

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

Regular Meeting

Thursday, August 28, 2014

Held at: 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 7:06 pm. No audio recording made tonight.

Roll Call:

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

Quorum Present

Motion was made to approve the agenda for today's meeting. Susan Kaun moved and Vince Biciunas seconded to approve the agenda. Vote was unanimous, 4/0 with one absent, to approve.

Six citizens were in attendance, in addition to our legal counsel, Robert Carmichael. Attending, Joe Yaver, Bill Hassenjaeger, Christopher Grannis, Ann Ziccardi, Mark Denkler, Bill Heinley.

Public Comment:

Christopher Grannis spoke regarding an appeal of a wetland delineation and categorization near Hoag Pond. This appeal is based on an erroneous wetland delineation made by Northwest Ecological Services. He strongly recommends we hire Ann Eissinger for our Baseline Study.

Joe Yaver spoke also in support of Ann Eissinger to write our Baseline Study. He cited his previous history with Responsible Development, and experience with characterizations and mis-characterizations of wetlands of the past.

Bill Hasenjaeger reported that the City is supportive of efforts to create a trail connecting 18th Street with Fairhaven Park, spearheaded by new Park Stewards Recreation Northwest.

Bill Heinley spoke in support of our hiring Ann Eissinger to write our Baseline Study.

Public Comments concluded.

Motion: To approve the Minutes of our July 24, 2014 Regular Meeting, made by Vince Biciunas and seconded by Cathy McKenzie. Approved 3/0, with one excused absent tonight and one excused abstention in July.

Motion: Made by Sue Kaun and seconded by Vince Biciunas, to create a two-person committee to review candidates and RFQ's to produce our Baseline Study Report. Discussion. Motion and second was withdrawn.

Motion: To invite to come to answer questions and make a short presentation at our next Regular Meeting, September 28, the two candidates who have submitted RFQ's: Ann Eissinger of Nahkeeta Northwest and Vikki Jackson of Northwest Ecological Services, made by Cathy McKenzie and seconded by Vince Biciunas. Discussion. Motion passed 3 to 1 with one absent. Clerk will send a written invitation to each party.

Report: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Report by Bill Hasenjaeger, their board member. Repeated his comments about City support for a new trail connection, reinforced gravel path, into the forest via 18th Street and connecting it to Fairhaven Park, avoiding the wetland in that section. Gerry Wilbour has volunteered to design the trail. Recreation Northwest is gathering volunteer funds to pay for the trail. There is a new Parks and Rec Board member, Don Laws, and there are two other vacancies.

Motion: Made by Vince Biciunas and seconded by Cathy McKenzie, to approve and authorize a Confidentiality Agreement with the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County, pertaining to the current litigation, *Ferlin et.al.* Discussion and elaboration on the need for it, presented by Bob Carmichael. Motion passed 4/0 with one absent.

Treasurer's Report: Our balance as of August 4, 2014 is \$36,067.90. Our Petty Cash balance today is \$2,802.14. Copy cost paid for today's meeting documents was \$134.53.

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve Legal Service Invoice #70469 to Zender Thurston PS in the amount of \$787.50. Motion made by Sue Kaun, Seconded by Cathy McKenzie, motion passed 4/0 with one absent.

Report: Commissioner McKenzie reported that she will add Recreation Northwest's fund-raising link to our web page's Stewardship page. She also reported on the difficulty experienced earlier this August when we needed to announce our Special Meeting and our web master was out of town on vacation. She has since made arrangements to learn passwords and how to post messages when necessary.

Motion: Made by Sue Kaun and seconded by Vince Biciunas to convene an Executive Session to discuss with our legal counsel the lawsuit, *Ferlin et. al. v. Chuckanut Community Forest Park District et. al.* Discussion. Vote was 4/0 with one absent to convene an Executive Session. Session will last around 40 minutes. Adjourn time was 7:50 PM. We will re-convene at 8:30 PM.

Back in Regular Session at 8:30 PM. No one present outside the doors.

Back to Executive Session at 8:31 PM.

Back in Regular Session at 8:50 PM. No action taken in Executive Session.

Motion: Because John Hymas reported that he might not be in attendance at our September 25th meeting, Vince Biciunas made the motion and Sue Kaun seconded, to appoint John Brown as President Pro Tem, so that he could lead a meeting in John Hymas' absence. Discussion. Motion approved 4/0 with one absent.

No further business.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM.