

ANACORTES PARKS & RECREATION

Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

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

January 9, 2018

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

Staff Present: Gary Robinson, Jonn Lunsford, Dustin South and Bob Vaux

Public Comments: Nothing to report.

Communication/Correspondence:

- Aaron reported on the Forest Board meeting. That meeting lacked a quorum but members present and the public discussed dog waste on the Heart Lake Trails. This led to a discussion by the parks board with suggestions for more dog waste stations and garbage cans at Heart Lake. The Forest Board also discussed signs in the south Little Cranberry area of the ACFL alerting the public that there is a wildlife animal refuge next to the ACFL. Discussion ensued.
- Gary reported on the Parks Foundation and acknowledged that long serving member Doug Colglazier is stepping down. Gary noted Doug's years of service and thanked him for his work.

Special Events: Gary reported on a special event request for a women's march to use Causland Park on January 20th. Discussion ensued about perhaps the Depot being a better spot because of the better lighting and brick plaza.

Department Reports:

- Dustin noted that Nicole Johnston is starting boys basketball this month, with the first games on January 20th. Dustin is working on Pee Wee basketball, it starts this Saturday. Dustin has set up a Twitter account for Parks & Recreation that is connected to our Facebook page. There is a baseball/fastpitch field users meeting on January 31 at 6pm at City Hall.
- Parks Maintenance staff is continuing repairs to the cemetery wall along Whistle Lake Road this week. City Council approved a contract with Herrera Environmental Services for consultation at Heart Lake for algae. Discussion regarding timing of the treatment. Thanks to Brandon Krause from our Facilities staff for ongoing help at Storvik Park with the lights.
- Bob reported that Wonderland Walk was a success. The campground at Washington Park has had at least one person staying there each night for more than a year. He also wanted to note the anniversary of Chris Schmaus as caretaker. Chris is a great addition to the team.

- Gary discussed the Vision to Action meeting on January 16 at the Senior Activity Center. He has invited the public to come and talk about the Guemes Trail corridor. Discussion ensued.

Other Business: Bob discussed the timeline for the update of our Comprehensive Plan. Eccos Design has been hired to help us with the plan and is developing a public survey. There are public meetings being set up for February, date will be forthcoming. Gary discussed big picture items and possible large capital projects. Board asked questions about Heart Lake Master plan, Storvik and Community Center. Discussion ensued.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30.

The **NEXT REGULAR MEETING** will be held on **Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at 6:00 PM**, at City Hall, 904 6th Street.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jonn Lunsford

Approved: 03/13/2018