

VASHON PARK DISTRICT (VPD) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

Teleconference, 7:00 pm
DATE: Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Commissioners attending: Hans Van Dusen, Bob McMahon, Doug Ostrom, Abby Antonelis, Karen Gardner
 Staff attending: Elaine Ott-Rocheford

ISSUE	DISCUSSION AND OUTCOME	FOLLOW UP
Call To Order – Review Agenda	Hans called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and reviewed the agenda.	
Public Comment	None	
1.26.21 Minutes; 1.22.21 – 2.4.21 Preliminary Vouchers	Bob: Motion to approve. Karen:Second. Pass 5-0	Motion to approve the 1.26.21 Minutes; 1.22.21 – 2.4.21 Preliminary Vouchers Pass 5-0
Board Votes	Abby: I move to approve the architectural and permit costs if awarded the KC grant for the pool. Bob: Second Abby: Can you remind me what the cost will be on this? Elaine: Probably around \$10k total -- \$5k for the architectural and \$5k for the permit Pass 5-0	Motion to approve the architectural and permit costs if awarded the KC grant for the pool. Pass 5-0
Board Candidates	Elaine: Hopefully you all received the resumes and letters of interest I sent out today. I had announced earlier that we had 4 candidates, but one has bowed out. The candidates are Josh Henderson, Sarah George, and Jake Jacobovitch. I thought we might want to interview all three at the next meeting. Doug: I agree we should interview all three. Elaine: Generally, summarizing what they presented: Josh Henderson has a Masters in Communication, background in mediation. Looks like he has not lived on Vashon for very long. Presently works for the KC Superior Court. Sarah George is active in the equestrian community, a builder of furniture.	

	<p>Jake Jacobovitch has been a two term board member in the past, career with KC Dept of Transportation.</p> <p>Doug: I know Jake ran for the school board 4 years ago.</p> <p>Hans: Jake served on the school board a number of times and served on the parks board. Sarah has 2 horses across the street from me, so I know her through the neighborhood.</p> <p>Elaine: Josh appears to be a younger person. I like that he has a background in child and family advocacy and quite a bit of volunteer experience. Sarah – I like that she is female, so a little balance on the Board, lifelong islander, and the advantage of being a member of the equestrian user group.</p> <p>Karen: I know her quite well. She’s really smart and skilled in many areas. She is very passionate about things.</p> <p>Hans: Her mom and step-dad are involved in a lot of things. She has a solid background.</p> <p>Karen: She is an industrial engineer.</p> <p>Bob: What is her general age group?</p> <p>Abby: Thirty something. We’re around the same age.</p> <p>Hans: I agree we should interview all three. I reached out to Comunidad de Latina to see if any interest there. We should keep this open until the 15th. I would be fine if we get up to five. We should get a set of questions together we ask all candidates. Why they’re running; particular vision for VPD; thoughts going forward; any challenges. Is there a set of questions from before?</p> <p>Elaine: I will look.</p> <p>Bob: I think it is appropriate that we give the questions to the candidates in advance.</p> <p>Hans: Yes, in advance.</p> <p>Doug: We will want to ask follow-up questions, as well.</p> <p>Elaine: I think there is something to be said for not forwarding in advance, so we get fresh responses about what they know of VPD and our challenges rather than something researched. I want to know how knowledgeable they are.</p> <p>Hans: Are there any rules? I assume it is majority vote. When would the transition happen?</p> <p>Elaine: Technically, they serve through December. The hand off is January. You can swear them in the last meeting in December, but technically they start serving in January.</p> <p>Hans: We’ll interview at the next Board meeting.</p> <p>Doug: Then an executive session after that meeting to discuss.</p> <p>Elaine: Okay, then interviews next meeting followed by executive session. You’ll have to vote in an open meeting at the following meeting in March.</p> <p>Hans: We’ll move to appoint then suspend the rules.</p>	Action Item
Staff Reports	<p><u>House Bill 1034</u></p> <p>Elaine: Now rests with the Rules Committee. Next will go to the full House, then the process starts over again in the Senate.</p> <p>Karen: Has anyone given you an idea of what our chances are?</p> <p>Elaine: Fitzgibbon feels that it will likely pass due to it being a Democrat Congress. That was demonstrated by the vote in the Finance Committee where all Dems voted in favor and all Republicans against due to the tax issue. I was part of the Legislative Day on Feb 4 where P&R agencies throughout the state meet with their elected officials to promote WRPA and WWRC park issues, and our bill was part of the conversation. I wasn’t party to the other meetings, but I met with our reps. Nguyen feels confident as does Cody. I would</p>	

say we have a good chance of this going through.

Karen: Any push back from anyone on Vashon?

Elaine: Not that I have heard. Only support.

Karen: There will be some push back.

Bob: We already know Hilary is opposed.

Hans: Can you ask the lobbyist when the Rules Committee picks it up?

Doug: How long is the legislative session?

Elaine: I'll find out. I think this is a longer session.

Local Taxing Districts

Elaine: Bob will be our Board representative for the meeting Eric Pryne is putting together. We are working on scheduling a date in March.

Hans: My feeling is we are looking at all of them to take into account our situation. I wouldn't oversell the idea that the State will bail us out. In March, there will be no guarantee our bill will work out. We'll still look to the Healthcare District to lower their rate and the VIFR needs to gain some understanding of their effect. We will still push on the KC Council to make room for us. We need to push on all legislative bodies that will impact us or provide relief for us.

Doug: I was at a doctor's appointment at SeaMar. He said they are talking about expanding hours, like they have more money than expected, and they plan to spend it. I'm wondering if there will be a reduction in their levy ever.

Hans: Your job, Bob, is to make clear we are looking for transparency. Our job is not to go in with pessimism. Our job is to go in with transparency and expressing our needs. We must continue to make our case that we need them to reduce their rate.

Doug: I saw this forum as a place where potentially some bargains could be struck. VPD is not in a strong position, except, if everyone does something, it will work out better. The Fire District might feel more pressure to give up something if the others give up something.

Abby: I get the sense that the Fire District Commissioners don't actually know what they're doing when they are levying money. One of the good things that can come out of this meeting is that they understand the impact of what they are doing.

Point Robinson Lease

Elaine: Coincidentally, the day after our last board meeting where we discussed the frustration of not getting responses from the CG, Beverly got back to me completely unsolicited. She said she is working on the approvals and the new lease. I have heard this before, and then it's dead silence. But I was heartened by this little bit of movement.

Village Green Entry

Elaine: Ken wishes to begin work starting next month. He is now starting the fundraising efforts. Per the fundraising policy, he must have funds in place before he begins the project. He is asking the Board to approve waiving this requirement, because he needs a 3 week lead time for trusses to be built, but needs to

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coordinate that with the concrete pour. Because this is waiving policy, you need to pass a motion to approve that.

Karen: I don't like the idea. The reason we have the policy is to safeguard against projects not getting completed, particularly a concrete pour that might not serve any purpose.

Bob: A concrete pour is probably going to have metal things sticking out to attach the trust to, and if it doesn't go beyond that, it's ugly and dangerous. I don't see any reason to waive our policy.

Doug: It feels like an eyesore in the making. I also don't understand why he wants the waiver.

Hans: What's the rush?

Elaine: I feel adequate planning involves getting your funding in place before you start your project. One concern is that the permit expires in April, but he is going to extend it. That should buy him probably another year. I don't know what the rush is.

Abby: It sounds like he wants us to take on the risk. If he feels it needs to be rushed, he should shoulder the cost himself. The Village Green was purchased for the Farmer's Market. It would be bad to have a half done project there, especially in the face of bending the rules.

Bob: We wouldn't want him spending his own money there, and having it collapse.

Abby: I mean if he needs to get the trusses built, he can do that on his own. We can't make the project go forward for him.

Hans: It's a great project, and hopefully he pulls the funding together to make it happen.

Tramp Harbor Dock Lease

Elaine: The lease has been returned and is being recorded. I reached out to our land manager to ask her thoughts about setting up a meeting with the NW Indian Fisheries Commission to discuss the length of the dock. Members of DNR want to attend, as well, particularly the geoduck people. We can't do anything until we resolve the length issue. Abby, you said you wanted to attend.

Hans: I might want to attend, too.

Bob: Let me know, too.

Elaine: Two of you can attend without it being a public meeting. A few community members wanted to attend, but I don't think that's a good idea. It should be discussed rationally without a lot of community passion muddying it up.

Abby: We can pass the information to them and ask for feedback.

Elaine: I'm also going to get the bid docs out for the survey, which is due within a year.

VES Restroom

Elaine: I have received approval for the Building Permit but not the permit itself. They need contractor numbers, which I provided for the restroom manufacturer, but I also need to supply the number for the pad installation contractor. That is now out to bid. I want the pad done by April, then the restroom will be installed in May. The grant expires June 30.

**Adjourn
7:40 pm**

**Doug: I move to adjourn.
Bob: Second.**

**Motion to
adjourn; Pass**

Minutes by: Elaine Ott-Rocheford