

Meeting Minutes for Anacortes Parks Commission

December 13, 2022

Board members present: JoAnn York-Gilmore, Brad Adams, Sarah Nichols, Christine Hansen

Staff present: Bob Vaux, Karl Wolfswinkle, Nicole Johnston

Meeting held by Zoom and in person at City Hall

Called to order at 6:01pm

Minutes: November minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Public Comments:

None

Correspondence and Communication:

JoAnn shared an update from the Forest Board. Transition Fidalgo was in attendance to give their annual report. Bob gave an update on the ACFL dams, with the grant request submitted. The Friends of the Forest benefit went well. The Trail Committee is looking for a new equestrian representative.

Trestle Update:

The Parks Foundation held their kickoff last week and so far have raised about \$160,000! It was a wonderful thing to see the whole community come together. All permits are approved and work is expected to start on January 3rd, weather permitting. Jonn and the police have met about installing cameras and solar lights.

West End Park:

Bob reported that at the Council meeting last night, there was support expressed to give one of the pieces of City owned property to Habitat for Humanity in some form. Details have not been finalized. Discussion ensued.

Staff Reports:

Karl reported that the Senior Center is having a great December. There have been school groups caroling and decorating, the North Pole/Santa event is this week. The Foundation retreat will be held in February with new volunteers. Karl is looking forward to some new programs in the new year. There was a retired doctor that came to the center while visiting family in the area. He has published a book on Alzheimer's and dementia and would like to give a talk at the center. More offerings in the new year will be for strength and balance, and other practical offerings.

Nicole reported that for most of November the crew was focused on leaves, leaves and more leaves! There was a dog rescue out at Washington Park involving the APD and AFD. Thankfully the dog was ok. The Wonderland Walk was amazing! Nicole expressed how proud of the team she is for their tremendous hard work. A question was brought up about lights at Rice Field and after hours/community hours. Nicole will check into this. Bob and Nicole met with a couple regular pickleball players. They are asking for some signage about the basic rules and courtesies of the game. The Board expressed support of a sign.

Bob reported on the Skate park. It is back on schedule with the drawings and the project is being coordinated with the R avenue improvements. We are waiting on the engineer for the next step on the Washington Park restrooms.

Other Business:

None

Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm