

ANACORTES PARKS & RECREATION

Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

*Sarah Nichols, Chairperson
Aaron Rasmussen
Jo Ann York-Gilmore*

January 8, 2019

Members Present: Sarah Nichols, Jo Ann York-Gilmore & Aaron Rasmussen.

Staff Present: Bob Vaux, Jonn Lunsford, Dustin South and Mary Snyder

Minutes: December minutes were approved as submitted.

Public Comments: None.

Correspondence/Communications:

- Jonn reported that PSE would like to renegotiate the Mt. Erie lease. Details of the current lease and proposed amounts were discussed. Jonn is working with city attorney Darcy Swetnam to clean up the language and return to a long term lease. Since the term expired, the terms have been month to month.
- Trees are down in various locations in the Anacortes Community Forestlands. There has been some discussion over the damage by wind and some by stress from drought and root rot. Trees are down near the Beaver Pond and the public has been engaged. A site visit has been encouraged.
- A memorandum of understanding with the park foundation and the city is being developed to formalize a separation. Questions about employees on boards and foundations has been questioned.

Special Event Requests: None to report at this time.

Department Reports:

- Bob stated that he has been attending a variety of trail meetings and he is encouraged by the reinvigoration of the public process, which is in part due to the December 17 council meeting and presentation by park staff. Citizens have asked for and will be receiving a website dedicated to the Guemes Channel Trail. Jonn, Bob and other City staff are meeting with the Mayor to move forward on this project. Bob reported on the revamping of the campground reservation system to make it more user friendly. The city has been with Sportsites for 5 years and since this is their only campground system in place, they have been fine tuning it over the years. Valora was thanked for her hard work in transitioning the new release of software changes.
- Dustin stated the Boys basketball and pee wee basketball will be starting up soon. A Town publication came out in mid December and some classes being offered are Daddy Daughter Dance on Feb. 23, Sunset Loop Relay race on March 9, an art class at the Depot for students during half days and dog obedience which is already filled. The high school sailing team is getting geared up with a new chase boat and a few new sailboats. There will be a ballfield users meeting held on January 30 with baseball right around the corner.

Parks and Forest Land Comprehensive Plans: Work continues with both plans moving forward in the process. The planning commission will review the plans on March 27. The public will be allowed to comment during the council process.

Other Business:

- Jonn will check with the mayor on the status of a new park board appointee.
- Jonn reviewed the checklist of items that he and the mayor discussed for the coming year. Gary continues to be involved in all things parks and has been very available for advice and guidance.
- Russ Pittis is looking at lighting options for the skatepark and the depot.
- Quarry funds from Lakeside were briefly discussed and the allowable uses of those monies.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:59 pm.

The **NEXT REGULAR MEETING** will be held on **Tuesday, February 12, 2019~~8~~**, at 6:00 PM, at City Hall, 904 6th Street.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Snyder

Approved: 3/12/2019