



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, January 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the following park board members in attendance:

Kevin Loy, John Semrau, Chris Allen, Mark Dobie, Tim Manns, Liz McNett Crowl, Mike Elde, and Elizabeth Detillion

No corrections were made to the agenda. The November minutes were passed unanimously.

There were no additional matters raised by the public, beyond issues already on the agenda.

Board Discussion:

Padilla Bay Shore Trail Discussion: SCPR received an e-mail correspondence with a trail user about their safety concerns related to people hunting from the trail. We generally get three to four e-mails or phone calls per year regarding this policy. The policy was built into the shoreline agreement thirty years ago. According to John Semrau, very few people utilize the trail for hunting due to the other recreational use and the disturbance created by these other users. Fewer people use the trail for accessing hunting areas due to the changes in possession of nearby fields that were traditionally used by hunters. The Parks Board asked staff to check on the current signage and consider interpretive information that will help educate users about the shared use/safety. This is the only park/trail where firearms are allowed. Staff will also make contact with WDFW.

Clear Lake Restroom Options: Brian shared some design options and the board had a discussion about the merits of two-hole units vs. four-hole units. The restroom options being considered are prefab units made by CXT. CXT was awarded the Washington State bid contract and has several models to choose from. The Denali is crafted to look like Conservation Corp buildings from the 1930's. It has a higher pitched roof line than the four hole units. The four-hole unit has more capacity for large events and days in which 80 degree-plus temperatures create an increased demand. The two-hole unit has a cost of 80k and the four-hole unit is about double. Overall costs could drive up the costs to 125k for the smaller unit and 200k for the larger unit. Kevin was concerned about function/capacity over aesthetics. Staff will create options for the Clear Lake community scheduled for February 13 at 6:30pm. The general consensus from the board was that the smaller unit has a nice aesthetic and a good value. Mark felt it was important to keep

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the displays simple with succinct options for our meeting in Clear Lake in February. Elizabeth brought up the benefit of dual use doors and the need for changing stations. Mike Elde was very supportive of CXT units and felt the two-hole building would fit the needs over 90% of the time.

NSRA: The NSRA study was discussed. There is interest in staying engaged with the process. There is general support for Port acquisition of the old hospital campus. Local control was thought of as being a positive direction.

UPDATE

Partnership Agreements: Brian has talked with a Skagit County attorney about the consolidation of trails proposal by the USFS and PNTA. Steve saw no issues with the partnership. A clause could be built in to dissolve the agreement if either party became uncomfortable with it.

Cleveland Park Elm Trees: A large tree came down along the west side of Cleveland Park. Two years ago we took the trees down along the south boundary and with enduring associated risks with the remaining Elm trees; we will be doing another risk assessment.

Sharpe Park Trails: The new trails have been completed with a route taking visitors further south along the bluff.

Adjourn

Next Meeting: February 13, 2014 at Clear Lake Elementary School

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