



**City of Gig Harbor
Parks Commission Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2007 @ 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 Peter Hampl, Ken Malich, Michael Perrow, Jacquie Goodwill and Nick Tarabochia were present. City Staff included David Brereton and Terri Reed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Commission members reviewed the minutes of the November 1, 2006 meeting.

MOTION: Move to approve the November 1, 2006 meeting minutes as presented.
Hampl / Perrow - unanimously approved.

Note: The meeting held on December 6, 2006 was a City of Gig Harbor/Pierce County Parks public meeting for the Cushman Trail Phase 2. Three Commissioners were present as Parks Commission representatives.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vashon Island Skateboard Park Leadership Visit

No one was in attendance from Vashon Island due to weather, so this item was tabled until the February meeting.

Parks Appreciation Day (April 28, 2007)

Funding – The \$500 to cover expenses has been processed and paid to Metro Parks for advertising and promotion of the event.

Sponsors – A letter will be drafted by City staff to send to potential sponsors. Commissioners will create a list of organizations to send the letter to.

Banner – Jacquie Goodwill sketched a basic design to use for the banner. City staff will get some graphics created for review at the February meeting.

Utility Bills – City staff will put event information on City utility bills promoting the event.

A list of park projects will be created by City Park staff when the Commission provides a list of five parks that they want to work on.

Donkey Creek Viewing Platform

The parks Commission Chair will draft a letter of thanks to the Rotary club for their work on the new viewing platform.

MOTION: Move to have the Commission Chairperson draft a letter of appreciation to the Rotary Club for their outstanding viewing platform at Donkey Creek Park and a letter will be sent to the editor of the newspaper.

HAMPL / Goodwill - unanimously approved.

Cushman Trail Phase 2

Peter Hampl provided some photos he took of some portions of the trail where different alternatives could be considered. The Park & Ride lot and Wilkinson Farm Park trail route alternatives were discussed. Use of sidewalks, street crossings, trailhead and restroom locations were also discussed. Michael Perrow brought up the idea of taking the trail through the Civic Center property next to the skate park.

The chairing of the public meeting on January 17th was discussed. The Parks Commission would like to be in charge of the meeting and show some of the photos that Peter Hampl has supplied.

Ken Malich had to leave and turned the meeting over to co-chair Jacquie Goodwill.

NEW BUSINESS:

Westside Park – Master Plan Process

Dave Brereton explained that the City has hired a consultant to begin design of the park. The next Parks Commission meeting will be a joint meeting to take public input on the designs of the park.

Commission Term Expiration

Ken Malich's term will be expiring on March 31, 2007. In order to reinstate his assignment, the other Commissioners need to send a letter to the Mayor supporting this re-assignment. Jacquie Goodwill will draft a letter.

Park Updates

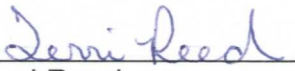
Crescent Creek – Dave Brereton mentioned that the stream restoration project will be restored and continued by the City in 2007.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.
Tarabochia / Perrow – unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Terri Reed