

MINUTES
GIG HARBOR PARKS COMMISSION
Wednesday, December 3, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.
Community Rooms A/B

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

[Parks Commissioner - Nick Tarabochia: Present](#)
[Parks Commissioner - John Skansi: Present](#)
[Parks Commissioner - Doug Pfeffer: Present](#)
[Parks Commissioner - Christine Hewitson: Absent](#)
[Parks Commissioner - Sara McDaniel: Present](#)
[Parks Commissioner - Nicole Hicks: Present](#)
[Parks Commissioner - Gregg Vermillion: Present](#)
[Staff - Terri Reed: Present](#)
[Staff - Jeff Langhelm: Present](#)
[Staff - Dennis Troy: Present](#)
[Staff - Greg Foote: Absent](#)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  

[Approval of October 1, 2014 Minutes](#)

[Parks Commissioner - John Skansi: Motion](#)
[Parks Commissioner - Sara McDaniel: 2nd](#)
[Parks Commissioner - Nick Tarabochia: Approve](#)
[Parks Commissioner - John Skansi: Approve](#)
[Parks Commissioner - Doug Pfeffer: Absent](#)
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OLD BUSINESS:

1. [Harbor Hill Park Visioning – Associate Planner Dennis Troy](#)

Associate Planner Dennis Troy gave an overview of the visioning process to date and explained the outcome of the Stakeholders meeting held on November 5th and the public Open House held on November 19th.

Dan Lean, 6115 Cromwell Dr. NW, Gig Harbor, representing Gig Harbor Little League, spoke about wanting to participate and enhance the park property with multi-use turf fields along with their facility and be a part of the process for making that happen.

Josh Hannan, 844 Jewil Dr., Fox Island, representing Gig Harbor Lacrosse Association, spoke about the need for more fields and their desire to expand the Lacrosse program. He said that GHLA was left out of the initial stakeholder meetings. He would like to see additional safe, lighted turf fields in the area.

Kevin Boldt, 5415 46th Ave. Ct. NW, Gig Harbor, spoke about the desperate need for turf fields that are lighted.

Bizhan Nasseh, 4819 Bering St., Gig Harbor, representing Harbor Soccer Club, spoke about the importance of providing the more opportunities for kids to participate in sports.

Commission Chair Tarabochia emphasized the importance of following through with the process as it moves forward to City Council.

Parks Commissioner McDaniel asked how to move forward with putting some interim trails on the property. Public Works Director Langhelm reminded the Commission that City Council has already given support for the trails with the understanding that the project would need to be coordinated by the Parks Commission with the work completed by community volunteers. This could possibly be a 2015 Parks Appreciation Day project.

Associate Planner Troy explained that the next steps would be for the Parks Commission to make a recommendation on the preferred uses of the park property. This recommendation will be forwarded to the Public Works Committee for consideration to forward to full City Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. [Anticipated 2015-2016 City Budget](#)

Public Works Director Langhelm listed the park-related items in the anticipated 2015-2016 City budget.

PARK UPDATES:

1. [Eddon Boat Park](#)
2. [Arts Commission Guidance from PW Committee](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commission Chair Tarabochia asked about adding a Public Safety item to the Parks Commission work plan. Public Works Director Langhelm explained that the process to change the work plan would be to submit the recommended task to the Public Works Committee for consideration and if approved then the request would go to full City Council.

Motion: Move to add Public Safety item to Parks Commission work plan.

[Parks Commissioner - Nick Tarabochia: Motion](#)

[Parks Commissioner - Doug Pfeffer: 2nd](#)

Motion amended: Move to amend the motion to add more definitive wording.

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ADJOURN: