

Anderson Island Park & Recreation District

Minutes of Board of Commissioners Meeting of April 17, 2024

Commissioners Present: Rick Anderson, Elizabeth Emerick, Lane Sample and Belen Schneider. **Absent:** John Larsen. **Guests:** Dale Goodin, Co Goodin, Chuck Hinds, Paul Duggar, Linda Duggar, Jeff Gillette, Cory Feldon and Mark Chiles. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM at the Anderson Island Library by Chair Belen Schneider. The minutes of March 20, 2024, were reviewed and it was moved by Elizabeth and seconded by Lane to approve them as written. Motion was unanimously approved. The Financial Officer's report for March, 2024, was presented by Elizabeth. It was moved by Belen and seconded by Rick to approve expenses for the period March 21, 2024, to April 16, 2024 including checks #1733417, 1733418, 1733419, 1733420, 1738503, 1738504, and 1738505, totaling \$29,139.71. Motion carried unanimously.

Park Reports

Wide Awake Hollow and Tom White Park: Beams were delivered and reconstruction began of the bridge across Schoolhouse Creek. All trails were manicured and trimmed. Schoolhouse lawn was mowed and more currants were planted. Grass on the other side of the road was fertilized. The new heat pump was installed in the Old Schoolhouse and is working well.

Montalvo Park and Cammon Park: Trail was trimmed and grass mowed.

Andy's Wildlife Park: Gravel placement continued and Dog Park was mowed. Users have requested a picnic table in the small dog area of Freddie's Dog Park.

Idie Ulsh Park: Trails were trimmed and manicured.

Lowell Johnson Park and Tom's Park: A huge tree fell in Tom's Park and was cut up and removed.

Jacobs Point: More flowering currants were planted.

St. Anne's Park: No report.

Andrew Anderson Marine Park: Graveling of the trails continued. The remote porta potties were retrieved for cleaning. Vandalism was repaired, sign reinstalled and the parking area was mowed and trimmed. Flowers were planted in several places.

Johnson's Landing: No report.

Guthrie Center: The new mailbox has been installed.

Old Business

Captain Corey discussed options for a training program using the recently purchased Byte sailboats. Chase boats will be needed in the ratio of one per four student boats. Volunteers are needed as instructors and to assist with maintenance, as well as to administer the program. Corey and Jeff will meet and discuss options. Corey estimated one year of ramp-up to get the program in place. Paul and Linda Duggar have both been involved in youth sailing programs and would be willing to help. They suggested observing the youth training programs offered during the summer by Tacoma and Gig Harbor Yacht Clubs. Nothing has been heard back from the Fire Department about access and parking zones at Johnson's Landing. New signage is needed at the site to direct parking. Payment for destruction of park property was not received from Brian Metke. The Board is considering several options in response. Belen met with Glenn Kassman regarding the future of the Guthrie Center. The Healthcare Advocates are planning to pursue a change in the Anderson Island Community Plan, enabling the site to be used for a Healthcare Facility. Elizabeth will pursue the renovation permit based on a multipurpose facility. Belen reported that the Department of Commerce grant contract has been finalized. Reimbursement will start soon. Our grant application for a lifejacket loaner program was turned down, but Paul and Linda have many lifejackets they are willing to donate. Information from John Larsen indicated that Julie McGuire is the only candidate for the Lowell Johnson Camp Host. Details are forthcoming. Belen reported that there are only three remaining spots open for the Summer Nature Camp. Five scholarships have been awarded. After discussion of the upgrade of the Wide Awake Hollow tennis court, it was moved by Belen and seconded by Lane to proceed with placing a 4.5 inch average concrete topping on the existing court. Motion carried unanimously.


New Business

Lane discussed the need to improve our connection with Island youth and advocated for a Youth Ambassador program. Jeff Gillette will discuss the idea with the young people and report on the level of interest. Chuck reported on the app "Agents of Discovery" he discovered on a recent trip.

At 9:22 PM it was moved by Rick and seconded by Belen to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.


Richard G. Anderson, Secretary


Approved


Date