

Minutes—Regular Meeting
CHUCKANUT COMMUNITY FOREST PARK DISTRICT
Thursday, July 23, 2015
Fairhaven Branch, Bellingham Public Library
1117 12th St, Bellingham, WA
Fireplace Room 7:00 to 9:00 PM
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 President John Hymas.

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

Motion: Susan Kaun moved to approve the Agenda for tonight, and Cathy McKenzie seconded. Vote was 4/0 to approve, one excused.

Introductions: Those who wish to be acknowledged, including legal counsel. Simi Jain, Bill Hasenjaeger, Sean Keyes.

Public Comment: Comment deferred until Report from Parks and Rec. liaison.

Motion: To approve minutes of June 25, 2015 Regular Meeting. Sue Kaun moved to approve, J. Brown seconded. Vote was 3/0, one abstained, one excused.

Report: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Report, from Parks and Rec Board member, Bill Hasenjaeger, and from CCFPD liaisons, John Hymas and John Brown. Bill H. has spoken with kids mtn. biking in park and wants to work on directing their energy away from building bike jumps.

James King, Parks Director, will attend August 27 meeting and update COB Parks perspectives re: Ski-to-Sea permit approval process, ongoing CCF trail damage, ramp building for mtn. bikes, and ways to resolve problems. Letter from James King, acknowledging CCFPD Board letter, recently received by CCFPD Board.

Motion: Cathy McKenzie moved to extend Baseline Study Contract to end date of Sept. 30, 2015, so Board has time to review the Study and invite Ms. Eissinger to an August meeting for a discussion with the Board. Sue Kaun seconded. Vote was 4-0 to approve, one excused.

Motion: To approve Special Meeting of CCFPD on August 19—meeting room to be scheduled and counsel's availability to be made certain—to review the draft of the Baseline Study Contract. Sue Kaun moved and Cathy McKenzie seconded. Vote was 4/0 to approve, one excused.

Report: Status of Naylor property gift. John Hymas will contact Tim Wahl.

Report: Status of hiring secretary. John Brown. \$59.00 E-check sent to WA. State Business Licensing Service to register for UBI #, a step towards hiring a secretary. UBI # has been assigned. Related issues: securing Employ. Security #, Fed. Tax #, L & I #.

Motion: To produce job description for next regular meeting and approve payrate of \$15-25/hr. DOE—in anticipation that possible candidate will be interviewed and hired at the next meeting. Sue Kaun so moved, John Hymas seconded. Vote was 3/1, one excused.

Motion withdrawn: To invite a representative from Whatcom and/or Skagit Land Trust for CCFPD August 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.

Report: By counsel, status of legal defense in *Ferlin et. al.* Case is going back to Judge Garrett.

Treasurer's Report: As of June 2, 2015, Treasurer's Report, beginning unencumbered cash balance was \$218,682.34, ending unencumbered cash balance was \$203,531.28, including \$36,326.00 received from Ferlins et al for legal Anti-Slapp penalty and fees--held pending their appeal.

Petty Cash: Balance in Heritage Bank account as of 6/30/2015, was \$2,628.64, which does not reflect the \$59.00 E-check to the State of Washington Business Licensing Service for filing for a Business License Application (7/2/1015).

Next regular meeting: August 27, 2015, at Fairhaven Library, Fireplace Room, 7:00 PM.

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve June 30, 2015, Invoice #73340 from Carmichael Clark PS for \$2,937.50, for regular legal counsel services, and Invoice #73341 for \$71.00, for Ferlin et.al. legal case. Also, to approve refund to Ferlins of \$36,326.00. Sue Kaun so moved, Cathy McKenzie seconded. Vote was 4/0 to approve, one excused.

Motion withdrawn: To adjourn to Executive Session to discuss *Ferlin et. al.*

Old or New Business.

Motion, regarding dogs off-leash in the park: John Hymas moved to have Sue Kaun contact Humane Society to inform them of issue. Cathy McKenzie seconded. Vote was 4/0 to approve, one excused.

Discussion of changing meeting times from 7PM to 6PM. Simi Jain will check with Bob Carmichael.

Adjourn. 8:45PM.