

APPROVED MINUTES  
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

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 Hymas, President.

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

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

**Introductions:** Those who wish to be acknowledged as present. Bob Carmichael, counsel, Michael Chiavario, Bill Hasenjaeger, Dan Waters. Daniel Probst later joined the meeting as a party interested in the mountain bike issue in the CCF.

**Public Comment.** Anticipating later discussion of mtn. bike issue, parties held off.

**Motion:** To approve the Minutes of our May 28, 2015 Regular Meeting. Vince Biciunas moved and Susan Kaun seconded. Vote was 4/0 to approve, one excused. (Approved Minutes now posted on website.)

**Report:** Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Report. Bill Hasenjaeger spoke of danger zones when people tear down bike jumps and dig holes. Bill noted that bike activity is growing; he wants to re-direct this activity to an official spot—like the old quarry (James King's idea). Bill called for a short-term solution, while we wait for a Master Plan. Ms. Biciunas emphasized the need to get a Master Plan in motion.

Bill and Michael Chiavario disagreed on whether trail damage has grown since the park became public. Bill envisioned public meetings, feedback, development of a plan, with City Parks aware. Vince Biciunas called for consistency: public input should funnel through a Master Plan, and the Parks Advisory Board should direct the Park Director to push that plan. Mr. Hymas suggested a "mini-master plan" to proceed with developing the old quarry for bike jumping. Further suggestion emerged that Ms. Eissinger or some CITY OFFICIAL(s) could evaluate the quarry for bicycle use. Counselor Carmichael noted that in the short-term the Parks Dept. needs to "lead."

Dan Waters disagreed with re-directing the Ski-to-Sea race out of the park. Daniel Probst, biking enthusiast, approves working on the bike issue before a Master Plan is complete.

Michael Chiavario called for interim involvement of the public, restoration of damaged areas enforcement of rules, and signs at all major entrances to the park and at key sites.

Mr. Hasenjaeger re-affirmed that re-direction is key; but public needs another mtn. bike site in the interim, before Master Plan is underway and completed.

**Report:** Baseline Study. Susan Kaun. A draft document is coming soon.

**Report:** Status of hiring secretary to the Clerk. John Brown. Registration of UBI # is needed, efforts underway to get job candidates. Vince Biciunas did check further Labor and Industry issues regarding the hiring. (So, subsequently, did John Brown, and we need an L & I #, along with a Fed. Tax I.D. #, and an Unemployment Security #. Ongoing work on those issues proceeds—note as of July 21, 2015.)

**Motion:** To invite representative from Whatcom and/or Skagit Land Trust for CCFPD July meeting, for discussion of what CCFPD Board needs to do. Ms. Biciunas suggested we delay voting on this until the July meeting, when we will have, or will be near to having, the baseline study and can give it to some Land Trust for review. No action.

**Report:** Appreciative words regarding Robyn Dupre's passing, drafted by Vince Biciunas and John Brown, including words by John Hymas, were posted on the CCFPD website.

**Discussion:** Publicly known information on the status of our legal defense in *Ferlin et. al.* Report by counsel. Nothing has changed. We haven't heard from the Supreme Court.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of May 4, 2015, beginning unencumbered cash balance is \$133,788.03, ending 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. In the event, Bob Carmichael will make recommendations for repayment amount and interest and let the Board know. The parties might want calculations split four separate ways, having submitted four separate checks to the Board before.

**Petty Cash:** Balance as of 5/28/2015, \$2,628.24. Check (#1010) written June 8 to Highwaters Media (\$217.50) for website maintenance.

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

**Consent Agenda: Motion** to approve Legal Service Invoice #73113 from Carmichael Clark PS in amount of \$1077.00, for regular legal counsel services, and Invoice #73114 for \$2,476.00 for matters relating to Ferlin et.al. legal case. Motion by Vince Biciunas, seconded by Susan Kaun. Vote was 4/0 to approve, one excused.

**New Business:** Vince Biciunas said that Stan Snapp, former City Council member, has asked her to be on the Steering Cmte. For Greenways 4. Vince may do it. Further, Vince proposes a party might be in order when Padden Creek is daylighted.

**Adjourn.** 8:19 PM.