

PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

August 8th, 2023

Call to Order: 6:03PM

Members Present: Sarah, Brad, Chris, JoAnne

Staff Present: Jonn, Bob, Nicole, Karl

June minutes unanimously approved as submitted.

Public Comments: none

Correspondence/Communication: moved to later on the agenda

Rotary Club Cap Sante Presentation: Jonn introduces Tom Decker, Project Lead for Rotary Club

Decker discusses history of Cap Sante East Side lookout proposal. Club has narrowed options down to two.

Current Rotary President Lindy _____ discusses club's Centennial and celebrating that through the work of this project.

Cap Sante resident, Parks Foundation Board Member and Kiwanian Cynthia Richardson expresses support for the project.

Decker continues with update. PreCon with City staff went well. GeoEngineers working on the biological study. Working on a survey to make sure project staying out of Shoreline jurisdiction. Parking and traffic study to follow. Final two options presented (attached here). Rotary hoping for Parks Commission support.

Q & A with the Commission ensues:

- COA will be the permitting lead

- solar lights being considered

- Rotary will provide volunteers to assist City with long term maintenance.

- Sarah would like to see improvements on the east Cap Sante amphitheater trail to complement this project

- Rotary wants to provide some seating but does not want it to be too comfortable.

Hoping to keep the visitors moving.

All Board members support the project and both options going forward.

Everyone leaves. Staff and Commission remain.

Cemetery Memorial Garden: Nicole discusses an assertive request from the local Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter for a garden at GVC. They have been doing some good work at the Depot and would like to expand their operation. Parks staff is supportive of their plans to put in a memorial near the Viet Nam Veterans memorial at GVC.

Karl's report: summer attendance numbers at the ASAC are good. Helping Fidalgo Pool with some exercise space during their summer closure. Looking forward to celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the ASAC at the Sept 30 pavilion dedication.

Bob's report: had fun taking Rachel Muntean, head of the Anacortes Skate Park Improvement project, to the job site today. Progress is solid, Rachel is happy. Wash Park RR project is coming together. Engineering submittal should be in any minute. Nicole's report: Little League state tourney went well. Starting to lose seasonal staff to various colleges.

Jonn's report: Rec staff busy with end of summer programming, and soccer firing up. We will be paying ASD janitors to assist with our after hours needs. Thanks to the Parks Foundation for the support of the Anacortes Middle School adjustable backboards purchase and installation. We are looking at options for an RCO deferred maintenance grant, no match required. Partnering with the Samish on long term removal of creosote from Fidalgo Bay. Will be many years toward that goal. Nothing new on the Youth Center. We are looking into in-house options for the Storvik small courts.

Sarah asked about the sand volleyball courts proposal the Commission received some time ago. The proposing group is no longer interested.

Jonn continued that he is continuing discussions with Habitat for Humanity regarding the west end park property that group is taking over.

JoAnn gave a thorough update of the Aug 3 Forest Advisory Board meeting. That group's minutes are available via the City's website.

Sarah asked for a budget update. Jonn continues his work with Finance Director Steve Hoglund, as well as working with the Council on creative funding ideas for Parks projects.

Meeting Adjourns at 7:13PM.