

ANACORTES PARKS & RECREATION

Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

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

March 13, 2018

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

Staff Present: Gary Robinson, Bob Vaux, Dustin South and Mary Snyder

Minutes: Due to lack of quorum at the February meeting, the January minutes were not approved. January minutes were approved as submitted. February minutes are not subject to approval secondary to lack of quorum.

Public Comments:

- Sara Hollihan stated that she was recently biking on the Thompson Trail and the Soroptimist Station restroom was closed. She also has concerns with the Storvik restrooms being closed. Bob explained the opening/closing by the local yacht broker for the Soroptimist Station and park staffing hours during winter hours for the opening/closing at other public facilities.

Correspondence/Communications:

- Aaron stated that the Forest Board met and discussed the alum treatment plan for Heart Lake and they are working with the newt breeding schedule, as well as opening day of the fishing season. Two proposals were received with about \$14,000 difference in fees and Jonn is working with the consultants on recommendations.
- Gary stated that the Park Foundation did not have a quorum however focus continues on the Guemes Channel Trail.

Special Event Requests: None at this time.

Parks Comprehensive Plan Update: Bob reported that the next step on the process is to accumulate the public responses and comments and use those to create a draft plan. The draft plan will then be reviewed by the park board before moving along to the public process. The draft will be forwarded to the park board members prior to the next meeting and members are asked to bring edits/changes to the next regular meeting.

Guemes Channel Trail Update: Gary presented a couple of different routes for Phase 2 of the trail with the pathway inside the wetland buffer and work continues to explore all routes.

Department Reports:

- Bob stated that he attended the council meeting and reported on the upper restroom remodel and boat launch repairs. The mayor stated that she hears most complaints about the lack of boat lot parking and the size/shape of the dock. Bob reported that the problems are lack of available space to accommodate more parking. The creosote

bollards that line the boat lot launch will be removed soon as they no longer serve a purpose. The restroom remodel, that saved the city funds by doing work in-house, should be done by Mother's Day weekend.

- Dustin stated that the Daddy Daughter Dance had about 300 participants. The Dallas Kloke Sunset Loop Relay was also held on the same day, March 10 and went well. The high school sailing team was held over the weekend and they have 21 members on the team. Regattas will be held on weekends thru spring. Ballfield requests are coming in. The Daniels' Family Trust would like to resurface the turf on MDD and a timeline was discussed. Youth track and field is now open for registration as well as volleyball. It was suggested that with the new high school construction underway, gym space will be tight and possibilities for space should be explored now.
- Gary stated the new employee, Nichola, is doing well and learning her way. Much time has been given to the trail effort, the comprehensive plan and compiling information for the next edition of the A Town publication. New sculptures will be placed in the Windermere Madrona Grove exhibition and an event will be scheduled. The new art at N Avenue Park, Leaking Vase, will also have a dedication ceremony on June 1 artwalk, 5:30 at the park, and will coincide with the closed streets program.

Other Business: Member of the public announced that she is opposed to the trail that is proposed to go thru the Ship Harbor Interpretive lands. Vacancy on the Park Commission was questioned and the address requirements to become a member.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50.

The **NEXT REGULAR MEETING** will be held on **Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at 6:00 PM**, at City Hall, 904 6th Street.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Snyder

Approved: 4/11/2018