

Minutes of the  
City of Gig Harbor  
Parks Commission  
September 6, 2006 @ 5:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Ken Malich called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.  
Roll was taken.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Peter Hampl, Ken Malich, Michael Perrow and Jacquie Goodwill were present. Nick Tarabochia was absent. City Staff included David Brereton, Terri Reed, Lt. Bill Colberg, and Dan Lilley.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Commission members reviewed the minutes of the August 9, 2006 meeting.

**MOTION:** Move to approve the August 9, 2006 meeting minutes as presented.  
Hampl / Perrow - unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Westside Park Sponsorship**

Terry Hunt was not in attendance at the meeting, so this item was tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Skateboard Park**

Ken Malich explained that the behavior of some kids at the Skateboard Park has been upsetting some people. The Mayor held a meeting with a group of skateboarders, Police and Operations representatives and a group from the community to discuss the situation and possible options. Dave Brereton said that some of the options suggested were stepping up patrol, fencing the park, and installing some cameras for monitoring. Lt. Colberg said that he organized the meeting because of the litter problem and other disturbances. Patrol officers have been doing some periodic checks and have made a few arrests. The fence between the Gateway building and the Civic Center has been mended and the water fountain has been repaired since the meeting. The surveillance cameras were submitted for consideration in the 2007 budget.

Jacquie Goodwill asked if it would be helpful to get the neighbors involved. Lt. Colberg answered that he doesn't believe it is the neighbors that are using the park. Jacquie suggested upgrading the play toy equipment in order to bring in more adults with younger children. Lt. Colberg would like to hire some summer help to be a park rep with authority to report problems. The question of liability comes up if an employee is hired to monitor the park.

Lt. Colberg mentioned that there has also been a lot of vandalism at the park. Michael Perrow brought up the question of loitering and he also doesn't like the idea of smoking being allowed especially around young children. Lt. Colberg said that it would take an ordinance to restrict all smoking at the park.

**MOTION:** Move to endorse the purchase of surveillance equipment to be used to monitor the Skateboard Park.  
Goodwill / Perrow - unanimously approved.

Peter Hampl asked about the businesses around the park and getting their involvement in keeping the skateboard park clean.

### **Cushman Trail Feasibility Report**

Dave Brereton explained that we have a preliminary feasibility report from the consultant on the trail. It is available for the Commission members to review before our meeting with Pierce County and the consultant on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The next phase will include getting an interlocal agreement between the City and Pierce County, hiring a consultant to complete the design of the trail and conducting some public meetings. This item will be discussed at the October meeting.

### **Skansie Net Shed**

Dave Brereton stated that we are working on hiring an engineering consultant to evaluate the net shed and come up with recommendations as far as improvements and structural repairs.

### **Eddon Boat Aquatic Lease**

Dave Brereton mentioned that we are asking for Council approval for a survey that needs to be done in order to acquire an aquatic lease of tidelands at Eddon Boat Park. The benefit of this would be so that no one else could obtain this area and it would be our area permanently for possible use in the future.

### **Budget**

Dave Brereton commented that the budget is still in the Mayor's hands. As soon as it goes to the City Council, it will probably be available for review. If it is available by our October meeting, this will be discussed.

## Other Discussion Items

Ken Malich asked about the required Parks Commission meeting in October. We will need to put a notice in the Gateway with the date and time for the meeting, since it is not being held on the first Tuesday in October at 7:00 p.m., as stated in the GHMC.

Peter Hampl shared some information on PenMet Parks Appreciation Day and our involvement next year.

Dave Brereton mentioned that it may be a good idea for the Parks Commissioners to attend the next Gig Harbor Arts Commission meeting. It is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.


Candace Plumlee, 10002 58<sup>th</sup> Street NW, informed the Commission that they have formed a non-profit corporation called K-9 Health Education and Welfare (KHEW). They asked where the Commission left off on the dog park discussion last month. They were informed by Peter Hampl that an off-leash dog park, at this time, is not in the plans for the City. It appears that PenMet is taking the lead in pursuing this project. The City doesn't have a large enough property at this time to accommodate a dog park.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** Wednesday, October 4, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.

### **ADJOURN:**

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn at 6:53 p.m.  
Hampl / Perrow – unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Terri Reed