

ANACORTES PARKS & RECREATION

Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

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

October 9, 2018

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

Staff Present: Gary Robinson, Jonn Lunsford and Dustin South

Minutes: September minutes were approved as submitted.

Public Comments: None.

Correspondence/Communications:

- Jonn reported on the Forest Advisory Board meeting where they discussed upcoming projects near the 32nd Street swamp and Mitten Pond regarding the beaver pond drainage. There was also discussion of the Forest Monitoring program proposed by Transition Fidalgo and Friends in the ACFL. Jonn also noted Dave Oicles' report at the FAB about how well the area damaged by the fire in 2016 at Little Cranberry Lake is recovering.
- Gary reported that the Parks Foundation discussed pausing for a couple months on the Guemes Channel Trail in the Ship Harbor area to talk about next steps with the public.

Special Event Requests: None to report at this time.

Department Reports:

- Jonn discussed the budget for the next year and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the Youth Center between the City and Anacortes School District, the cemetery expansion at Grand View, Washington Park day use and campground and work at Volunteer Park. Noted that staff is working on hiring to replace Brian Strickland who took another job and still working on final reports for Heart Lake. Preliminary data shows from the most recent dive at the lake show the milfoil was eradicated. Thanks to community volunteers and the AHS Green Club for their work at the Guemes Channel Trail planting trees, dune grass seed and mulching along the trail on October 6th.
- Dustin reported that Senior Center is slated to be moved into the Parks & Recreation Department in 2019. He also discussed the proposed Community Youth Center regarding its proposed location and operation concepts. The Dallas Kloke Mt. Erie Road and Trail Run is coming up in a couple weeks and our girls basketball league will be starting in November. There is a disc golf "glow disc" event at Rotary Park on October 20th from 6 to 8pm. Discussed the sailing program and its budget for 2019.
- Gary reported on the budget schedule for this year. Parks will go to City Council on October 22 to present parks/recreation/cemetery/Washington Park budgets for 2019 and 2021. Discussion ensued. The general schedule was announced for the Parks Director hire. Advertising for the position is expected in November with the new Director to start in

February of 2019. The projects that Gary is working on include the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan, the new stage on the Depot Plaza, the Pickett Park near 22nd and Commercial, and new synthetic turf at the Marguerite and Don Daniels (MDD) Field.

Other Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:07 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Jon Lunsford

Approved: 11/13/2018