

RESOLUTION NO. 942

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, RECOMMENDING THAT THE OPEN WATERS IN FRONT OF SKANSIE BROTHERS PARK REMAIN UNOBSTRUCTED AND THAT NO PERMANENT STRUCTURES BE PLACED OR CONSTRUCTED WITHIN THOSE WATERS.

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor Comprehensive Plan of 2004 last updated in 2012 contains a parks, recreation, and open space element, which is an plan element pursuant to RCW 35A.63.062, and which includes general goals and policies regarding the provisions of park, recreation, and open space within the City and its urban planning area; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor adopted a Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Skansie Brothers Park is recognized as a one of the most prominent and diversely used parks within the City's park system and;

WHEREAS, the waters in front of Skansie Brothers Park provide outstanding open navigation and water access for small boats and hand-powered watercraft during summer events, festivals and throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the house, netshed, uplands, and open waters including moorage pilings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Washington State Register, and the Gig Harbor Register of Historic Places as a *historic district*; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor finds that the open waters in front of Skansie Brothers Park comprise an environmental and recreational resource of high public significance; and

WHEREAS, the Park Commission met and unanimously agreed that preserving the open waters for public use at Skansie Brothers Park would be a legacy for future generations; and

WHEREAS , the City's Operations Committee agreed that preserving the open waters in front of Skansie Brothers Park will benefit the public by providing unobstructed recreational use of the water and shoreline; and

WHEREAS, the Skansie Brothers Ad Hoc Committee's final report in 2008 specifically recommended "*Preserve view corridors and public access to the water*"; and

WHEREAS, keeping the open water in front of Skansie Brothers Park free of permanent structures and obstructions maximizes public access and navigation; and


WHEREAS, the City believes that we must be good stewards of the natural environment by maintaining unobstructed views and open space on land and water; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this action to preserve and protect the waters in front of Skansie Brothers Park for the enjoyment of current and future generations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Gig Harbor recommends that the open waters in front of Skansie Brothers Park remain unobstructed and that no permanent structures be placed or constructed within those waters.

RESOLVED by the City Council this 28th day of October, 2013.

APPROVED:



Charles L. Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Molly M. Towslee, City Clerk

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