

Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2010

Orcas Island Park and Recreation District Commission
Regular Public meeting #1,
12:00 A.M., Orcas Island Senior Services meeting room

As Amended 02/11/2010, 03/11/2010

I. Call to order (12:00)

Meeting called to order by Bob Eagan, Chairman pro tem.

Organizations noted in attendance:

County Commissioners: Richard Fralick and Gene Knapp

County Parks and Recreation Commissioner: Sandy Playa

*Orcas Island Recreation Program Coordinator: Linda Sheridan, Program Assistant: Gina Burger,
and Advisory Board member: Bob Phalan*

Funhouse Executive Director: Pete Moe

School Board Directors: Janet Brownell, Tony Ghazel, & Scott Lancaster

Orcas Island Chamber of Commerce Executive Director: Lance Evans

II. Roll call

Commissioner 1: Vicki Vandermay - present

Commissioner 2: Bob Eagan - present

Commissioner 3: Martha Farish - present

Commissioner 4: Jim Bredouw - present

Commissioner 5: Ian Lister - present

III. New business

A. Election of officers

1. Office of Chair

Motion: "That Martha Farish be nominated and elected to serve as the Chair."
by Bob Eagan, 2nd Jim Bredouw, unanimously aye

2. Office of Secretary

Motion: "That Ian Lister be nominated and elected to serve as the Secretary."
by Vicki Vandermay, 2nd Bob Eagan, unanimously aye

B. Recognition and recording of the names of the "Originators"

Motion: "That the names of the Originators be read into the record."
by Martha Farish, 2nd Ian Lister, unanimously aye

Resolution 10011401

As Amended 02/11/2010, 03/11/2010

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WHEREAS, Several hundreds of people have expressed a need for organized recreation on Orcas Island by petition of the San Juan County Council; and

WHEREAS, Several wise, and community minded people have been at the head of a movement to provide the service of organized, durably funded recreation to the culture of Orcas Island; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That as of January 14, 2010, the following people, who have come to be called "the originators", shall be recognized as having distinguished themselves through hard work and perseverance in the cause of sustainable, organized recreation for Orcas Island.

Kevin O'Brien
Janet Brownell
Eric Youngren
Pete Moe
Bob Phalan
Didier Gincig
Randy Gaylord
Bob Eagan
Marian O'Brien

Motion: "That we adjourn to committee to discuss some formalities and issues."
by Vicki Vandermay, 2nd Bob Eagan, unanimously aye.

Motion: "That Martha Farish preside as Chairman to discuss drafting the bylaws."
by Bob Eagan, 2nd Jim Bredouw, unanimously aye.

Convene to Committee (12:06)

Discussed:

There was an informal discussion about the proposed bylaws, decorum and protocol with e-mails. A member of the public advised the commission that all e-mails of any relevance to the district are then in the public domain, and must be produced if requested. A past member of the Orcas Island Cemetery District spoke of her experience with public notice of meetings, and the disposition of relevant e-mails.

Reconvene from Committee (12:42)

Motion: "That we read the following draft bylaws into the record."
by Martha Farish, 2nd Vicki Vandermay, unanimously aye.

C. Draft bylaws: *(each bylaw or its main intent was read, a motion was made to adopt, was seconded and affirmed without dissent, on the understanding that the secretary would write out the bylaws appropriately.)* As follows:

BYLAWS

1. **District Name:** Orcas Island Park and Recreation District
2. **Governing Members, the commission:** In accordance with RCW Chapter 36.69 five elected commissioners shall serve the people of Orcas Island in positions numbered 1 through 5, during four year terms; except that the initial commissioner number 1 and the initial commissioner number 3 shall serve during a two year term.
3. **Offices:** In accordance with RCW Section 36.69.120 the commission shall nominate and elect officers from among the five commissioners to serve in the following roles: chair, vice chair, secretary, and legislative liaison. The role of district treasurer shall be performed by the San Juan County Treasurer, per RCW 36.69.150
4. **Parliamentary Authority:** The commission shall recognize the authority of the principles of order for deliberative organizations as conceived in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, where they are applicable and not inconsistent with other provision of these bylaws.
5. **Regular Public Meetings:** In accordance with RCW Section 36.69.120, the commission shall hold regular public meetings at least monthly. Regular public meetings shall be conducted on the second Thursday of each month, at a time and place to be determined beforehand. Notice of such meetings shall take place in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30 (the Open Public Meetings Act).
6. **Special Meetings:** Special meetings may be conducted from time to time, and shall be conducted at all times pursuant to the spirit of the Open Public Meetings Act. Special meetings shall be held on no less than 2 days notice.
7. **Quorum:** A quorum shall be considered to be any three commissioners together, either in person or remotely, by means of real time telecommunication, however, a quorum must consist of at least one commissioner present in person.
8. **Deliberative rights of the chair:** The chair, or a commissioner acting as chair, shall have the right to introduce motions and resolutions. This is an exception to the procedure in Robert's Rules of Order, and is intended as an expedient.
9. **Amending the Bylaws:** Amendments to the bylaws shall be affirmed by no less than four votes.
10. **Voting:** Voting will take place only when a quorum is present, and only in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (RCW Chapter 42.30).

D. Further election of officers

13. Office of vice chair

Motion: "To nominate and elect Bob Eagan as vice chair."
by Martha Farish, 2nd Ian Lister, unanimously aye.

2. Office of Liaison

Motion: "To nominate and elect Jim Bredouw as legislative liaison."
by Martha Farish, 2nd Bob Eagan, unanimously aye.

IV. Public Comment Period (1:00)

The Commission heard from Pete Moe, of the Funhouse, Linda Sheridan, and Gina Burger of the Orcas Rec. Program, Barry Neville of Sail Orcas and Bob Phalan of the Orcas Rec. Advisory Board also spoke in support of Orcas Rec.

A woman with a group of two supporters spoke briefly on the benefits of tennis especially for the elderly, and drew attention to the need for some help with the Buck Park Tennis facility. Janet Brownell, OIPS board director informed the tennis delegation that there is a substantial amount of money earmarked in the pending school bond issuance for repairs to the tennis facility.

Tony Ghazel OIPS board director advised the commissioners not to be in a hurry, and to "do it right".

Marian O'Brien reminded the Commission that as an Official body, they are now eligible for donations, and other forms of funding.

V. Discussion with SJ County Officials (1:15)

Pete Rose, San Juan County Administrator
Donna Wuthnow, Director, San Juan County Parks and Recreation Department

The Commission heard from Pete Rose as the next item on the agenda. Donna Wuthnow arrived later, the victim of a late running Ferry. Administrator Rose expressed his desire that OIPRD take over the reins of the Orcas Rec. Program as soon as possible. The Commission, however, was concerned about the County's future support and maintenance of the Village Green, and the Eastsound Waterfront Park. Administrator Rose, with the support of Sandy Playa, SJC Parks and Recreation Commissioner, and Richard Fralick, SJC commissioner, was able to assure the Commission that, thanks to the recent Levy lid lift; support for these facilities is planned through at least 2015. Lance Evans, Executive Director Ol Chamber of Commerce noted the many facets of maintenance and support especially where the Village Green is concerned.

Upon the arrival of Parks Director Wuthnow, more was said about securing stable funding for the Orcas Rec. Program. Director Wuthnow ascribed the great deal of voter support for the new commission to the Orcas Rec. Program. Director Wuthnow cautioned against overlaps with County services and advised that the two groups seek partnerships. At this point the meeting resembled something of a Town hall meeting, with orderly discussion from nearly everyone.

I. Proposed agenda

- 1) (12:00) Call to order
- 2) Roll call
- 3) Discussion and Approval of minutes from last meeting
 - Discuss Proposed Resolution 10011401
- 4) Open issues
 - Wording, adoption of bylaws
 - Formal Resolution of our purpose
 - Switch Liaison (Jim) with vice chair (Bob)
- 5) Public Comment
- 6) New business
 - Discuss Robert's Rules of Order
 - Areas of interest, Committees
 - Discuss "sub-area equity"
 - March agenda
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- 7) Next agenda
- 8) (1:30) Adjournment

II. Adjournment (2:55)

Regular Public Meeting minutes for January 14, 2010 - As Amended 02/11/2010, 03/11/2010

Approved by motion on the 11th day of March, 2010

Signed and attested this 8th day of April, 2010



Ian Lister, Commissioner #5,
Secretary



Martha Farish, Commissioner #3,
Chair

Resolution 10011401

**Recognizing the circumstances and people contributing to
the formation of the District**

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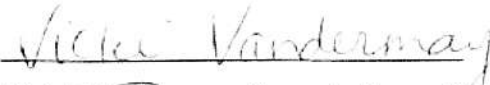
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Resolution 10011401
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Adopted this 8 day of April, 2010

District Commissioners
Orcas Island Park and Recreation District




Vicki Vandermay, Commissioner #1



Bob Eagan, Commissioner #2



Martha Farish, Commissioner #3



Jim Bredouw, Commissioner #4



Ian Lister, Commissioner #5