

ANACORTES PARKS & RECREATION

Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Sarah Nichols, Chairperson
Aaron Rasmussen
Jo Ann York-Gilmore
Christine Hansen
Alex Hernandez

April 9, 2019

Members Present: Sarah Nichols, Jo Ann York-Gilmore & Christine Hansen.

Staff Present: Jonn Lunsford, Dustin South, Nicole Johnston and Mary Snyder

Minutes: March minutes were approved.

Public Comments:

- New member Christine Hansen was introduced and gave a brief history of her career and interests.

Correspondence/Communications:

- Nicole reported on the Forest Board with discussions that included fire hazards in the Anacortes Community Forest Lands, possible trail closure of trail #132 due to erosion and the plans for a skills course at the landfill site off of A Avenue.
- Jonn stated that the Park Foundation met and funds for the Pickett Pocket Park between Jimmy Johns and Penguin Coffee, in the amount of \$40,000, will be designated. The Arts Festival is working toward efforts of another pocket park between the Post Office and El Jinete. Educational trail hikes with Denise Crowe and Bob Vaux are being worked out in the forest lands. Talks continue on a renewed cell tower lease with Puget Sound Energy.

Special Event Requests: A special event use for Causland Memorial Park for a wedding with 75 attendees on July 13 was approved. It was noted that the calendar should be checked to make sure the event does not coincide with Shipwreck Day. Another special event request by Shell Oil for use of Storvik Park on July 27 for an employee picnic was approved. In both cases, the parks are not reserved as there may be casual users of the park.

Department Reports:

- The Parks update was reviewed. Work continues toward a Community Youth Center. Grand View Cemetery expansion work also continues with notification of the neighbors. A replacement pole for the John Tursi Park zipline has been received and will be placed soon. Homelessness in the parks continues to be a struggle and available services and procedures are being reviewed. There will be an Arbor Day tree planting on April 26 at 7th & M Avenue – all were invited to join in. Seasonal staff hires are coming on board and the crew is very busy this time of year. Storvik Park has had some maintenance done to the playground and irrigation system. The new recreation coordinator, Travis Anderson, will be joining the parks on April 22. Returfing of Margeurite and Don Daniels field is ongoing. The Egg Dash will be Friday, April 19 at 6 pm – all were invited to join in. On Friday, April 12, there will be the first Mother/Son Superhero event.

- The Washington Park boat launch is open with a shorter dock. Two sections were damaged in the February 4 storm. Transpac has assisted and supplied materials, free of charge, to make that happen. Transpac is also helping with the construction of the new dock and all are grateful.

Parks and Forest Land Comprehensive Plans: The plans will go to council on April 22, 5 pm and open for public comment. No action will be taken at this meeting. All were encouraged to attend.

Shoreline Vegetation Enforcement: 2 homeowners along the Guemes Channel Trail have been cutting vegetation without city permission. The homeowners will be required to hire a biologist and plant per recommendations of such.

Other Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:48 pm.

The ***NEXT REGULAR MEETING*** will be held on ***Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at 6:00 PM***, at City Hall, 904 6th Street.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Snyder

Approved: 5/14/19