

RECORD OF PROCEEDING OF
CHUCKANUT COMMUNITY FOREST PARK DISTRICT
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Thursday, June 26, 2014

Held at: Fairhaven Branch, Bellingham Public Library
1117 12th St, Bellingham, WA
In the Fireplace Room
7:00 to 9:00 PM

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

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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:

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

Quorum Present

Motion was made to approve the agenda for today's meeting. John Brown moved and Cathy McKenzie seconded to approve the agenda, with added discussion on

support for the naming, of Chuckanut Community Forest. With Sue Kaun excused, vote was 4 to 0 to approve tonight's agenda.

Attending, in addition to Commissioners, were Legal Counsel Bob Carmichael and Bill Hasenjaeger.

There were no public Comments.

Report: Presented by Bill Hasenjaeger on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting held since our last meeting. Bill reported on the naming of the park at the foot of Cornwall Avenue, at Cornwall Beach, with sensitivity to Lummi Nation and the addition of their cultural signage. John Brown commented on naming of Chuckanut Forest separate from Fairhaven Park. No action on Chuckanut Community Forest at this meeting. City Council will ultimately decide on the naming after citizen and Parks Board input.

Motion: To approve minutes from May 22nd made by John Brown and seconded by Cathy McKenzie. Minutes approved with one minor wording change, 4 to 0, one Commissioner Excused.

Motion: To send a letter to Bellingham City Council in support of the pending Rezone from Residential-Multi to Public, made by Vince Biciunas, seconded by Cathy McKenzie. A draft letter has circulated among Commissioners. Clerk read the text of the letter. Letter approved 4 to 0 with one Commissioner Excused.

Motion: Cathy McKenzie, responding to some constituent input, made the motion that we send a letter to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommending that we name "our" forest "Chuckanut Community Forest" when they are ready to discuss that issue. Vince Biciunas seconded. Discussion included the possibility of holding a public hearing to solicit comments from our constituents prior to writing our letter to the City with our naming recommendation. Alternatively, it is the responsibility of the Parks Advisory Board to solicit names and then make a recommendation, taking into account our wishes if/when we make them known officially. Due to lack of support for this motion at this time, Commissioner McKenzie withdrew the motion, as did Commissioner Biciunas.

Discussion: Letter was sent in February 2014, to our Treasurer's office, authorizing monthly payments to the City of Bellingham, per our Interlocal Agreement. No further action is required at this time. Payments will be made as required.

Treasurer's Report: Our balance as of June 3, 2014, is \$141,901.17. Clerk completed three payment transactions as authorized at last month's meeting: the Special Election 2013 payment, the Promissory Note repayment with interest, and the \$50,000 as a first payment to the City of Bellingham, due by July 1, 2014, received by the City on June 5th. Our true balance after these transactions clear,

is \$38,858.75. Clerk circulated the tracking spreadsheet of payments made and expected/estimated revenue going forward.

Petty Cash: \$41.03 deducted for check printing costs. Balance today is \$2,936.67.

Report: John Hymas and Cathy McKenzie reported on preparation for our Baseline Study Request for Proposals, with a draft letter in the works.

Report: Cathy McKenzie has corresponded with John King of Highwaters Media, to update our webpage. She also described a forest habitat restoration area, Fanno Creek Trail, in the Tualatin, OR area.

Meeting Dates: Our next Regular Meeting will be Thursday, July 24, 2014, at the same time and location. August, September and October meetings will be the fourth Thursdays. For our November and December meetings, we have reserved this room for the second Thursdays, November 13, and December 11.

Consent Agenda: Sign warrants to pay Zender Thurston PS on Invoice #69903, \$2,370.00 and Invoice #70186, \$1,130.50 for legal services, \$3,500.50 total. Vince Biciunas made the motion, Cathy McKenzie seconded. Approved 4 to 0 with one Commissioner Excused.

No further business.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM.