

CITY OF GIG HARBOR COMMITTEE OUTLINE MINUTES

Parks Commission

Date: January 2, 2008 Time: 5:30 p.m. Location: Community Rooms A&B Scribe: Terri Reed

Commission Members and Staff Present: Commissioners Jacquie Goodwill, Ken Malich, Nick Tarabochia, Peter Hampl and Michael Perrow; Dave Brereton, Director of Operations; Terri Reed, Community Development Assistant.

Others Present: _____

Topic / Agenda Item	Main Points Discussed	Recommendation/Action Follow-up (if needed)
Approval of Minutes	Approval of December 5, 2007 Minutes	MOTION: Move to approve December 5, 2007 minutes as presented. Peter Hampl and Nick Tarabochia made a couple of corrections to the minutes. MOTION: Move to approve minutes as amended. Tarabochia / Perrow – unanimously approved as amended.
OLD BUSINESS:		
Off-Leash Dog Enforcement/Dog Parks	Dave Brereton reported that it would cost approximately \$12,000 to fence the BMX park. Eric Guenther from PenMet Parks briefly discussed a new park they are planning adjacent to Voyager Elementary, in which an off-leash dog area is planned. Bill Joyce asked if the fencing amount also applied to doing something at Wilkinson Park. Dave Brereton answered that it was an estimate for the BMX park. Jacquie Goodwill explained that the reason for not looking at Wilkinson was Council has been strong about	

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	<p>that not being an option. That is why they are looking at the BMX park for a temporary solution.</p> <p>Dennis Barstow said that he wants Wilkinson Park to be considered for a dog park and wants Council to know of his desire.</p> <p>Bill Joyce asked if Council was aware of the desire to use the upper third of Wilkinson Park. Jacquie Goodwill answered that Council was aware of that option and citizens could present their desire to Council directly.</p> <p>Jim O'Donnell wants to see the laws enforced and said that there isn't enough room in any Gig Harbor park for a dog park.</p> <p>Bill Joyce stated that he wanted on record that he was not allowed to speak.</p>	<p>MOTION: Move to recommend to Council to consider fencing the BMX park at the cost of \$12,000 as a temporary solution until we can identify a longer term solution for an off-leash dog park.</p> <p>Tarabochia / Malich - unanimously approved.</p> <p>Jacquie Goodwill will submit recommendation for January 14, 2008 Council agenda.</p>
Westside Park Naming	<p>Some options were discussed for the name of the new Westside Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenny Marvin Veterans Park • Veterans Memorial Park • Westside Park 	<p>MOTION: Move to submit these three options to Council, in no particular ranking order.</p> <p>Perrow / Tarabochia .</p> <p>Amended to have the names submitted in alphabetical order.</p> <p>Unanimously approved</p>
Cushman Trail – Safety/Alignment	<p>Michael Perrow shared his discussion with Chief Davis and Marc Connelly regarding trail safety ideas.</p>	<p>Dave Brereton will submit the idea of trail identifier mileposts to Pierce County.</p>
Alcohol in City Parks	<p>Gig Harbor Municipal Code 9.04.010 was distributed to members which states that alcohol is prohibited in public places, which would include all City parks.</p>	
Smoking Ban in Parks Update	<p>Ordinance No. 1115, which prohibits smoking in all City parks, was distributed.</p>	
NEW BUSINESS:		

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Greyhawk Pocket Park	<p>Peter Hampl asked about the possibility of making a pocket park out of an area in Greyhawk.</p> <p>Currently, the land is included in one parcel which includes the owner's house.</p>	Dave Brereton will look into the process required.
Sand Volleyball Courts	Gregg Vermillion and a group of supporters shared their idea for using a portion of the BMX park for sand volleyball courts. They also asked if there are other areas that could be considered.	To be discussed at the next Parks Commission meeting.
	<p>Dave Brereton gave park updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skansie Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ad Hoc Committee - draft resolution was distributed for comments ○ Net Shed Inventory – City will be hiring outside firm to perform. ○ House – Plans to clean up the house will begin soon. • Austin Estuary Park Conceptual Plan – City will be hiring landscape design firm to complete. 	
PUBLIC COMMENT:	None	
COMMISSIONER KEN MALICH FAREWELL	<p>As this was his last meeting as a Parks Commissioner, Ken Malich shared his views of parks as being a marriage of people and nature.</p> <p>He also stated he feels that art in parks should go out to more than one person and the Parks Commission should be involved in the placement.</p>	
NEXT PARKS MEETING:		February 6, 2007 @ 5:30 p.m.
ADJOURN:		MOTION: Move to adjourn Tarabochia / Perrow – unanimously approved