



**City of Gig Harbor  
Parks Commission Meeting Minutes  
March 7, 2007 @ 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, Nick Tarabochia and Jacquie Goodwill were present. City Staff included David Brereton, Rob Karlinsey and Terri Reed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Tabled to next meeting due to draft of minutes from the February 7, 2007 meeting not being available.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Skate Park**

The recommendations presented by Saul Fortunoff at the February 7, 2007 Parks Commission meeting were reviewed. They included:

- Smoking ban
- Signage
- Committee to take care of the park

Dave Brereton explained that the video surveillance system is currently being researched and will then be purchased and installed around the skate park, hopefully before June.

Jacquie Goodwill will send a letter of appreciation to Saul Fortunoff for sharing his skate park experience with the Commission.

Michael Perrow suggested that we invite the public to a Parks Commission meeting after we have a date for the camera installation.

**Parks Appreciation Day (April 28, 2007)**

Michael Perrow distributed postcards and posters for Parks Appreciation Day. A list of parks that will be having projects assigned needs to be submitted to Metro Parks for the News Tribune ad before March 15<sup>th</sup>. Nick Tarabochia will be assigned to Donkey Creek instead of Harborview Street End.

The Commission decided to distribute water bottles instead of giving out t-shirts to the volunteers. Jacquie Goodwill will take care of ordering water bottles through CenturyTel.

Names and addresses should be forwarded to Terri Reed for additional sponsor letters.

Rob Karlinsey asked the Parks Commission to review a City newsletter draft that will be going out soon since it includes park information. This will be sent by email. Parks Appreciation Day will also be mentioned in the newsletter.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Future Estuary Park Project**

Rob Karlinsey explained that the naming of parks in the downtown area should be referred to the Historical Society for a recommendation to Council.

Parks outside the downtown area should be referred to the Parks Commission for recommendation. The Commission discussed some suggestions that could be considered for the name of the new park on the west side of the City. This subject will be discussed at the next Parks Commission meeting.

#### **Donkey Creek Daylighting**

Ken Malich mentioned that a Council member asked him if the Parks Commission would consider sending letters of support for federal money for the daylighting of Donkey Creek.

**MOTION:** Move to submit a letter of support for the Donkey Creek Restoration Project to Norm Dicks, Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray.

Hamp / Perrow – unanimously approved.

Rob Karlinsey explained the concept proposed for Donkey Creek. Rob reviewed the ideas being considered and mentioned that it proposes to close North Harborview Street and re-route traffic to Austin Street.

#### **Smoking Ban in City Parks**

Michael Perrow and Jacquie Goodwill contacted some Council and Commission members about the idea of banning smoking in City parks. Michael also did some research on other City's policies on smoking in parks.

**MOTION:** Move that the Parks Commission request the City investigate the banning of all tobacco products in all City parks.

Hamp / Perrow

Two in favor, Malich, Goodwill, Tarrabochia voted no

**MOTION AMENDED:** To ban smoking in all City parks.

Tarabochia / Malich  
One in favor, Malich, Goodwill, Hampl, Perrow voted no

Dave Brereton suggested to the Commission members that they research the processes other cities have used to get their smoking ban ordinance adopted.

**MOTION:** Move that we ban smoking in Gig Harbor city parks and recommend that the City give the Commission feedback on this issue.

Tarabochia / Goodwill  
Four in favor, Malich voted no

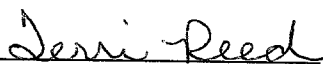
**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday April 4, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN:**

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.  
Tarabochia / Hampl – unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Terri Reed