

Minutes

January 12, 2012

Orcas Island Park and Recreation District Commission
Regular Meeting, Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012
The Firehall, Eastsound
Noon-3 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER (12:00)

Jim Bredouw, Acting Chairman OIPRD

Roll call:

Seat 1: Vicki Vandermay – absent
Seat 2: Bob Eagan - present
Seat 3: Martha Farish – present by conf. call
Seat 4: Jim Bredouw - present
Seat 5: Ian Lister – present

Also attending were Paul Kamen, Orcas Sailing; Cara Cone (?), WA Vocational Services, Ken Brown, Bullwings; and Krista Boucher, Funhouse.
Minutes passed by Ian motion, seconded by Bob and approved by all four present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT (12:10)

- Paul Kamen from Sail Orcas asked OIPRD's intention. He stated that they already have on online web registration, but that they might also be interested in looking at ActiveNet, once it's online. He also expressed interest in having Sail Orcas as part of a physical and/or online island-wide brochure, hopefully by roughly early May.
- Bob Phalan wanted further discussion about whether being physically based at the Funhouse is in any potential conflict with public perception. This was further discussed under "New Business".

III. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS (12:20)

- Paul Kamen asked about progress on the EWUA - Bob Eagan explained that he and Scott Lancaster will try to upgrade status soon.
- It was determined that Jim and Martha will meet on Feb. 6 to go over Treasury and County items in preparation for the next monthly meeting.
- The bill for \$2,400 from the County for the online vote for 2 OIPRD commissioner

positions was discussed. Martha suggested that she may want to take exception with this line item with the County after further review.

- Leslie sent her final bill to Martha, which wasn't forwarded and, consequently, it has not been included in this month's billing cycle to the County. It will be included in February's billing cycle.
- It was discussed whether or not it is a good idea re: public perception to base out of the Funhouse, even temporarily. OIPRD advisor Leslie Schmitz raised a concern recently that the public may see a FH presence as an unsanctioned bailout of a private non-profit. Bob Eagan pointed out that this has been discussed at length and that it was decided that there is an economy of scale and, as it's only a two year commitment lease-wise, that it is not cast in stone and that regardless of a general fear of public perception, that it actually saves the public money in its economy of scale. Bob points out that our decision has been made – that the challenge now will be to inform the public in a manner to change potential perception that this is a bailout.
- Krista suggests a press release would be welcome, pointing out that we are subcontracting to save the public money; that it is a temporary lease; and that we have a separate entrance, office and hours. Cara suggests that going to one central location with all options in one space makes the most sense and doesn't believe it will be perceived unfavorably. It was suggested that we put the researching and job hunt for an E.D. on the new business agenda for our monthly Feb. meeting.
- Leslie also suggests in her memo that we have someone facilitate a Board management and leadership meeting. It was generally agreed that we effect such a meeting after an E.D. has been hired, in order to include him or her in that process.
- Krista asked if OIPRD wanted to take over Triple Ripple, a running event in the Fall (previously run by Suzanna Beck and Jen Vollmer). OIPRD board indicated it's likely.
- Bob suggested that we need to be more respectful of the committee process – that is, let committees do their work and, unless you have a substantial objection, let's not reinvent the entire committee's process each time. Jim suggested that his perception is that this is the case, most of the time.
- Krista Boucher illuminated the newest boys and girls Ducks basketball program and said it is going well. Roughly there are 20 middle schoolers and perhaps 15 4-6th graders involved. (Ian Harlow is coaching the middle school players; Bob Connell and Joel Mietzner are involved with the younger kids).
- After questioning by Ian, Krista suggests that OIPRD take kids' Kings football and, eventually, everything athletic.
- Martha wanted to verify with Ian that the Firehall will be available Feb. 6 – that we'll probably need a full day w/Neal and ActiveNet to do a full fledged "webinar".. We will need to coordinate with Krista, Pete and any OIPRD and OISD members, coaches, public, etc.

IV. ADJOURNMENT (2:45)

Motion: To adjourn - Martha with Bob second - deliberation: none- unanimously aye

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Approved by motion on this 9th day of Feb, 2012

Signed and attested this 9th day of Feb, 2012



Ian Lister, Commissioner #5,

Secretary



Martha Farish, Commissioner #3,

Chair