

AGENDA  
CHUCKANUT COMMUNITY FOREST PARK DISTRICT  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, June 25, 2015  
Held at: Fairhaven Branch, Bellingham Public Library  
1117 12<sup>th</sup> St, Bellingham, WA  
Fireplace Room 7:00 to 9:00 PM  
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Our Mission: The mission of the Chuckanut Community Forest Park District is to ensure the entirety of the property is protected in perpetuity in public ownership, with respect for its ecological, recreational, and educational functions and to serve as a fiscal mechanism through which the district, via a tax levy, will repay the City of Bellingham for the Greenways Endowment Fund loan.

**Call to order:** President John Hymas. Welcome Commissioners and Citizens. Per Chapter 42.30 RCW (Open Public Meetings Act), CCFPD board meetings are open to the public. This meeting is being voice recorded.

**Roll Call:** Susan Kaun, John Brown (Clerk), Vince Biciunas, John Hymas (President), Cathy McKenzie (excused).

**Motion:** to approve the Agenda for today's meeting. Discussion. Vote.

**Introductions:** Those who wish to be acknowledged, including CCFPD legal counsel.

**Public Comment:** Please limit remarks to 3 minutes.

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of May 28, 2015 Regular Meeting. Discussion. Vote.

**Report:** A. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Report, from Parks and Rec Board member, Bill Hasenjaeger, and from CCFPD liaison, John Brown.

B. Issue of bicycle ramp building and trail destruction, hole digging, etc. Suggestions from James King, Bill Hasenjaeger, and Michael Chiavario. If James King attends, perhaps he can update/COB Parks perspectives re: Ski-to-Sea permit approval process, ongoing CCF trail damage/mis-use, and ways we can work together if this race course issue arises again next year.

**Report:** Baseline study status. Susan Kaun.

Review of Eissinger's comments to Susan Kaun (May 11, 13): "The number and density of foot paths within the CCF is...more than what is documented and appears to be growing rapidly. I even found a pick and rake and newly disturbed ground while visiting the site. To update the existing trails map would be a major undertaking to do accurately, and would require walking each trail and path with a high resolution GPS unit, and doing so during good weather, then mapping and proofing the results. This is well beyond my contract..."

"I would like to suggest that we use the best available mapped information and state that it does not reflect all of the foot paths and side trails within the property boundaries. Since a permanent trail system has yet to be defined, and will require considerable time and effort to design in order to

avoid impacts to wetlands and sensitive areas, further trail mapping is best left for the Master Planning process. At that time a complete trails and foot paths map could be developed and used as a tool to define what is improved and how, and what is decommissioned and restored. If this approach is acceptable please let me know. If there are other suggestions please send them my way. I look forward to hearing back from you and the Board.”

“One suggestion I would make to the CCFPD Commissioners is to create a citizen stewardship group to simply walk through the CCF on a regular basis. This could be members of your board, neighbors, user groups, and others like Bill Hasenjaeger, who are willing to be a presence in the CCF and report any “issues.” This would need to be coordinated with Bellingham Parks and have some defined structure and someone to report to, but could prove invaluable in averting any major damage or abuse of the forest lands. I am particularly concerned about the side trail expansion, off trail encampments, in-trail digging and disturbance, and in the dry season – fire! With a few dedicated citizens much of this activity could be stopped or at least dealt with. I am making this suggestion given the fact that there are issues that we know about and the Master Plan and associated active management of the site will take some time to define, complete and activate.”

**Report:** Status of Naylor property gift. John Hymas.

**Report:** On status of hiring secretary/assistant to the Clerk. John Brown. Registration of UBI #. Related issues. Possible questions to put to counsel. Posting on the website words regarding Robyn Dupre’s passing (done).

**Motion:** To invite a representative from Whatcom and/or Skagit Land Trust for CCFPD July meeting to present examples of what might be needed for a Trust to assume the CCFPD Conservation Easement when CCFPD dissolves. The board should begin a fact-finding process to plan for facilitating transfer of the Conservation Easement. Discussion.

**Report:** By counsel, public information on status of legal defense in *Ferlin et. al.*

**Treasurer’s Report:** As of June 2, 2015, Treasurer’s Report, beginning unencumbered cash balance is \$287,179.44, ending unencumbered cash balance is \$218,682.34, including \$36,326.00 received from Ferlins et al for legal Anti-Slapp penalty and fees--to be held pending their appeal.

**Petty Cash:** Balance in Heritage Bank account as of 6/25/2015, is \$2,628.64. Check (#1010) written June 8 to Highwaters Media (\$217.50) for website maintenance.

**Next regular meeting:** Thursday July 23, 2015, at Fairhaven Library, Fireplace Room, 7:00 PM.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion to approve Legal Service Invoice #73113 from Carmichael Clark PS in amount of \$1,077.00, for regular legal counsel services, and Invoice #73114 for \$2,476.00, for matters relating to Ferlin et.al. legal case. Discussion. Vote.

**Motion:** To adjourn to Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel *Ferlin et. al.* Discussion. Vote. Executive Session to last\_\_ minutes. We expect to re-adjourn at \_\_ P.M.

**Return from Executive Session and report. Time:** \_\_\_\_\_. Action?

**Old or New Business.**

**Adjourn.** Time.