

*Westside Park Project Meeting Minutes
Public Meeting
City of Gig Harbor
March 7, 2006
7:00 p.m.*

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Parks Commission Chair Ken Malich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was taken.

PRESENT: Commission Members Peter Hampf, Michael Perrow, Jacquie Goodwill and Nick Tarabochia. City staff members present were Dave Brereton, John Vodopich, Kristin Udem and Sonia Billingsley took minutes of the proceedings.

The following citizens were present and signed up for public comment:

Gloria & Frank Gustafson	3603 48 th St. Ct. NW
Larry & Donna BockenKamp	3411 48 th St. Ct. NW
Ken & Yvonne Hendrickson	3519 48 th St. Ct. NW
Sandi Stokke	5105 38 th Ave. NW
Becky Colglazier	5101 38 th Ave NW
Tim Geringer	3410 48 th St. Ct. NW
Oscar & Erlinda Bigalbal	10321 Crescent Valley Drive NW
Sheridan Weinstein	3407 9 th Ave. Ct. NW
Charlotte Goldfarb	5114 Pt. Fosdick Dr. NW, #E, PMB 205
Suzanne & William Rehe	2316 89 th St. Ct. NW
Bruce Gair	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The members read the minutes of the February 28, 2006 meeting.

MOTION: Approval of the February 28, 2006 meeting minutes as presented. Goodwill/Hampf/Malich/Perrow/Tarabochia – unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The members read the minutes of the January 10, 2006, meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Ken Malich thanked everyone for coming to the first public hearing.

1. Mayor Hunter's Presentation – Eddon Boat Update: Mayor Hunter thanked the members serving on the Friends of the Parks Commission. The Mayor then gave an update on the Eddon Boat site. The Mayor commented that the building and marine railways have been nominated for the Washington State historic registry and that is well underway. He said that the demolition and clearing of the two buildings will happen within the next few days. He indicated that we should receive the shoreline permit soon in order to do the filling on the property. He pointed out that the goal right now is to get all the brush out of the way and fill in the foundations and depressions that are down in the front where the sand and gravel operation unloaded and stored materials.
2. Eddon Boat Building Proposals: The Mayor explained that he has reviewed the proposals to utilize the Eddon Boat building. He said that the proposal that most closely meets the proposition requirements is from the Gig Harbor Community Boat Shop which was submitted by Guy Hoppen. The Mayor recommends that we write up a contract with Guy.
The Mayor also mentioned that we received a proposal from Jim Franich to utilize the dock as a fisherman's dock for loading and unloading. He said that this is something the fishermen have been trying to get for a long time and we hope to move along that way. He remarked that there are a lot of things involved including money and getting the water side of the project cleaned up and this portion probably won't happen until next summer.
Mayor Hunter said we also received a proposal from the Bantry Bay Sea Scouts program. He quoted that they want to build a boat, which is a weekend operation that could go underneath a community boat shop.
Mayor Hunter said that the last proposal was from Alan Anderson and he has an idea for a human power craft center that he would like to do and tie in with the kayaking program. This would probably be best suited for being part of the park facility.
The Mayor said that we are moving forward and he hopes to begin having ad hoc committee public hearings on the design of the park part of the project soon.
3. Ken Malich asked if the Mayor was on the Eddon Boat Ad Hoc Committee. The Mayor stated that he is a member of that committee. Ken asked if they only need to get involved when the park is in the design process. The Mayor stated that yes that would be the most appropriate time. Jacquie Goodwill also wanted to know when the Mayor needs the Park Commission's input. Nick Tarabochia stated that he is comfortable with the short term goals. The Mayor said that he would like anyone with concerns or input to contact him.
4. PenMet Presentation: Eric Guenther and Bill Miller from PenMet were present. Eric gave a presentation describing their organization. Eric explained that they have a staff of five people and are located at 3614 Grandview. He said that Mark Connelly is the Executive Director of PenMet and the organization was voted into

existence in 2004. Eric summarized that PenMet takes care of parks in the County that are not included in the City. He said that there is also another park district on the Key Peninsula. Eric said that the main advantage they have over a park and recreation district is that better funding is available to PenMet. He indicated that there is some basic funding and they also operate on bonds and levies.

Eric mentioned that PenMet has recently published a Peninsula recreation guide that was a partnership with the City, PenMet Parks, TCC and the Peninsula Athletic Association.

Eric described PenMet's parks and proposed parks coming to the district soon. These parks include: Homestead Park, McCormick Forest, Wollochet Estuary, Rosedale Park, Cushman Trail, Hale Pass, Arletta play field, Sunrise Beach, Narrows Park, Fox Island Fishing Pier, property on Crescent Lake and property next to Voyager Elementary. He also talked about Harbor Family Park, which is on the corner of 70th Ave. and 32nd Street. This is 20 acres that five families purchased and have given the Park District an option to purchase and turn it into a park.

Ken Malich asked if they maintain a list of all the fields. Eric said that they do have an inventory. Ken asked if they have done any surveys. Eric described a survey that was done last year which identified many needs in the area. In 1994, they did a comprehensive open space plan and also did a community plan. A new comp plan should be completed by June.

Jacquie Goodwill asked if they have identified areas in their Comprehensive Plan for open space and ball fields, etc. Eric stated that they will cover all those areas.

Ken Malich thanked Eric for his presentation.

5. Westside Park Project – Future development of six acres of city owned park property: Dave Brereton went over the Westside Park presentation, which included pictures of the existing property, a survey of the site identifying the wetlands, and a topography showing the grade changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Frank Gustafson – Commented on the wetland area. The residents are responsible for the greenbelt area and where it enters on 48th Street. Other concerns are the water and the foot traffic through 48th Street, so they would like a fence. Peter Hampl asked if it is a seasonal creek. Mr. Gustafson responded that in July, August and September it does have minimal flow.
2. Yvonne Hendrickson – Commented that they are responsible by covenants for the greenbelt. She has lived there since 1994 and has lost 35-40 feet because the creek has washed away the hillside. She was concerned about foot traffic through yards and animals in the area and asked that a fence be put between the yards and the park.

3. Donna BockenKamp – Commented that if there are trails, there will be broken glass and messes left by dogs and asked who is going to clean it up. She also mentioned rats and herbicide runoff into the creek.
4. Sandi Stokke – Asked if 50th is going to be a through road. She stated that there was a lot of traffic back there before the chain went up. She would not like to see the road go through.
5. Becky Colglazier – Asked if 50th will be a through road and mentioned that there will be more vandalism. She would like to see playgrounds in the park.
6. Tim Geringer – His neighborhood association is opposed to a trail system and would like to see the hours limited and a fence around the property for security and safety. They are opposed to 50th being a through road. They would like to see a playground, picnic tables and exercise trails. He is the President of the Homeowners Association.on.
7. Erlinda Bigalbal – Has a rental property at 5019 38th Ave. She expressed concern about 50th and would like to see the road open.
8. Sheridan Weinstein – He would like to see the park used for pets, as an off-leash park.
9. Charlotte Goldfarb – She likes to walk along 50th and would like to see a sidewalk along 38th. She also mentioned fencing, police monitoring, installing restrooms, and the use of pesticides and hercides. She would like 50th Street to stay closed.
10. William Rehe – Commented that he would like to see a buffer area and fencing to keep people out of the wetlands. He would like to see 50th finished as a road with a sidewalk. He is also concerned about a parking area for cars.
11. Bruce Gair – He would like to see a sidewalk on 38th and some walking trails.
12. Miriam Goldfarb - 4916 38th Ave. - She suggested going to the park on a weekend and having a meeting.
13. Lawrence BockenKamp - 3411 48th St. Ct. – His concern is 50th Street being open and the traffic cutting through.

Peter Hampf questioned the 48th Street residents about the fact that if a fence is put up they will not have access to the park from their side. They stated that they were aware of this and would still prefer a fence.

Ken Malich announced that the next Friends of the Parks Commission meeting will be April 18' 2006 at 5:30 in the Community rooms.

Dave Brereton commented that a fence is a great idea. He explained that there was never any intent to put a trail from the park into any neighborhoods. He stated that the park would be patrolled by the police every day and the restrooms and trails are cleaned up every day by city staff. He included that the restrooms at the parks unlock automatically every day at 5:00 am and lock at 10:00 pm. He also mentioned that there could be wetland markers and signage and that the pesticides used by the City are environmentally safe. He also asked about the rat concerns in the area.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

April 18, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Rooms A&B.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.
Goodwill/Hampl/Malich/Perrow/Tarabochia – unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Billingsley, Community Development Assistant