroughly. It is a maintenance trap.</p> <p>Elaine: Just mowing and weed whacking, as we proposed, costs us \$12k with existing staff. Jason feels that even that is not doable.</p> <p>Jason: The problem I have is that the properties are so spread out. And many of the properties will require push mowing. The steep properties will need to be weed whacked.</p> <p>Bob: So the question is, how much can we afford to spend without hiring extra people?</p> <p>Karen: It seems to me we are willing to pay them \$5k. What if we just did the fire station property?</p> <p>Elaine: Jason feels one or two properties, just mowing and weed whacking, is doable.</p> <p>Jason: Another problem is that the time we would need to do that is our busiest time of the year. We don't have time to weed our own garden beds.</p> <p>Karen: Is it better just to give them \$5k? I would be concerned about questions of standards becoming an issue.</p> <p>Hans: I wrote down that we are somewhere between \$11,500 and \$5800.</p> <p>Elaine: The \$5800 represents our major properties. \$11,500 was their starting point for all properties.</p> <p>Hans: And the School District pays \$1800. That is why we are talking smaller numbers now.</p> <p>Doug: Where do we stand relative to the others? Where are they with King County?</p>	

	<p>Bob: I think that is where we left it.</p> <p>Abby: Too, I think we need to know the status of our levy. It does not make sense to commit to a dollar amount in perpetuity until we know what we can afford.</p> <p>Hans: I think our perspective is that we appreciate the creativity, we wish to partner with them, but the scope and what we can do is too far apart, our landscaping abilities are maxed out, so this would diminish our core mission to go this route.</p> <p>Karen: I think we need to find out what King County is doing. The Cemetery agreed to put in a little sculpture. They don't know when it will get done. It's not high priority, so it may never get done.</p> <p>Abby: When we were at that meeting with them, I asked for a ratio of what the cemetery has for the statue, and what the airport has for the helipad. It would be nice to have some perspective.</p> <p>Captain Joe: I am almost certain King County will not pay anything. I have a close contact there who says, to his knowledge, they have not even been contacted yet.</p> <p>Elaine: I will let him know the landscaping proposal is a no-go, and we want to wait to see what resolves with King County before making a final decision.</p>	
<p>Staff Reports</p>	<p><u>Pothole Report Follow-up</u></p> <p>Elaine: Jason came back with the estimate for Agren being a little more than \$10k; and we have a Pt Rob estimate from awhile back at \$60k.</p> <p>Bob: How can the lower lot be so much more expensive than the upper lot?</p> <p>Elaine: the upper 1st gate to the 2nd gate paved with asphalt is \$13k; the lower road is the second gate to the parking lot paved with asphalt is \$47k.</p> <p>Bob: We would not pave the lower parking lot. It should just be for the road.</p> <p>Elaine: Don't worry about Agren. I am highly confident it will be done under the grant.</p> <p>Bob: On Pt Rob, the parking areas should all be gravel. Only the roads should be asphalt.</p> <p>Captain Joe: My preference is that it all be paved. But the slope would necessitate drains, because water pools at the base. Compacted gravel would be okay for the lower lot. The road needs to be asphalt.</p> <p>Jason: I will get two estimates – one to replace what is there, and the other to asphalt everything. We likely would not be able to pave the lower lot due to the need for drainage, being so close to the water.</p> <p>Captain Joe: And asphalt would raise the impervious surface area, which could be an issue.</p> <p>Elaine: The other pothole concerns in parks are relatively small cost.</p> <p><u>King County Grant Van Application</u></p> <p>Elaine: Councilmember Joe McDermott's office offers a King County Retired Van Donation Program for the purpose of serving the transportation needs of seniors, youth, people with disabilities, and low-income people. Does this sound like our underserved Playground for All? We have applied for transporting these demographics to recreation events and very specifically youth and seniors for our Teen/Senior Tix idea. Will find out mid-June. I can apply without your permission per policy, but if we get it, you will have to move to accept.</p> <p>Jason: Where will you park it?</p>	

	<p>Abby: Who will drive it? Elaine: I don't know yet. Captain Joe: The VCC has one of these. You need to keep two things in mind. The driver needs to have a CVR, and all the people who drive it are volunteers. Maintenance falls on the people who own it. This was a problem for VCC, but shouldn't be a problem for VPD. I do advocate doing this? Abby: What happens to it at the end of its life? Elaine: The application did not stipulate all those details. Jason: I would think once it is ours, we can donate it or scrap it. Doug: How do you define seniors for this? Is 55 a senior? Why single out seniors? Elaine: It is a stipulation in the grant. They did not define senior age. Bob: Can other adults ride with seniors? Elaine: I don't know. We'll find out if we get the van.</p> <p>Bob: What is the status of the lighthouse ladder? Elaine: I forwarded all to the Coastguard for their approval to get fixed. Jason: There are two options: remove the ladder and store it elsewhere and cut off the foot holds. Captain Joe: The platform belongs to the Coast Guard to hold the foghorn. And the ladder belongs to the Coast Guard. It does not belong to us. Bob: Kids were running around up there, and if they fell off, they could be injured. Elaine: I spelled out the fix alternatives Jason came up with to the Coast Guard. If it rests with them, they need to fix it. If it rests with us, we need permission to do it. The decision is currently in their hands. Captain Joe: Let's see what Beverly says. She pays attention to the word "liability."</p>	
<p>Adjourn 8:00 pm</p>	<p>Abby: Move to adjourn. Karen: Second Pass 5-0</p>	

Minutes by: Elaine Ott-Rocheford