

MINUTES — Regular Meeting
CHUCKANUT COMMUNITY FOREST PARK DISTRICT
Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at 6 PM
 Online Meeting Through Zoom
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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.

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Call to order: Welcome Commissioners and Citizens. Per Chapter 42.30 RCW (Open Public Meetings Act), CCFPD board meetings are open to the public. Due to the Covid-19 outbreak and the Governor's "Stay At Home" Order, this meeting of the Chuckanut Community Forest Park District will be conducted online on Zoom.

Roll Call: Frank James (President), John Hymas (Clerk), John McLaughlin, and Hue Beattie present. John Brown excused.

Motion: by John McLaughlin to approve the Agenda for today's meeting. Second by Hue Beattie. Approved 4/0.

Introductions: Those who wish to be acknowledged including legal counsel, Catherine Moore, secretary Robyn Albro, Chris Webb and Tina Mirabile from Herrera Environmental.

Public Hearing on Stewardship Plan and Master Plan: See separate minutes of Public Hearing with comments.

Draft of Letter re Master Plan

Frank James: So, John drafted a letter that all of you received. It would be representing us. We haven't really had the time that it might take to review that letter or to have a full discussion necessarily by everyone. We do have four members present and so we can certainly have that discussion. If we are going to send it, representing us as Commissioners, as the Board, I think we should have a motion to do that and then some discussion about additions, corrections, deletions, that sort of thing. I thought it was thoughtful and comprehensive. I personally would be happy to sign it, but I think there's room for improvement in any document. John Hymas: I'm about ¾ of the way through it. John is the scientist. I got to back what he's saying. It's really thoughtful so I'm good with it. Hue Beattie: I'll sign it.

Hue Beattie: I move we accept the letter that John McLaughlin, who wrote the constructive comments on the Draft Master Planning process. John Hymas: I'll second that.

John McLaughlin: Regarding timing, I was concerned about the intention of the Parks Department to have this plan reviewed and approved by the City Council this month. Frank James: What she said was August. It's already gone through the Greenways Committee. It's going through Parks Advisory Board and then it will go to City Council in August. John McLaughlin: So, the other question is, is it too harsh? I care about the place, the plan and the work and investments this plan is going to take to implement so I want to get it right. I also want to support our partners in doing this, so I don't want to seem overly critical.

Frank James: I think that while I agree with almost everything in it, I think some of the language could be tempered. If we do that, I think the next opportunity to approve anything would be on the 27th. I think the next decision-making point is really going to be a presentation to the Parks Advisory Board. Robyn Albro: It's on Wednesday, a week from today, at 7:30 am on Zoom. Frank James: We could have it revised and approved at our next meeting, that means we wouldn't have it for input for the Parks Advisory Board. I believe where the most change could take place; it's going to be with the City Council which we have plenty of time for.

Hue Beattie: I think it should go to the Parks Advisory Board because they all talk to the City Council. Discussion of sending the letter now without John M. changing it or waiting for the 27th. Catherine was asked whether the Board could approve the letter pending a rewrite the tonality of the letter.

Catherine Moore: I believe so.

Frank James: If people are willing to accept that, we will approve the content and John will revise the format slightly. Approved 4/0 with change to the motion for John McLaughlin to change the tonality of the letter.

Discussion of the logistics of getting the letter signed.

Hue Beattie asked about being able to view the participants during the meeting, as he was unable to do it. Discussion about viewing that and he was able to finally.

Next Public Hearing and Regular Meeting: Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 6 PM.

Adjourn. Time: 8:02 pm

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