

ANACORTES PARKS & RECREATION

Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

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Jo Ann York-Gilmore
Brad Adams
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Meeting Minutes for Anacortes Parks Commission

March 8, 2022

Staff in attendance: Karl Wolfswinkel, Jonn Lunsford, Dustin South, Bob Vaux, Nicole Johnston

Called to order at 6:04pm

February meeting minutes unanimously approved

No Public Comments

Department Reports:

~Karl: Great programs at the ASAC recently from Bret Lunsford and Adam Farnsworth. Recent bake sale raised @ \$1100. 130 vaccinated at free ASAC walk in vaccine event. Other programs beginning to pick up, averaging about 10 more participants per day facility wide. Will be hosting local elected officials for talks soon. Thanks to the Parks Crew for doing some nice grounds work.

Commission happy to receive all the positive updates.

~Dustin: Shared options for an outdoor work out structure for the ASAC. Had a great first night of badminton, and youth volleyball is coming. Also working on finalizing summer programming. Youth track happening at the end of April. New table manners class getting some interest.

~Nicole: ballfield scheduling is fast and furious, featuring added numbers of ultimate, youth rugby and 7 on 7 football. The mowers have been fired up and we are pushing our restroom hours a little later. The hours on the lower restrooms at Washington Park are a big hit with staff, and have limited vandalism and other questionable behavior.

~Bob: The Rotary Trail project on Cap Sante has been fully permitted, and we will get the project started next week. The Commission discussed the project a bit.

~Jonn: has been working on a possible cell tower lease in Ace of Hearts Park. Commission discussion ensued. Jonn explained the permitting process follows the lease agreement being reached. Jonn has also been discussing the long fabled small repair/garage/boat storage with the Anacortes Waterfront Alliance. Jonn invited all the March 15 skate park planning meeting with

Grindline at the Council Chambers. Jonn discussed a variety of Samish Nation related topics with the Commission, with a focus on the work the Port is doing at Q'elech'ilhch Park. Jonn working to make sure there is not a hidden spot at the east end of the beach as the Port is closing the east access to the beach.

~JoAnn: the Commission's liaison to the Forest Advisory Board, shared the ebike decision update; to set up some control spots with the Friends of the Forest, and spend a year monitoring bicycle impacts, giving Class 1 ebikes a free pass for one year. Council may hear this first. Commission discussion ensued.

Sarah would like to bring back correspondence/communication as a formal agenda item.

Chris asks about the partnership with Fidalgo Pool? Jonn says it's over.

Brad would like to know about sea shell management on the Tommy Thompson Trail. Nicole talks about our volunteer team of trail cleaners, including Parks Commission member Alex.

Adjourned at 6:48pm