

APPROVED MINUTES  
CHUCKANUT COMMUNITY FOREST PARK DISTRICT  
Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 23, 2015

Held at: Fairhaven Branch, Bellingham Public Library

1117 12<sup>th</sup> St, Bellingham, WA

In the Fireplace Room

7:00 to 9:00 PM

Our Mailing Address: PO Box 4283, Bellingham, WA 98227

**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:** The meeting was called to order by John Hymas at 7:00 pm.

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

**Motion:** Vince Biciunas moved to approve the Agenda for tonight's meeting and Cathy McKenzie seconded. Vote was 4/0 to approve, one excused.

**Introductions:** Those who wish to be acknowledged as present, including our legal counsel. Bill Hasenjaeger, from Parks Advisory Board, and Simi Jain, counsel, present.

**No Public Comment.**

**Motion:** To approve the Minutes of our March 26, 2015 Regular Meeting. Vince Biciunas moved and Cathy McKenzie seconded. Vote was 4/0 to approve, one excused.

**Report:** Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Report, from Parks and Rec. Advisory Board member, Bill Hasenjaeger, and from our board's liaison John Hymas. Mr. Hasenjaeger explained the proposed Ski-to-Sea route, with maps. Discussion of impact on critical areas before baseline study is completed.

**Motion:** To have counsel write Director King expressing concerns, and to have John Hymas and V. Biciunas talk with Director King. V. Biciunas moved, C. McKenzie seconded. Vote was 4/0 to approve, one excused.

Further discussion of horses on trails in CCFPD. Mr. Hymas had spoke with Director King, who informed him that no horses would be considered being allowed until a master plan was completed.

**Report:** Status of Baseline study. Susan Kaun. Ongoing baseline study, and Susan Kaun would notify Ann Eissinger of board's Ski-to-Sea concerns.

**Report:** Status of Naylor property gift. John Hymas wrote a letter to Mr. Naylor. No response.

**Report:** On status of hiring secretary/assistant to the Clerk. John Brown reports that no action has been taken on the hiring. Clerk Brown informed Mr. Hymas of deadlines on filing ONLINE for next election of commissioner post #2.

**Discussion:** Publicly known information on the status of our legal defense in *Ferlin et. al*. Report by counsel.

**Motion:** For Clerk to prepare cash request sheet for return of funds to Ferlin et al of \$36,326 plus interest, if court determines such legal funds are to be returned. Motion by C. McKenzie, seconded by V. Biciunas. Vote was 4/0 to approve, one excused.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of the April 4, 2015 Treasurer's Report, ending unencumbered cash balance is \$133,788.03, including the \$36,326.00 received from the Ferlins et al for legal Anti-Slapp penalty and fees, which needs to be held pending their appeal.

**Petty Cash:** Balance as of 4/23/2015, with deposit of \$875.00 to replenish account, is \$2,846.14. No checks written in last month.

**Next regular meeting:** Thursday May 28, 2015, at Fairhaven Public Library, Fireplace Room, at 7:00 PM.

**Consent Agenda: Motion** to approve Legal Service Invoice #72604 Carmichael Clark PS in the amount of \$813.50, for regular legal services, and Invoice #72605 for \$9,931.00, for matters relating to the *Ferlin et.al.* legal case. V. Biciunas moved the motion, C. McKenzie seconded. Vote was 4/0 to approve, one excused.

**Motion:** To adjourn to Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel *Ferlin et. al.* legal defense. V. Biciunas moved, John Brown seconded. Vote was 4/0 to approve, one excused. Executive Session anticipated to last 15 minutes. Time: 8:22 pm.

**Return from Executive Session. Time:** 8:36 pm. No action.

**Old or New Business.** None.

**Adjourn.** 8:40pm.