

VASHON PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

Ober Park, Conference Room, 7:00 pm

DATE: Tuesday, July 23, 2019

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

Staff attending: Elaine Ott-Rocheford

ISSUE	DISCUSSION AND OUTCOME	FOLLOW UP
Call To Order & Agenda Review	Bob called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.	
Public Comment	Captain Joe: We had a great time at Strawberry Festival. There was some confusion on issues we need to discuss with the agenda item. If you are approached by people who wish to do a tour of the lighthouse, please let me know, so I can make that happen.	
7.9.19 Minutes; 7.5.19 – 7.19.19 Preliminary Vouchers; June Vouchers	Karen: Move to approve. Doug: Second Pass 5 - 0	Motion to approve 7.9.19 Minutes; 7.5.19 – 7.19.19 Preliminary Vouchers; June Vouchers Pass 5-0
June Financial Report	Elaine: Admin – ahead \$10,700 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adv/Mktg – ahead \$3800 due to lower levy postcard costs • Bank charges – ahead \$6k – I overbudgeted; looked back at last year and see no reason for budgeting \$8k. My bad. B2A – levy dollars actually ahead \$25k Maint – forecasting ahead \$39k <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$20k ahead in labor; \$13k payroll taxes, \$7k benefits • Over \$4k in mileage due to gate attendants • Materials ahead \$10k – not doing any topdressing this year • Under in most other categories Commons – tracking \$4800 over <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue tracking \$6k over, due to the demand for the Stadium (but not at the expense of other fields – VES is up 52% due to the increase in practice rentals - Soccer is up 10% over last year) • Correspondingly, payroll is tracking \$10k over (fees don't cover payroll) 	

	<p>Programs – at budget; on B2A, the \$25k disparity in professional fees is timing leaning toward the latter half of the year.</p> <p>Pool Summer – tracking \$8900 ahead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue is right on • Ahead \$3k in payroll • Supplies – ahead \$4k <p>Pool Winter – tracking \$5900 over</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue under \$13k • Wages under \$11k • All else odds and ends <p>Pt Rob – tracking \$7300 ahead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue down \$12k • Offset by payroll down \$10k • Ahead \$8k in extra maint – painting <p>Fern Cove – ahead \$9900</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue is right on • Payroll ahead \$12k – just not dedicating as much staff time here <p>CIP – shaved off \$5k in permit costs for Ober</p> <p>Other/RFA – ahead \$11k</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3300 = Hoopster donation • We budgeted \$8800 for the Fire District, but I suspect we won't pay more than \$3k based on recent developments. Saved \$5800 <p>Year-end cash is creeping up over \$1/2 mil</p>	
<p>Dog Policy – Village Green</p>	<p>Elaine: A couple weeks ago I received a very angry email from a man who went to the farmer's market and was surrounded by dogs while trying to eat his lunch. He told the dog owners it was against the rules to have dogs at Village Green and pointed out the sign that said so, but the dog owners told him he was wrong. The guy was concerned about having dogs around food, not to mention, it is just rude. I reached out to VIGA to remind them that they are obligated by contract to enforce park rules. They say it is really difficult to enforce, and when they try, people do it, anyway. KC Health Inspector is fine with it. VIGA does clean up the poop. Change the policy to say on leash only. We will install dispenser bags. We as staff need consistency surrounding enforcement and signage.</p> <p>Bob: The guy complaining, were the dogs on leash?</p> <p>Elaine: Yes. And just the other day there was a dog training at Village Green – all on leash.</p> <p>Jerry: I was there, and they all said VIGA told them it was okay.</p> <p>Karen: I think it is a problem. I go to Saturday Market, and I have seen dog fights. I see dog poop.</p> <p>Elaine: VIGA says they pick it up after.</p> <p>Jerry: They do – they are good about that.</p> <p>Doug: I am surprised the Health Dept is okay with this. I have seen them get upset about lesser things.</p>	

	<p>Elaine: It might be a good idea if I just call the Health Dept myself. Abby: I agree with that. I don't know that the VIGA Board is really on top of this. Hans: But this really is their deal. Is this our deal? Elaine: But we need to create consistent policy. The reason we say no dogs is that people eat there. Hans: But dogs are on leashes where people eat at 80% of our parks. Bob: It seems that we should be aware of how the Health Dept feels. Elaine: I will follow up with that and get back to you. Hans: No matter what the Health Dept says, that applies only to a tenant that uses the park 3 hours on Saturday. The park has other uses outside Farmer's Market, and it seems more consistent with our general dog policy to allow dogs on leashes the rest of the time. That's what I would advocate for. Captain Joe: Do we have bag dispensers at Village Green? Jerry: Somebody put some up. Bob: We should definitely have bags if we allow dogs on leash.</p>	<p>Agenda Item: Health Dept stance on dogs at Farmer's Markets.</p>
<p>Levy Resolution</p>	<p>Elaine: All paperwork is due by August 6, including the resolution that must be approved and signed. Doug: I move to approve the resolution as presented. Karen: Second. Karen: I move to suspend the rules. Doug: Second. Pass 5 – 0 Motion: Pass 5 - 0</p>	<p>Motion to approve the levy resolution as presented. Motion to suspend the rules.</p>
<p>Levy Next Steps: Pro/Con Citizens for Committee Strawberry Festival Debrief Communication</p>	<p><u>Pro/Con Citizens for Committee</u> Elaine: I asked the Beachcomber to run a blurb about citizens stepping up to be on the pro and con committee – appointments due August 6, statements due 8/13, rebuttals due 8/15. Karl Stetson will be pro. He is on the Foundation, so the Foundation will run the campaign. Nobody stepped up for the con. Do you all have any suggestions? Karen: Kate Spelman will also be on the pro. Elaine: Any suggestions for con? I noticed on King County Park's voters pamphlet that it simply said nobody stepped up for the con. We have done our due diligence, and we can prove that.</p> <p><u>Strawberry Festival Debrief</u> Karen: One of the curious things I noticed was the number of non-Vashon residents. I wonder how many Vashon people go to SF? Too, next year we might want to do a float in the parade rather than a booth. I think it would get more attention. People simply don't come by the booth. Elaine: I think VPD used to do that in the past. Captain Joe: Pt Robinson used to have one – a geoduck that squirted people. It was done by the people of Luana Beach Road. I have a pretty good feel for island vs non-island – I think 60% off-island come. That is our experience at Low Tide, as well. If we have a float, I would recommend we also have a booth. I had a number of people come to me who had just looked at the King County info about their levy and thought it was VPD. We need to get the word out about that.</p>	

Bob: I was asked by someone who should know better how much money do we get from KC parks.
 Elaine: I added that to our Fact Sheet. I posted these sheets on our website. I will also post to FB, etc.
 Jerry: 90% of people I talk to think I work for KC.
 Elaine: When Karen and I worked the booth, we would bring up the levy with people. They all didn't want to hear more – just said they were voting for it. All the feedback we got was positive.
 Hans: The most common thing I heard was the KC confusion. The map was helpful. It is reasonable people would confuse us. I don't think we should talk about the small increase; I think we should just say what it will be. We should talk about it in our communication meeting. I got a couple questions about the Hospital District – will it work with VPD.
 Elaine: And I assume your answer was, “Yes, we can co-exist.”
 Hans: Yes, and their answer to that was that we really need to get that message out. Fiscal management was a question. Recreational requests were for a zipline course through the woods and pickle ball. The golf course is doing pickle ball. It would be a great activity for folks over 50. The skate park project was a big draw.
 Elaine: The raffle drawing for the skate park is at Concerts in the Park August 1. I'll be doing a little spiel with Susan McCabe and Judith.
 Hans: Between having a float or a booth, I vote booth. It's great for information, even if they are from out of town. They, too, are part of our clientele. I am wary of doing both due to the demand on Elaine. It depends on what your goal is.
 Abby: Maybe leverage the Seals to add us in.
 Karen: The reason I am interested in a float is due to the number of Vashon people who watch the parade. It's a way to expose what we do visually.
 Captain Joe: Scott Harvey stopped by. He is going to support the levy. I wouldn't be surprised if he wrote something for the BC. I think he might feel a little guilty about the misinformation last time. He is a fair man; he did what he thought was right.
 Doug: He is popular. He was a Commissioner who got elected twice.
 Jerry: If we have a booth, we need to promote it more.
 Abby: We should take more advantage of the people performing here. Have them announce our booth.
 Bob: What about getting our booth off the street and in Ober?
 Abby: Did you do the drawing for the cabin?
 Elaine: No, we will do it now.
 (Ann Scafe chosen for the drawing).
 Abby: What did she say she likes about the parks?
 Elaine: Recreation Programming.

Communication

Elaine: Doug's op-ed is hitting this Thursday's BC.
 Doug: It may be the next one. Susan says it is best to schedule.
 Elaine: I'll still do mine in August. We discussed my op-ed being a combo of the two fact sheets.
 Karen: Based on what we heard, we need to address the King Co levy confusion and the Hospital District.

Hans: Elaine is asking about the format as questions and answers. I think it's a great format.
Elaine: Doug addressed some of these, so I'll make sure I'm not repeating him.
Bob: So how are we addressing the KC parks thing?
Elaine: I will add it as another question.
Hans: Maybe have it be question #1.
Bob: Maybe we should also write Letters to the Editor addressing just one topic.
Hans: For the KC issue, we should wait until after their levy for sure. Elaine is a strong voice – her op-ed will be effective. And some of the electronic postings.
Doug: One thing that irks me about the KC levy is how much money they have behind it. Microsoft is funding a lot of it. And they advertise park district activities, which doesn't happen on Vashon.
Karen: I think a letter to the editor is a good idea in addition to the op-eds.
Elaine: And you want me to write that, too?
Karen: Not necessarily.
Bob: And it doesn't have to be right now. As some of these high profile issues come up.
Doug: And I thought we were voting in August for the Hospital District.
Karen: No, that's November.
Doug: There is a real lack of clarity about the Hospital District, since we don't even know who the candidates are yet. There could be some crazy who wants to take the maximum. As interest rises in the Hospital District, we should address that, as well.
Hans: Elaine will address that in her second question.

Elaine: Abby, Hans, and I met with Karl as citizens. Dates were set for meetings.

- August meeting with select user group leadership to form the committee
- September date for an all user group leadership meeting
- Campaign produced by the Foundation through Karl as a Board member, so they will accept donations

Hans: How about the email mailing?

Elaine: Soon. I am buried up to my eyeballs right now.

Hans: Just do Concerts in the Park by Friday. We should do several non-levy peppers here and there. Sailing in 3 weeks.

Abby: I did Vashon Fresh for VIGA and every week a "meet the producer." We can do something like that every week with parks.

Doug: It seems we are being over-shadowed by the Hospital District. They are raising money.

Karen: We are being over-shadowed monetarily. They have more resources.

Hans: Vote Yes on Prop 1 will be a popular message on the island! We will ask users to donate money to the Foundation.

Bob: One more thing – are you aware the Fire Dept was called down to Lisabeula?

Elaine: Yes, the story is this: Chad went down there to close the gate, and the neighbor said the fire had

	<p>already started on the beach – big bonfire. The neighbors were going to say something, then Chad arrived. Chad made them put the fire out. They appeared to leave. They came back and walked in and restarted the fire. That’s when the neighbors called the fire dept. Rules don’t apply to everyone, you know.</p> <p>Bob: It wasn’t an out of control fire; it was just an illegal fire.</p> <p>Karen: I walked my dogs through Island Center Forest about a week ago just before it closed, and there was a policeman there. I asked him what he was doing there. He said he was there to close the gates. They’ll do it for KC, but not us!</p> <p>Elaine: Our gate attendants are doing a great job.</p>	
<p>Adjourn 8:00 pm</p>	<p>Doug: I move we adjourn. Abby: Second. Pass 5-0</p>	

Minutes by: Elaine Rocheford