

CITY OF GIG HARBOR COMMITTEE OUTLINE MINUTES

Parks Commission

Date: August 5, 2009 Time: 5:30 p.m. Location: Community Rooms A&B Scribe: Nancy Nayer

Commission Members and Staff Present: Commissioners Michael Perrow, Jacquie Goodwill, and Emily Cross; Staff Members: Marco Malich, Public Works Superintendent; Marcos McGraw, Project Engineer, Nancy Nayer, Administrative Assistant.

Others Present: Barb Carr (Healthy Communities of Pierce County)

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| Approval of Minutes | Approval of July 1, 2009 Meeting Minutes | MOTION: Move to approve July 1, 2009 minutes as presented. Goodwill / Perrow - unanimously approved |
| OLD BUSINESS: | | |
| Wilkinson Farm Park – Garden Project Update | Barb Carr, representing Healthy Communities of Pierce County, gave an update on the success of the Wilkinson Garden project. She reported that many groups are getting involved in the garden. They would like to submit a larger plan to the City in the fall to request additional land to establish the community garden concept. They would also like to present organic gardening classes and education to the local community. | The Parks Commission fully supports the community garden. The garden group will work with Staff to develop their plan for expanding the community garden. |
| Cushman Gap Improvements | Marcos McGraw gave an update on the Cushman Trail Gap project along Soundview and Hollycroft. These improvements include widening the sidewalks, restriping for bike lanes and placement of directional signage. | The Parks Commission would like to give input when the signs are being considered. Commission Chair Goodwill expressed concern regarding signage along Kimball Drive and would like to see an alternate route using Erickson Street. Commission member Perrow recommended that “torch down” mileage markers be included on the trail. |

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| Courtesy Trail Patrol | Commission member Cross has been seeking groups that may be interested in providing a Cushman Trail Patrol. | Commission member Cross will continue to contact other agencies, including the Tacoma Wheelman's Club and Boy Scouts. |
| PROS Plan Update | <p>Draft materials from Kristin Moerler were distributed to the Commission members for review and comment. In the inventory, she has included several pieces of land that have been acquired for either open space or parks.</p> <p>A couple of these sites were discussed as to their function with City parks.</p> | Commission members will submit comments on the inventory and notes to Kristin Moerler in the next two weeks. |
| Ferry Landing View Point Wall | The ferry landing mural idea and the wall graffiti problem were discussed. A suggestion of painting the wall with anti-graffiti paint a couple of times a year was discussed as a possibility. | Public Works Superintendent Malich will look into the cost of materials and labor for painting the wall. |
| Gig Harbor Sandspit | <p>The Parks Commission expressed interest in trying to acquire the sandspit property in order to include it as a City Park.</p> <p>It was explained by Public Works Superintendent Malich that Jeff Langhelm in Engineering has been in recent discussions with the Coast Guard about the sandspit for the City Marine Outfall project.</p> | Jeff Langhelm will put this idea forward when he has contact with the appropriate person with the Coast Guard. |
| Recycling in Parks | <p>The Commission's concern of providing recycling in parks was discussed. Commission member Perrow stated that during City events at the park he would like to see the bins moved to the front of the park and that an announcement reminding people they were there be made. He also suggested putting garbage cans next to the recycling bins in hopes of keeping the garbage out of the bins.</p> <p>City staff has looked into the costs and options for recycling and provided the Commission with that information.</p> | To be discussed at next Parks Commission meeting. |

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| NEW BUSINESS: | | |
| Wilkinson Farm Park – Bat House Proposal | Ron Witter – Cancelled prior to the meeting due to a conflict. | Tabled until next Parks Commission meeting. |
| Crescent Creek Properties & Wellhead | Commission member Perrow expressed his concern with the new wellhead being a tripping hazard. Public Works Superintendent Malich explained that caution tape had been placed around the wellhead as a safety measure. | |
| PUBLIC COMMENT: | None. | |
| NEXT PARKS MEETING: | | September 2, 2009 @ 5:30 p.m. |
| ADJOURN: | | MOTION: Move to adjourn @ 7:40 p.m. Perrow / Goodwill – unanimously approved |