

RECORD OF PROCEEDING OF
CHUCKANUT COMMUNITY FOREST PARK DISTRICT
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 25, 2013

Fairhaven Branch, Bellingham Public Library
1117 12th St, Bellingham, WA
In the 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.

Called To Order The meeting was called to order by President John Hymas at 7 pm.

Commissioners and Citizens were welcomed and thanked for attending, and informed that per Chapter 42.30 RCW (Open Public Meetings Act), all CCFPD board meetings are open to the public.

Roll Call:

Susan Kaun
John Hymas, President
John Brown
Vince Biciunas, Clerk
Cathy McKenzie

All Present

Motion was made to approve the Agenda for today's meeting by John Brown and seconded by Susan Kaun. Mission statement word-smithing discussed. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Public Comments Heard (3 minutes)

Christopher Grannis reminded us of the “Ecological Treasure” that we have in Chuckanut Ridge and told of his recent sighting there of a barred owl. Asked that we refer to John McLaughlin’s treatise on the value of the forest. Supports our mission statement.

Gerry Wilbour agrees with previous speaker and suggests it might be tricky to plan for combining uses, recreational and educational, keeping aesthetics, when we get into the Master Planning process with the City. Asks for community collaboration of all stakeholders.

Public Comments Concluded.

Motion to approve minutes from June 27th Regular Meeting made by Sue Kaun and seconded by John Brown. There were a few changes. Minutes approved with changes, unanimously.

Motion was made to table the approval of a Promissory Note for \$100,000 pending more information and discussion with our Treasurer Steven Oliver, by John Brown and seconded by Cathy McKenzie. Vote passed 5 to 0.

Decision on our Policies and Procedures Manual was deferred to next month pending the Clerk’s submission of a tentative document to consider with relevant topics.

Motion was made by Sue Kaun and seconded by Vince Biciunas to direct our President to consult with insurance agent Bob Wallin on our insurance needs, such as errors and omissions, hold harmless, or directors and officers liability insurance. Discussion, and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Vince Biciunas and seconded by Susan Kaun to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the negotiations to date with the City of Bellingham on our Interlocal Agreement and Conservation Easement. Executive session expected to last about 30 minutes, and no action will likely be taken afterwards. Approved unanimously.

Adjourned Regular Meeting at 8:05 PM

Executive Session

Regular session reconvened at 9:05 PM.

John Hymas reported that we discussed the Interlocal Agreement and Conservation Easement with our legal counsel. No action taken.

Clerk's Report:

Motion made by Sue Kaun and seconded by Cathy McKenzie to approve the warrant for payment of \$2,880.50 to Zender Thurston for legal services. Passed unanimously.

Clerk reported that she will get policies and procedures manual started, and that she will get web site information so we can post our meeting minutes and public comments for the public.

No further business.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 PM