

ANACORTES PARKS & RECREATION

Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

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

May 14, 2019

Members Present: Sarah Nichols, Jo Ann York-Gilmore, Christine Hansen and Alex Hernandez.

Staff Present: Jonn Lunsford, Dustin South, Bob Vaux, Nicole Johnston, Travis Anderson and Mary Snyder

Others Present: Bill Gregory

Minutes: It was noted that Christine Hansen's name was misspelled. April minutes were approved with correction noted.

Public Comments: Nothing to report.

Correspondence/Communications:

- Jonn reported that the Forest Board met and discussed was the bike skills course and waiting for wetlands delineation before moving forward with the plans.
- Jonn stated that he attended the Park Foundation and updates were given on the Pickett Pocket Park and funding thereof. The Guemes Channel Trail was also discussed.

Special Event Requests: There were two special event requests. One was from Lighthouse Memory Care Center for a walk to End Alzheimers at Storvik Park. The date of the event, July 19, conflicts with Kids R Best Fest. The group will be notified. The second request was from Westminster Presbyterian Church for use of Causland Memorial Park for a church event. This event happens every year and does not conflict with any other use and bathroom facilities are provided at the church.

Department Reports:

- There was a review of the staff reports that were submitted prior to the meeting. There was an update on the Washington Park boat launch and the permitting process. Transpac was thanked for their contributions of the project, as well as the engineering department.
- Travis gave an introduction of himself and a review of programs.
- Bob informed all of a new interpretive sign placed at Washington Park
- Dustin stated that the high school sailing team had a regatta a couple of weeks ago with about 300 kids. Track and field ended the season with good weather on the last day.
- The spray pad at Storvik Park opened last Thursday and will remain open from 11-6 daily until a closure to do maintenance, at which time the public will be notified.
- Our Town, Our Park had some maintenance/updating done by the Rotarians. Carl Dellutri has assisted with a mural by the sandbox and new signage will be placed. Future playground swing upgrades will be addressed.

Parks and Forest Land Comprehensive Plans: Jonn will talk with council members on changes and will bring the plan back in June. It was noted that at the council meeting pertaining to the comprehensive plans, there was public enthusiasm for the bike course and improved skatepark.

Guemes Channel Trail: Denise Crowe and Bob Vaux had their first of three guided walks on the flora/fauna of the area. The tree inventory looks good onsite. The website for the trail is nearing completion. Work continues with permitting agencies for repair work to be done to the walls and also working with fish windows. Mike Harris, who originally built the walls, has volunteered to do the work for free. The damage is secondary to the storms of February 3 and 4. Staff has met with the adjacent homeowners as they wanted to ensure that they were being good neighbors and that their CCRs were matching the requirements.

Cemetery Expansion: Nicole gave an update on the plans for Grand View Cemetery. The contract is ready with Tuttle Engineering to proceed. Brian Tottenham will be digging holes for the surveyor to perform a soil profile for drainage.

Other Business:

- The field maintenance at Smiley's Bottom was questioned with uncut grass for a recent lacrosse event. Communication with the school district was encouraged to make sure they know of such events.
- Work continues at Kiwanis Waterfront Park to get the thistle sprayed and vegetation cut. The possibility of a future fence on the north side was questioned.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 pm.

The **NEXT REGULAR MEETING** will be held on **Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at 6:00 PM**, at City Hall, 904 6th Street.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Snyder

Approved: