



**City of Gig Harbor
Parks Commission Meeting Minutes
November 1, 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, Jacquie Goodwill and Nick Tarabochia were present. City Staff included David Brereton and Terri Reed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Commission members reviewed the minutes of the October 4, 2006 meeting.

MOTION: Move to approve the October 4, 2006 meeting minutes as presented.
Goodwill / Tarabochia - unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cushman Trail Phase II Overview

Guests from W&H Pacific (Stacy Davis, Julia Hanson, and Mike Johnson) and Pierce County Parks (Terry Larson) were introduced. Terry Larson explained the purpose of this discussion was to bring the Parks Commission up to speed on the project and answer any questions. Ken Malich asked about the proposed alignment shown on the map provided. Terry Larson explained the process that was used for creating the feasibility report.

Pierce County funds and an IAC grant are being used to fund the project so far. National trail design guidelines have to be met in order to use the funding from the grant. There are also requirements for the existing use of the utility and for maintenance access. Decisions will have to be made as to how the funds can best be used. The wetland requirements will be a significant cost.

Ken Malich mentioned that he would like to keep the trail off the street portions as much as possible. Nick Tarabochia asked about the jogs in the trail and how they would be handled. Peter Hampl expressed his concerns about how the trail would go through Wilkinson Farm Park. Jacquie Goodwill mentioned that the steep grade will have to be taken into account. Michael Perrow would like to see connecting trails including one that goes to the wastewater treatment plant.

The next step in the plan is to facilitate some public meetings and get input on the design of the trail and how the funds could be used.

MOTION: Move to hold the first public hearing on Cushman Trail Phase II on the 1st Wednesday in December.
HAMPL / Tarabochia - unanimously approved.

Parks Appreciation Day 2007 Update

Michael Perrow, Jacquie Goodwill and Peter Hampl recently attended a meeting at Metro Parks in Tacoma for an update on the Parks Appreciation Day plans for next year. The event date of April 28, 2007 was chosen. The Parks Commission will be looking for some sponsors to help with the parks cleanup work. They would like to request \$500 to go towards marketing the event and would like to purchase a banner that can be displayed prior to the event every year. Peter mentioned putting the information in the City water bills and on the City website.

Peter Hampl would like to pursue getting an article in the Gateway about the event. Peter also asked for a proclamation from City Council making April 28, 2007 Park Appreciation Day. Michael Perrow would like to put an ad in the newspaper.

MOTION: Move to recommend to City Council to allocate \$500 to the Parks Foundation Fund for Parks Appreciation Day to cover costs of the event.
HAMPL / Goodwill - unanimously approved

Dave Brereton will ask for this item as an objective in the Parks budget at the budget workshop on November 7th and also include the cost of purchasing a banner.

Each commissioner will choose a park to be involved with and a list of projects will be created.

2007 Proposed Budget

The proposed 2007 Parks budget will be reviewed and any suggestions should be forwarded to Dave by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 6th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Peter Hampl expressed his appreciation for the Rotary's work on the Donkey Creek Park viewing platform. Nick Tarabochia asked that a letter of thanks be sent to the Rotary organization for their work upon completion.

A letter received from the Mayor to the Parks Commission was reviewed. It expressed his appreciation for their work and outlined some of the anticipated items in the 2007 budget.

Jacque Goodwill brought up that the King County Parks Vashon Skate Park has paid staff to run the park and monitor park activity. She would like to look at their ideas as to what makes their park work and how we could make our Skateboard Park more successful.

MOTION: Move to invite the Vashon Skate Park leadership to address the Parks Commission in early 2007
Goodwill / Hampl – four voted in favor, Nick Tarabochia voted no.


Jacque will make contact to schedule their attendance.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.
Malich / Tarabochia – unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Terri Reed