

## Meeting Minutes for Anacortes Parks Commission

March 14th, 2023

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

**Staff present:** Jonn Lunsford, Bob Vaux, Karl Wolfswinkle, Dustin South

**Guests present:** Peter Dragovich

Meeting held by Zoom and in person at City Hall

Called to order at 6:01pm

**Minutes:** February minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

### **Public Comments:**

Peter Dragovich was in attendance as a representative of the Anacortes High School class of '71. The group is wanting to do a bench or other memorial for classmate Lewis Austin Jones who was quite active in town as a photographer and artist. He also served on the Museum Board. They would like to have the memorial tied to the history of Jones, such as the museum, Depot, library or Preston. Jonn let Peter know that Nicole was the one to speak to about a memorial. The Board expressed support for this project.

### **Correspondence and Communication:**

JoAnn shared an update from the Forest Board. The Little Cranberry dam report was received today and contained no unexpected information. There will be a delay on the Whistle Lake dam report. The Forest Board was given a budget update by Jonn just like the Parks Board. Jonn reported that the Parks Foundation had their meeting today. The Mayor was in attendance and they spoke about the Guemes Channel Trail. There has been a change in ownership of the Lovric's property and the new owners are open to working with the Foundation to find a way forward. The Foundation is also looking at the issue of more pickle ball courts and finding an appropriate spot. Jonn shared that the community group continues to meet and talk about the Youth Community Center.

### **Parks 2024 Budget:**

The Board continued the discussion about the Parks budget that was started last month. They have reviewed the impact fees and also the Capital Facilities Projects (CFP). Jonn gave an overview of what projects have been completed and why those took priority-some were grant funded, others by donation, or due to necessity. It was suggested that the Board make a list of their top priorities, staff will look at what grants are available and then arrange the CFP based on that information. The Board was interested in going to Council to request a baseline in funding each year that would allow for planning, maintenance, repairs, large projects and grant

matches. They agreed that a predictable source and amount of funding is desired. Discussion continued about what to present to Council. The Board then asked that staff come up with a priority list or projects for the April meeting.

**ACFL Plan Update:**

Bob shared that the Forest Board is starting the process to review the Forest Plan. The last plan was adopted in November of 2021 after several delays. The Board is allowing plenty of time for a focused review by the public and board members.

**Staff Reports:**

Jonh shared that the Trestle grand re-opening will be on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 2pm.

Bob reported that the skate park project is just about to go out to bid. He also recently had a site visit with the engineer working on the Washington Park restrooms.

Karl shared that the Senior Center is working with their Foundation on the capital project of the outdoor space at the front of the building. The retreat with the Foundation will be this week, working on the long-range plan for the Center.

Dustin reported that the A-Town magazine will be out next month with the Recreation programs for Spring and Summer as well as lots of information from all City departments.

**Other Business:**

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Darby Jordan