



**City of Gig Harbor
Parks Commission Meeting Minutes
October 4, 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 and Terri Reed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Commission members reviewed the minutes of the September 6, 2006 meeting.

MOTION: Move to approve the September 6, 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.

MOTION: Move to table the Westside Park sponsorship until such time that they approach us to put the item back on the agenda for discussion.

Goodwill / Hampl - unanimously approved.

Parks Appreciation Day (April 21, 2007) – Projects/Sponsors

Michael Perrow began a discussion about getting sponsors for Parks Appreciation Day and assigning projects for the parks. Ken Malich brought up the idea of getting some publicity for the event. A decision was made to partner with PenMet Parks, since they already have this as an on-going event. Peter Hampl would like for each commissioner to have some conceptual plans on the parks currently in development available at the designated park.

Ken Malich will contact PenMet Parks about our interest in participating with them in this event. Jacquie Goodwill will contact Laureen Lund about some public relations marketing. An update will be given at the November Parks Commission meeting. Ken Malich would like for the Commission to create a wish list of projects and the City parks staff will also provide a list of work needed.

Jim O'Donnell spoke about the need to cut the ivy off the trees at Donkey Creek and his concern about all the trees that were removed from Eddon Boat Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

Arts Commission Meeting Report

Peter Hampl attended the Arts Commission meeting on September 26, 2006 in order to promote a closer working relationship between the commissions. Arts Commission Chair Betty Willis answered Peter's question on how their budget works and how they propose their projects. The Parks Commission would like to be able to review the Arts Commission's recommendations when it involves art in parks.

Budget

Dave Brereton commented that the 2007 budget is still in the Mayor's hands. Ken Malich asked for clarification on how the specific park projects get listed in the budget. Dave Brereton explained that the City Council and Mayor identify these objectives.

Park Update:

Cushman Trail Phase II – Peter Hampl spoke about his review of the draft feasibility report. He explained that the report is general information and not a design plan for the trail. Dave Brereton explained that at the next Parks Commission meeting the next portion of the project will be discussed. The consulting firm that produced the feasibility report, along with a Pierce County representative, will be at the meeting to explain where we currently are in the process and the plan for future steps. The Commission discussed the possibility of the Cushman Trail connecting to Donkey Creek in the future.

Commission Report to City Council

The October meeting is the official Parks Commission meeting and a six-month summary report will be due to the City Council within two weeks. Ken Malich will draft the report.

Public Comment

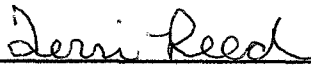
James O'Donnell spoke about pruning the fruit trees in City parks and about ivy removal. He would also like the City to do a tree inventory.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, November 1, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.
Goodwill / Hampl – unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Terri Reed