

ANACORTES PARKS & RECREATION

Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

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

February 13, 2018

Members Present: Aaron Rasmussen & Jo Ann York-Gilmore

Staff Present: Gary Robinson, Jonn Lunsford, Nicole Johnston and Mary Snyder

Other Present: Martha Hall, Vern Lauridsen, Debbie Aldridge & Sarah Fish.

Minutes: Due to lack of quorum, minutes from January meeting were not approved. Also, the notes below will not be approved and are for reference only.

Public Comments:

- Vern Lauridsen stated that he has been involved in comprehensive plans and has interest in the updates being done to the Anacortes Parks and Recreation Plan. He feels that all responsibilities need to be listed, plan should stay consistent with the capital facilities plan, calculate needs, identify funding sources and include funding to maintain current park assets. Discussion ensued over the plan and goals.
- Martha Hall questioned the next section of the Guemes Channel Trail and how it will be funded. Gary explained that consultants are working and three separate sections – Edwards Way to the State Ferry Terminal, State Ferry Terminal to Washington Park and the current end at Lovrics to the Guemes Ferry. Work continues on working with adjacent property owners and right of ways. Payment to the consultants was questioned by Martha as well as the placement of the trail throughout the SHIP wetland buffer. Discussion ensued as to the public knowledge and factual information.
- Debbie Aldridge and Sarah Fish from Skagit Leadership presented a project that they would like to pursue at Storvik Park. It involves taking an existing walking path and encourage activities with an early childhood education trail by painting activities and signage (3 activities per station). United Way will be involved to provide the signage (long term) and volunteers will do the installation. There will be two areas done in Skagit County, with the other one at Hillcrest Park. The group is under a time crunch and the project will need to be completed in May. Staff and board members were in favor of the project and will meet to further discuss details.

Department Reports:

- Nicole reported that basketball is almost over. The high school sailing program has begun. The Daddy Daughter Dance will be held on March 10 and the Sunset Loop Relay will also be held on March. 10.
- Jonn stated that work continues on Grand View cemetery wall. Rains have created slides along the Guemes Channel Trail. The geologist states that they are routine for the area. The trail has been cleared and reopened. A new parks maintenance employee, Nichola Mitchell, has been hired with focus on mowing at facilities. Baseball will begin at the end

of the month. Herrera Engineering will oversee the contract to treat Heart Lake with alum. Estimates will be sought and extra attention will be given to reduce the negative effect on amphibians.

- Gary stated that there has been some opposition via letters to the editor to the Guemes Channel Trail from Edwards Way to the Washington State Ferry Terminal.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:37.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Snyder

Approved: