

Meeting Minutes for Anacortes Parks Commission

April 11th, 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, Nicole Johnston

Meeting held by Zoom and in person at City Hall

Called to order at 6:00pm

Minutes: March minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Public Comments:

None

Correspondence and Communication:

JoAnn shared an update from the Forest Board. They held the first public comment session on the Forest Plan. It is anticipated that the Plan will be reviewed by section.

Parks 2024 Budget:

Jonn sent out the staff capital project priorities to the Board for review prior to the meeting. Items on the list included the Heart Lake Master Plan, Storvik Park and the SHIP trail repair. Discussion ensued about the steps needed for each project as well as needs, funding and permitting. The Board would like to go to the Council to present a statement about securing funding for the Parks Department and projects that they would like to see completed. The Board expressed approval and agreement with the staff list and feels the agreement will hold weight with Council and the community in the public process.

Staff Reports:

Karl shared that the Aging Mastery class is full, with registration at 24. Also, the Senior Center Foundation Gala, being held in May, sold out tickets in 3 hours! Karl hopes to have bids for the recreation area in the front of the building prior to the Gala so an update can be provided for fundraising. The latest bake sale raised about \$1500!

Dustin reported that the A-Town will be out next week. Also next week will be the first individual puzzle competition. This has proven to be a very popular event.

Jonn shared that the Community Youth Center committee is meeting about twice a month to review concepts and ideas. The clean up on T Avenue has shifted people into our parks and other areas, but all campers at Washington Park are paid in full.

Nicole reported that little league has started. She also spoke about the new field rental form. This will be for organizers that want to hold “for-profit” events at the fields.

Bob reported that the skate park project bids are due on April 13th by 1:30pm. The pump track is included in the design. Also, the restroom for Washington Park has been ordered.

Other Business:

Jonn shared a thank you to everyone in the community for the support in getting the Trestle rebuilt and back open.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Darby Jordan