

VASHON PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

Ober Park, Performance Room, 7:00 pm

DATE: Tuesday, January 27, 2015

Commissioners attending: Bill Ameling, Lu-Ann Branch, Scott Harvey, Doug Ostrom, Joe Wald

Staff attending: Jason Acosta, Elaine Ott were absent.

ISSUE	DISCUSSION AND OUTCOME	FOLLOW UP
Call to order & agenda review	The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Joe. He reviewed the agenda.	
Public Comment	<i>Capt. Joe:</i> Will we be able to discuss Board votes? <i>Joe:</i> Yes.	
Board Votes	<p>1) SURVEY MOTION Vote: In favor were Doug, Lu-Ann and Scott, Joe abstained and Bill opposed the motion. 3-1-1</p> <p>2) USER FEES/SERVICES MOTION <i>Scott:</i> At the last meeting, Bill said my motion was to punish users. Last summer when we were on the Finance Committee, I was a strong advocate that field users should pay for work on the fields. They could not pay for work on the fields, which is why I advocated upping user fees. I've been told that users shouldn't pay anything more for Board errors. This is about fairness. During the Summer, this fee increase would affect all users of the Commons. I talked to Hans and he confirmed my proposal would increase soccer users' fees. I hope that he would agree that I am not punishing users. My information came from Elaine and Jason. Joe made a comment that we couldn't compare the pool to the fields. Users can't go there during school hours. That is unfair to say that the pools shouldn't be compared to the fields.</p> <p><i>Bill:</i> When we talked last Summer, we said that if we had a budget shortfall, we may have to raise fees. We had no shortfall. Elaine has no problem with the fees as they are. There is no hue and cry to raise the fees. There is no problem. This proposed change could only change be for political purposes. This is a political statement that would hurt users of the field. Why do it? An amendment was from Doug. This motion is not including the amendment as that is not before us. The person who sets the fees is the Executive Director.</p>	SURVEY MOTION PASSED

Scott: I don't know why everyone is opposed to this motion. Hans said that it would cost \$1,600 more than they pay now.

Bill: You have provided no background information on what makes equality. It is your numbers, not based in pro fact. You based equality on percentages that you made up. Scott Harvey made up numbers. It is political.

Doug: I thought the Board changed user fees before I came on the Board.

Bill: No.

Scott: How would you justify lowering the fees?

Joe: It wasn't a motion from a Board member. It was presented by the then Director.

Lu-Ann: Are you trying to raise revenue here?

Scott: Equity.

Lu-Ann: Equity no one is asking for.

Bill: Susan was required to type up user fees to people about contributing to maintenance. This isn't about user fees. David Hackett drafted those numbers.

Janet: The Board adopted David Hackett's proposal. When you did that you blew off the users of Paradise and started sticking kids with ponies with big fees.

Lu-Ann: The horse community should come.

Janet: We did and we were blown off.

Lu-Ann: Let's not do a blanket policy.

Janet: The relationship between Paradise users and the Board is very damaged.

Mary O'Brien: Susan typed up Hackett's numbers. I objected to the user fees.

Truman: The fee increase was not from any national standards. They were just Hackett's numbers, like Scott's numbers.

Lu-Ann: I want to do research on this.

Truman: What Hackett did is exactly what Scott is trying to do.

Bob McMahon. This is the 3rd time we have had a motion like this. We do not want pool user fees lowered. We want the pool covered and other things need to be done. With that in mind, we shouldn't be voting on this again. Our fees are consistent with other park districts. This is unnecessary and I would like to make it go away.

Bill: If the fields came to you, Doug, and objected, would that change your mind?

Doug: No. There is no widespread cry.

Charley Krimmert: I am from the Lacrosse Club. Your proposed rate fee for the fields is increasing 20%. I do not have access to the fields year around. I am opposed to this motion. Reduce the money that you give to the School District.

Scott: Are these fees an increase?

Charley: I am helping more kids; the referee fees and others are up. It is very hard.

Bill: I call the question.

Joe: All those in favor?

Doug: I move that we strike the two pool fees changes.

Bill: I called the question.

Scott: There was an amendment at the last meeting about this.

Joe: There was no second.

Scott: Doug seconded the motion.

Recording Secretary: There was no second. Doug could not second his own motion.

Scott: Well, then, I must have seconded it.

Recording Secretary: There was no second.

	<p>Scott: I move that we suspend the rules.</p> <p>Joe: Those in favor of suspending the rules? VOTE: Motion to suspend did not pass. 2-2-1. Let us vote on the main motion. VOTE: Scott and Doug in favor of the motion. Bill, Lu-Ann and Joe opposed the motion. 2-3.</p> <p>3) CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGER JOB PROFILE</p> <p>Joe: All those in favor of the motion with additions? VOTE: Unanimous in favor.</p> <p>4) ACCESS FEE POLICY</p> <p>Scott: I MOVE that the Kayak Center fees be eliminated</p> <p>Doug: I second. The pool should be included like anything else in paying user fees. Only the pool has to operate on a budget.</p> <p>Bill: The Executive Director has the authority to set user fees. There is no dollar amount stated. I am trying to understand why you pulled this out of the hat. Does differently mean unfairly? What is the matter with the Executive Director setting user fees?</p> <p>Joe: This will be voted on at our next Board meeting.</p> <p>Scott: I move that we adjourn.</p> <p>Bill: Second.</p> <p>Joe: Those in favor? VOTE: Unanimously in favor.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.</p>	<p>USER FEES/SERVICES MOTION FAILED TO PASS</p> <p>CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGER JOB PROFILE PASSED.</p> <p>Agenda Item</p> <p>MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED.</p>
NEXT MEETING	February 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM.	