

CITY OF GIG HARBOR COMMITTEE OUTLINE MINUTES

Parks Commission

Date: December 5, 2012 Time: 5:30 p.m. Location: Community Rooms A/B Scribe: Terri Reed

Commission Members and Staff Present: Commissioners Nick Tarabochia, Rahna Lovrovich, Kyle Rohrbaugh and Stephanie Payne; Staff Members: Public Works Superintendent Marco Malich, Lita Dawn Stanton, Special Projects Coordinator and Community Development Assistant Terri Reed.

Others Present: Joyce Murray (Harbor WildWatch), Kae Paterson

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Approval of November 7, 2012 Meeting Minutes	MOTION: Move to approve September 7, 2012 minutes as presented. Payne / Lovrovich - unanimously approved
OLD BUSINESS:		
Naming the Ancich Park Property	<p>Lita Dawn Stanton distributed a packet of historical information associated with the ownership and geographic culture of the site. As the City's Historic Preservation Officer, she recommended taking on the Ancich name for the park, described it as a part of the working waterfront and pointed out that a Croatian name would be appropriate. She called attention to the Jerkovich family that was in attendance at the meeting and explained that they had a permanent easement across the property for fishing vessels and water access and said that a historical marker would be placed on the property explaining the complete story of the property's history and ownership.</p> <p>Commission Chair Tarabochia pointed out that the Mainstreet program's assessment of the waterfront stresses the heritage and commercial fishing industry of Gig Harbor.</p> <p>Kae Patterson said that she supports the Ancich name</p>	<p>MOTION: Move to name the park property: Ancich Waterfront Park (#1) or Ancich Park (#2).</p> <p>Tarabochia / Payne – unanimously approved</p> <p>Commission member Lovrovich will represent the Parks Commission with their naming recommendation at City Council.</p>

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	<p>for the property.</p> <p>Commission Chair Tarabochia asked about the appropriateness of using the words “Brothers”, “Family” or “Property” in the name of the park.</p> <p>Commission member Rohrbaugh asked about leaving off the word “Park” in the name.</p> <p>Lita Dawn Stanton spoke about a committee that has been formed to determine the uses for the property and asked for a Parks Commission representative to join.</p>	<p>Commission Chair Tarabochia volunteered to represent the Parks Commission on the committee.</p>
<p>Private Entity Use of City Park Property</p>	<p>Lita Dawn Stanton explained that the question before the Parks Commission was temporary or permanent structures in public parks, places or waterfront areas. The code is currently silent on this issue. City Council directed the Commission study this issue and come up with a recommendation.</p> <p>Lita Dawn Stanton explained a work matrix for appropriate park uses and described the different criteria that should be used when considering conditions of each of the parks and placement of temporary or permanent structures in a park, such as: is the park is registered, space, use conflicts, appropriate intensity of use and if there is adequate parking. Each park should be assessed park by park and consider whether it is active, passive, historic, waterfront, trails or a cultural center. A set of criteria will be added and amended to the current ordinance.</p> <p>Commission member Lovrovich stressed the public benefit of the use. Commission Chair Tarabochia would like to see the policy be for considering temporary structures that can be dismantled only. Commission member Rohrbaugh summarized that the policy should be for longer term structures (1 year+) only. A definition for permanent/non-permanent structures is needed. The structure should match the</p>	<p>Lita Dawn Stanton will update the draft policy with the suggested changes and distribute to City staff for review and input.</p> <p>Policy will return to Parks Commission for final review and approval.</p>

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	<p>park esthetic, use/function and not adversely impact local businesses.</p> <p>Commission member Rohrbaugh summarized the Parks Commission's response to state: no permanent buildings, be minimally invasive, needs to be the right place at right time with those criteria conditions and a one year renewable lease. If it meets those conditions and criteria, then it can move through the process and have another look by the appropriate committees.</p>	
Helmet Safety Program	Commission Chair Tarabochia presented some information he found on helmet safety signage.	<p>Public Works Superintendent Malich will get some decal samples and pricing.</p> <p>Commission Chair Tarabochia will search for some additional helmet sign images.</p> <p>Commission member Payne will research grant opportunities for the helmet campaign.</p>
Parks Appreciation Day – Parks Commission Lead	Commission member Lovrovich volunteered to take on the Parks Appreciation Day lead role.	
Crescent Creek Playgram Update	Commission member Payne gave an update on the fundraising progress and announced that Rotary had chosen the project as their "Fund a Need" auction which is held in March. She is also talking to the Greater Tacoma Foundation about a programming piece to provide busing from the schools to the park.	
NEW BUSINESS:		

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Wilkinson Farm Park – Pond Border Plantings	<p>Kae Patterson, 7311 Stinson Avenue, explained her idea of opening up the wetland buffer at Wilkinson pond by taking out some of the spirea and replanting with a more attractive variety of plants. She thinks this would be a good Parks Appreciation Day project. Ms. Patterson displayed some photos of Wapato Lake and Steilacoom Parks as examples of what could be accomplished at Wilkinson. She has met with Scott Maharry from Grette Associates, who told her that there were options that could work for clearing some of the buffer area.</p> <p>William Quinn, 3993 Regatta Court, asked what the City has in mind for Wilkinson Park. He would like to know if they want to keep it as a pristine ecological development for wildlife or turn it into a Disneyland kind of park for tourism.</p> <p>Commission Chair Tarabochia explained that PenMet Parks has plans for an off-leash dog park soon and he also stressed that the only goals for Wilkinson Park for now are for restoration of the barn, house and garden. There are no current plans for development. Commission member Lovrovich reiterated that this park is a passive park.</p> <p>Kae Patterson restated that she would like to pursue the option of doing some clearing so that the pond could be viewed better.</p>	
Vice Chair Nominations	The Vice Chair position is vacant due to the departure of member Holmes.	<p>MOTION: Move that Rahna Lovrovich be appointed as Vice Chair.</p> <p>Tarabochia / Rohrbaugh – Unanimously approved.</p>
PARK UPDATE		
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Joyce Murray, Harbor Wildwatch, mentioned that they are submitting the EPA grant for the environmental education (signage) on the Donkey Creek project.	

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NEXT PARKS MEETING:		January 2, 2012 @ 5:30 p.m.
ADJOURN:		MOTION: Move to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. Payne / Tarabochia - unanimously approved