

ANACORTES PARKS & RECREATION

Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

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

September 11, 2018

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

Staff Present: Gary Robinson, Jonn Lunsford and Mary Snyder

Meeting was called to order at approximately 6:06.

Minutes: August minutes were approved as submitted.

Public Comments: None.

Correspondence/Communications:

- Gary reported that the Park Foundation remains committed to the Guemes Channel Trail and assisting with a section near SHIP with possible relocation of the trail, as well as working on the NEPA permit and surveying.
- Aaron stated that the Forest Board did not have an official meeting in September secondary to lack of a quorum. It was noted that Denise Crowe from the Friends of the Forest is stepping down after many years of dedication to education, care and protection of the forest lands.

Special Event Requests: None to report at this time.

Department Reports:

- The job posting for a new park employee will close on Thursday. Brian Strickland has moved on to other ventures. There are currently two other park employees on light duty due to injuries.
- Jonn reported that Herrera Environmental will conduct a dive survey to examine the plant survival of treatment done on Heart Lake. Jonn has talked with the high school science teacher to seek involvement with students on this process.
- Homeless situations continue in park spaces and some have been trespassed by police.
- Success with plantings on the Guemes Channel Trail have been due to volunteers watering 3 times per week, including Val & Gary Robinson, John & Michelle Pope, Erica Pickett and Jonn Lunsford. The Green Club and volunteer work parties are also a part of the continued success with planting of dune grass/rose hips/mulch.
- Rotarians, under the leadership of Bonnie Bowers, will lead a project on September 29 to make improvements to Storvik Park, Our Town, Our Park.
- Efforts are being made to pave part of the road leading to Cranberry Lake.
- There are 550 youth participating in soccer this fall. The Shell Fun Run will be held this Sunday with funds raised going toward the schools.

Other Business:

- The city, in an effort to aid 911, are trying to name the road leading down to the parking lot closest to the water at Washington Park. One suggestions was Sunset Beach Place. All members were in favor of this name and noted was the importance to some members of the community to include Sunset Beach in the name.
- Storvik Park issues pertaining to the splash park and condo owners. Nicole has been in communication with the homeowners and working on solutions.
- Gary presented a visual for a new two-sided stage proposed for the Depot plaza/Madrona grove. The proposal includes handicap access to the grove area.
- A visual proposal for the Pickett Pocket Park was shown – located between Penguin Coffee and proposed Jimmy Johns. The census was that it has an urban feel.
- Rob Hoxie, City of Anacortes employee, has developed a Grand View Cemetery interactive web map on the city website: www.anacorteswa.gov A brief summary of the site was shown – depicting information on placements of deceased along with headstone photos.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 pm.

The **NEXT REGULAR MEETING** will be held on **Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at 6:00 PM**, at City Hall, 904 6th Street.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Snyder

Approved: