

# CITY OF GIG HARBOR COMMITTEE OUTLINE MINUTES

## Parks Commission

Date: September 4, 2013 Time: 5:30 p.m. Location: Community Rooms A/B Scribe: Terri Reed

**Commission Members and Staff Present:** Commissioners Rahna Lovrovich (Chair), Nick Tarabochia, Stephanie Payne and Kyle Rohrbaugh; Staff Members: Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm, Senior Planner Lindsey Sehmel, Senior Engineer Trent Ward, Associate Planner Dennis Troy and Community Development Assistant Terri Reed.

**Others Present:** \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</b>	<p>Approval of August 7, 2013 Meeting Minutes</p> <p>Commission member Payne asked for an addition to the minutes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Add: It was discussed that any approved structures on City property would be City-owned.</li> </ol>	<p>MOTION: Move to approve August 7, 2013 minutes as presented.</p> <p>AMENDED MOTION: Move to approve August 7, 2013 minutes, with amended change.</p> <p>Lovrovich / Tarabochia – unanimously approved</p>
<b>OLD BUSINESS:</b>		
<b>Ancich Waterfront Park - Visioning</b>	<p>Senior Planner Lindsey Sehmel provided the Parks Commission members with a worksheet for discussion of the stakeholder priorities as far as location recommendations. The Parks Commission concurred that the commercial activity should be kept on the net shed side of the property and that the human-powered elements should be on the opposite side of the park. The dingy moorage was recommended for the human-powered side. Income producing uses would be at market rate. Human-powered craft storage and lockers were identified as a community high priority and needed for general public use. Public Works Director Langhelm asked about consideration for putting the human-powered craft storage on the pier. The Commission would like to consider it on the pier, but if</p>	

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	<p>not feasible, then on land.</p> <p>Funding priorities: The next Comp Plan update would be June 2015 to provide for grant opportunities. The highest priority would be given to the net shed. Commission member Tarabochia asked about income-producing opportunities. Commission Chair Lovrovich mentioned that there is a possibility of using the private float for access to the water.</p> <p>Alan Anderson, GH Canoe/Kayak Team, 3225 Shawnee Drive, Gig Harbor, spoke in support of the human-powered craft center and was enthusiastic that it was being discussed. He pointed out that disability access would be important to include in the design process.</p> <p>Terry Lee, PenMet Parks, spoke in favor of the GH Canoe/Kayak Team and human-powered craft vision for the Ancich property. He offered PenMet's assistance in advocating for waterfront access and storage on-site. Mr. Lee also provided his support for the Harbor Hill park property and emphasized the need for parking and encouraged a transit component be considered.</p> <p>Bob Felker, 9309 Crescent Valley, Gig Harbor, spoke in favor of considering providing a storage facility for the GH Canoe/Kayak Team.</p> <p>Next Steps: Formal recommendation for City Council to be adopted at October 2<sup>nd</sup> Parks Commission meeting, with a Public Hearing/Open House on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm, with regular Parks Commission meeting beginning at 5:30pm.</p> <p>Park Commission Vice-Chair Rohrbaugh encouraged getting the park some level of functionality as quickly as possible.</p>	
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<b>NEW BUSINESS:</b>		
<b>Harbor Hill Park Property – Visioning</b>	<p>Al Tebaldi and Gill Williams with David Evans &amp; Associates explained the visioning process for the park property that has been completed. Three concepts were produced as a result of stakeholder input. The program elements were brainstormed and a master program list with alternatives was developed. A preferred alternative was produced with space for the most preferred elements. The preferred conceptual plan included elements for soccer fields (full size/U-9), sand volleyball courts, tennis courts, a play area next to the YMCA, splash pad, picnic shelters, connection to storm facilities (looped trail) and parking.</p> <p>Commission member Payne asked for confirmation on the size of the soccer field area. Commission Chair Lovrovich noticed that the splash pad was in the preferred conceptual design and asked about alternate seasonal uses. Commission member Tarabochia brought up the importance of a trail system master plan for the area. He would like to see natural surface trails for running/walking. Public Works Director Langhelm explained that the 2014 proposed budget includes funds for going after grant sources, maybe extending the design of the park and possibly developing some interim trails. Commission member Payne asked about the needs for additional baseball and soccer fields in Gig Harbor. Mr. Williams explained that the open space was a flexible open space and could be lined for multiple uses. Associate Planner Troy explained that the preferred alternative was the collaborative effort of the entire stakeholder group.</p>	<p>The Parks Commission provided concurrence on the concepts and uses specified on the preferred alternative.</p>
<b>PARK UPDATES</b>	<p>Crescent Creek Park – Wood Sculpture Update – Commission member Payne – Sculpture to be completed by the end of September. She asked that the wildflowers be removed at the park entrance and replaced with evergreen plants before the grand opening of the play structure in the Spring.</p> <p>General Parks Construction Updates – Jeff Langhelm</p>	

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<b>PUBLIC COMMENT:</b>	Commission member Tarabochia asked that the City's legal department take a look at requiring helmets for skateboards and roller blades, in addition to bicycles.	Public Works Director Langhelm will set up discussion with Police Department and include Commissioner Tarabochia.
<b>ADJOURN:</b>		MOTION: Move to adjourn at 6:51 p.m.  Lovrovich / Rohrbaugh - unanimously approved