

Minutes of the
City of Gig Harbor
Friends of the Parks Commission
February 28, 2006
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Ken Malich called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll was taken.

PRESENT: Commissioners Jacquie Goodwill, Peter Hampl, Ken Malich, Michael Perrow and Nick Tarabochia. City Staff David Brereton was present and Sonia Billingsley took minutes of the proceedings. Citizens Steve Derebey and Jeanne Derebey were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The members read the minutes of the February 9, 2006, meeting.

MOTION: Approval of the February 9, 2006, meeting minutes as presented. Goodwill/Hampl/Tarabochia/Perrow – unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Wilkinson Farm inventory contents of barn. Nick Tarabochia thinks we can do this cheaper by using volunteer help. Dave suggested asking the Historical Society if they know someone that knows farming and would want to volunteer. Peter said that Dick Myer might want to do it. He knows a lot about farming. Ken said that maybe they can do this and present it to council.
2. Nick remarked that he really does not like the commission name “Friends of the Parks”. Maybe we could change it to “Parks Advisory Committee” or Parks Commission”.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Budget:** The parks 2006 budget was discussed. Ken asked if the Holiday Decoration budget of \$8,500.00 is a real cost.
 - a. Ken asked for the total parks budget. Peter asked how many employees are at the city and Dave answered approximately 75.
 - b. Nick said that there is \$968,300.00 in the parks and recreation portion of the budget and \$185,391.00 in the park development portion of the budget.
 - c. Michael asked about the Arts Commission and why is it in the parks budget. Dave answered that there is art in the public parks.

- d. Peter explained that it is his understanding that there is a broader area in the parks budget, including street beautification, walking, restrooms.
- e. Nick brought up that it is a pedestrian friendly walk to all of the parks. We can walk from the library to the City Park on sidewalks with curb and gutter.

MOTION: To close budget portion

Goodwill/Hampl/Malich/Perrow/Tarabochia – unanimously approved.

- 2. How to get public input for Westside Park – We are having a public meeting on March 7, 2006 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers. At this meeting we will have a sign up sheet so people can speak – public comment. After we see how many people come to the meeting we can set the time frame for people to make public comment. After we get the public input, the Parks Commission will discuss the input.
 - a. Ken asked what needs to be presented to the council at the next council meeting. Dave responded that they need to give them a summary of what has happened up to this point and give them a copy of written documentation or a summary of what the people said so the council is aware.
 - b. It was discussed that we will have a power point presentation at the meeting which will show an aerial photo of the property and a survey which includes wetland delineation. Sonia will e-mail the presentation to the Parks Committee Members for their review. It was also discussed to hand out the presentation pictures at the public meeting.
 - c. Ken asked what staff will be there. Dave said he would be there, Sonia, Kristin Udem and John Vodopich will also be there. Ken asked if the police should be there because of increased traffic in the area. We should see if Lynn Mock would like to come to the meeting.
 - d. PenMet Parks – Eric Guenther will be at the meeting to discuss their 5 year plan. Soccer and ball fields were discussed and it was said that they are left vacant 97% of the time. Nick said to think out of the box and make sure it is a park not just used 3 months out of the year. Ken said there are other sports that are not available at other parks. Dave suggested that PenMet
 - e. Nick suggested that the parks commission go to a certain park on a certain day and time and get public input. Meet people at the parks that live in the area. It was suggested that we could advertise “Meet your commissioners at _ _ _ _ Park. Jacquie mentioned at the Skansie Brothers Park concerts they could ask people what they want. Michael suggested putting signs in the parks that let the people know where the Meet Your Commission Member Meeting will be. Dave asked if we want to start with the Westside Park and then move on to other parks. This will be on the April 18th agenda.
- 3. Starbucks would like to adopt a park. Terry Hunt with Starbucks called and said they would like to volunteer at a park. Michael said he would contact her.
- 4. Adopt-A-Park – Dave suggested having signs for the Adopt-A-Park. This will be on the April 18th agenda.

5. The letter from Ms. Hendrickson was discussed. Peter said he walked the property and noticed a lot of water and there are a lot of tires and plastic.
6. Parking – Peter asked about parking spots and Dave said it depends on what we have in the park. There is a 60' easement so we could possible do curb, gutter and sidewalk and street parking.
7. Parks Comp Plan – The comp plan was discussed and Beckwith had asked the citizens what they want to see in the city parks. This information is in the Parks Comp Plan. The commission members asked for a copy of the Parks Comp Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

February 28, 2006, 7:00 P.M.

April 18, 2006, 5:30 P.M.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 6:50 P.M. –
Goodwill/Hamp/ Malich/Perrow/Tarabochia – unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Billingsley