

MINUTES — Special Meeting
CHUCKANUT COMMUNITY FOREST PARK DISTRICT
Wednesday October 12, 2022 at 06:00 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.

Frank James: This is a special meeting whose only order of business is to elect a Commissioner to fill John Brown's vacant position.

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

Introductions: John Brown, our former board member, Robyn Albro, our secretary, and Sara Brennan representing our legal counsel. Also attending Vince Biciunas, Christopher Grannis, and Ed Grumbine.

Motion: by Hue Beattie to accept the agenda. Second by John McLaughlin.

General Public Comments:

John Brown: Christopher Grannis knows how high a regard I have for him. So does Barbara Zielstra who I often have tea with and is a lovely, lovely person. Both Christopher and Barbara had been involved in this entire venture for years and years, and they are immensely qualified and conscientious and informed people. I would like to lend my support to Ed Grumbine, because his qualifications are so outstanding, and he is relatively competitive with Christopher and Barbara. He is new to the issue, but he knows the issue very deeply. He's been deeply involved in it and he has a significant amount of time to guide the board to contribute to the board. As much as I love Christopher and Barbara, I would like the board to approve Ed Grumbine, who is from my communications with him, just briefly and from comments that he made, he is an outstanding person and wonderfully educated and informed.

Questions were posed for the candidates for John Brown's Position #4 seat. Those candidates are Christopher Grannis, Ed Grumbine, and Barbara Zielstra. Each candidate made a brief statement and answered questions.

The Commissioners removed to Executive Session to discuss the candidates.
The Commissioners returned from Executive Session.

Vote: A vote was held by the Commissioners and the result was Ed Grumbine 3 and Barbara Zielstra 1.

Frank James: Much positive was said in our executive session about you both, Barbara and Christopher right now. We very much want you to continue to be involved along with the technical expertise that Ed brings.

Frank James: Christopher, Barbara, Ed, thank you for coming forward and I look forward to working with all three of you going into the future. Thank you.

John McLaughlin: Thank you Sara for your legal direction.

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, October 26th, 2022, at 6 PM.

Adjourn. Time: 6:51 PM.