

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2004
JACK DAVIS PARKS MAINTENANCE SHOP
690 COUNTY SHOP LANE
BURLINGTON WA 98233

6:30 P.M.

6:30 – 6:35 p.m. **Roll Call of General Meeting**

Present

Keith Magee, Chairman
Liz McNett Crowl
Jerry Krampets
Colleen Fisher, Vice Chair
Carol Dillon
John Semrau

Absent

Peter Swanson
Lloyd Brown
Curtis Metz

Staff

Bob Vaux
Brian Adams
Jim Rabenstein
Patrik Dylan
Dennis Lind

Guests

February Minutes – The February minutes were not reviewed due to lack of quorum at the time of meeting therefore only a record of the meeting was submitted.

6:32 – 6:45 p.m. **Public Comment Period** – none received

6:35 – 6:40 p.m. **Keith Magee Report on Commissioner meeting.**

Keith reported that the meeting with the commissioners went well. He reported that they were happy with the direction of the Department and provided positive general feedback. They acknowledged/confirmed that the budget will continue to be tough as we go forward. Additionally, if Eyman's initiatives pass it will be even tougher. We can anticipate the same kind of slashing experienced this year.

They also suggested that a separate levy for Parks and Recreation could be possible if things get very tough. Other supported strategies include maximizing fees to raise revenue, by comparing fees to competitive programs and focusing on adult programs so as not to create additional fee barriers for youth.

Keith also reported that there was unanimous support by all three commissioners for an indoor recreation center. Conditionally, it would have to be a self-supporting proposition. There was support expressed for the Skagit Valley College area and also possibly moving the shop up there. There could then be another tenant for our space. The challenge is for us to put the right proposition together.

Additional revenue potential could be built at HMSP and Clear Lake.

The Comp Plan for NSRA and they would like to see us proceed with the parking lot and trails.

Cardinal Cove is also supported by some commissioners and there was talk about a possible donation of some Similk Beach property to Skagit County.

6:40 Comp Plan Update
Bob reported that there was an 8-0 support for the comp plan from the planning commission. No changes to the document except for what came through the study session and public comment period.

6:45 Capital Facilities Plan
Bob reported that the capital facilities plan has everything we asked for within the plan.

Priority one to get flood damage fixed

Next meeting should include priorities and timelines. We should catch up based on our lack of meetings due to the comp plan process and timeline. The next meeting will be scheduled for April 15, 2004.

Sares Bluff Update

Bob reported that it is fully funded. We're now working with Land Title to close.

Staff Reports

Jim Rabenstein reported that the fairgrounds added to a lot of recent responsibilities.

Patrik Dylan reported that flood damage is being repaired. The HMSP septic is fixed, wood, debris, new gravel, park looks amazing. Middle restroom and western restroom are repaired. The park is open for full business. Electrical damage was fixed and upgraded. Jim did it for a great price in house. We are making great progress on the flood project. We are also very close to getting permits to repair the Cascade Trail. The boat launch repair is being postponed until we can explore the possibility of amending the project.

Dennis Lind reported on the spring leisure guide and the success of many of the activities. He also distributed the 2003 annual report for the recreation division.

7:15 BoCC Tour
Bob discussed the scheduling of the next BoCC park tour. The BoCC support the tour. It's just a matter of scheduling. Ideally, it should be Mid May to Mid June when our parks are in their prime. Activities – Friday Tournament, Clear Lake opening, Fathers day June 12. Possibly a Friday in June?

Next meeting/month plan to review project list and priorities.

Adjourn – The meeting ended at 7:20