

APPROVED MINUTES  
CHUCKANUT COMMUNITY FOREST PARK DISTRICT  
Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 28, 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:** At 7PM, meeting called to order by John Brown, Clerk, presiding for John Hymas.

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

**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. Simi Jain, counsel, and Michael Chiavario.

**No Public Comment.**

**Motion:** To approve the Minutes of our April 23, 2015 Regular Meeting. Vince Biciunas moved and Cathy McKenzie seconded. Vote was 3/1 to approve, one excused. (Minutes were subsequently posted on website.)

**Report:**

A. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Report. None. Last monthly meeting canceled.

B. Re: building of bicycle ramps and damage to park. After two CCFPD commissioners, along with Parks Director King and others, walked the property in April, James King suggested developing the old quarry as a bicycle jumping area. At the May meeting, Michael Chiavario spoke, noting more recent trail damage. The question was raised whether any a jumping area can be developed before the Master Plan. Signage prohibiting ramp development was discussed. Restoration of damage areas was discussed.

**Motion:** To have counsel write a letter to James King, cc'd to Mayor Linville and City Council, expressing urgent need for Master Plan to proceed, such to involve the public, mountain bikers, kids using bikes in the park. The letter to be signed by President Hymas and delivered to addressed parties. Vince Biciunas so moved, Sue Kaun seconded. Vote was 4/0 to approve, one excused. Further recommendation that the CCFPD Board write monthly to City Council and Mayor to promote start of the Master Plan.

**Report:** Status of Baseline study. Susan Kaun. Ms. Eissinger is finishing up baseline study. Board discussed generally the idea of telling James King that we would like Eissinger to assess the idea of using the quarry for mtn. bike recreation.

**Report:** Status of hiring secretary/assistant to the Clerk. John Brown. No action taken. Vince Biciunas did check further Labor and Industry issues regarding the hiring.

**Motion:** File application for UBI# to prepare for hiring a secretary to assist the clerk. Sue Kaun moved and Vince Biciunas seconded. Vote was 3/1, one excused.

**Motion:** To post on website, respecting Robyn Dupre's passing, words of appreciation for her efforts on behalf of CCFPD. Vince Biciunas moved and Sue Kaun seconded. Vote was 4/0, one excused.

**Report:** Financial Report for 2014 submitted to State Auditor's office. Vince Biciunas and John Brown.

**Discussion:** Publicly known information on the status of our legal defense in *Ferlin et. al.* Report by counsel. Nothing has changed. Waiting to hear from Supreme Court, perhaps in early July.

**Treasurer's Report:** John Brown. As of May 4, 2015, beginning unencumbered cash balance is \$133,788.03, ending unencumbered cash balance is \$287,179.44, 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 as of 5/28/2015, \$2,846.14. No checks written in last month.

**Next regular meeting:** June 25, 2015, at Fairhaven Public Library, Fireplace Room, 7:00 PM.

**Consent Agenda: Motion** to approve Legal Service Invoice #72851 Carmichael Clark PS in the amount of \$381.00, for regular legal services, and Invoice #72852 for \$2,915.50, for matters relating to the *Ferlin et.al.* legal case. V. Biciunas so moved, Sue Kaun seconded. Vote was 4/0 to approve, one excused.

**No Motion made** to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel *Ferlin et. al.* legal defense.

**New Business:** Cathy McKenzie advises inviting a representative from Whatcom and/or Skagit Land Trust for the July meeting to present examples of what might be needed from either non-profit group to assume the CCFPD Conservation Easement when the CCFPD dissolves. Further, that the CCFPD Commissioners begin a fact-finding process so they can plan ahead for whatever the CCFPD Board should do.

**Adjourn.** 8:31PM.