



**City of Gig Harbor
Parks Commission Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2007 @ 5:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Ken Malich called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Roll was taken.

PRESENT: Commissioners Peter Hampl, Ken Malich and Michael Perrow were present. City Staff included David Brereton, Steve Misiurak, Matthew Keough and Terri Reed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Commission members reviewed the minutes of the February 7, 2007 and March 7, 2007 meetings.

MOTION: Move to approve the February 7, 2007 and March 7, 2007 meeting minutes as presented.
Hampl / Perrow - unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Westside Park

- **Master Plan Options**

Colie Hough-Beck with Hough Beck & Baird and Gus Garcia with HDR Engineering presented two conceptual master plans for Westside Park. They explained the details and differences in the plans and the constraints of the property. Questions and comments were taken from the Parks Commission and the public. Plan B was the preferred layout for the new park.

Jim Pasin, 3212 50th Street Ct., #104, provided public comment on the following issues:

- Believes the park name should be Westside Neighborhood Park
- Would like it to be kept a neighborhood park and not for recreational sports
- Would like more shelters installed
- Preferred Plan B, in order to stay away from retaining walls
- Would like there to be a buffer between the park and the neighborhood
- Would like to retain as many trees as possible
- Sewer easement location

- **Park Name**

This item was tabled until the May Parks Commission meeting, at which time the process for naming parks will be discussed.

Parks Appreciation Day (April 28, 2007)

Details for coordinating Parks Appreciation Day were discussed.

Smoking Ban in City Parks

A memo from Chief Mike Davis was distributed to the Commission. The memo provided some information from Mill Creek's Police Chief and their experience with a smoking ban in parks which they don't believe is effective.

Peter Hampl mentioned that he had discussed the smoking ban with Puyallup's Parks Director and said that the feedback was positive.

MOTION: Move to submit to Council Committee regarding an ordinance regulating lighted material in City parks for their review.

Hampl / Perrow – two in favor, Malich voted no.

NEW BUSINESS:

Arts Commission Presentation

Betty Willis, Vice-Chair of the Arts Commission, made a presentation about a bronze Cormorant statue that is being offered as a donation to the City to be placed in a park. The Arts Commission has chosen a location in the planting area at Skansie Park.

MOTION: Move that the Parks Commission concurs with the Arts Commission to accept and place the Cormorant statue at Skansie Park.

Perrow / Hampl – unanimously approved.

Park Updates

Dave Brereton gave brief updates on activities at some of the City parks.

Life Jacket Program

Dave Brereton explained that the City isn't going to be able to implement this program due to liability issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

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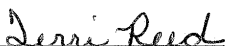
NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 8th @ 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

HAMPL / MALICH – unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Terri Reed