City of Pacific Park Board

Minutes for February 19, 2020

Members: Chairperson; Kate Hull Pease, Planning Commission liaison; Jim Meier,

Members: Mark Bowns, Gina Lisak, and Shawna Carey

City Staff: Jack Dodge, Community Development Manager; Nicole Schunke, Administrative Assistant

Guests: None

Approval of Minutes for January 22, 2020: Katie asked to amend her name to Hull; approved as amended.

The agenda of today’s meeting was amended to move “Kent Valley Regional Trails Opportunity Study” to March meeting.

Introduction of the new Park Board Commissioner – Shawna Carey

Shawna introduced herself. She moved to Pacific in 2018 with her husband. She loves the community and can’t wait to get involved.

Discussion items:

1. Recruitment of new Park Commissioners (2 adults/1 teen). With the introduction of Shawna, the Board only needs 1 adult and 1 teen. Gina is contacting schools for the teen member and Shawna is trying to recruit her neighbor’s kid.
2. Jack said the report is out on meeting with the King County Flood Control District to go over the plan for the Pacific Park. Biggest question from the County was how much of the Park does the City use (especially for Pacific Days). The answer was… all of it. The County also asked if there were any other parcels of land that the City owns that could accommodate Pacific Days. The answer was… no.

Park Board asked Jack questions about his meeting with the King County:

Q. Did the County offer money to buy the New Hope property, the DNR property or other properties?

A. No.

Q. Is the County still going to allow the City to use the Park 6 months each year for the foreseeable future?

A. Yes.

Q. When do they anticipate having the design of the levy completed?

A. 1 to 3 years

Q. Did any homes get flooded recently?

A. No homes were flooded in the heavy rainfall in early 2020.

Q. Has Mr. Morgan come up with any ideas as to how pumps can be used to reduce floods?

A. The County will be taking over the pumps at the Government Canal.

1. Meeting for February was advertised to be on the 19th and not the 18th because of Presidents’ Day holiday.
2. Audio/video equipment will be set up in Council Chambers for each meeting.
3. Jack has investigated if the meetings can be recorded. He found that it would be cost prohibitive.
4. Date was set for the annual Park Tour. It will be held on Saturday April 18th,  10 AM… meeting at City Hall.
5. Jack was asked if a new Planner had been hired and he said he is still recruiting.
6. Discussion of trailhead sign which would provide a safe route to the Sumner Link Trail. Item was moved to 10.
7. Discussion of plaques for Pacific Park. Art Hollingsworth for picnic tables, William Profit for performance stage, Bill Ray for baseball field, and Muckleshoot Tribe/Model T Ford Club of Tacoma for playground equipment. Jack was able to take photos of the broken plaques although the park was closed. The plaques matter will be postponed until the status of the Pacific Park is determined.
8. Priority list... Each Board member voted by placing 4 dots on a City map.
9. Mark has begun revision of Chapter 2.38 of the Municipal Code. This Chapter covers the Park Board. The revised Chapter will be presented to the Council in March. The discussion of the Chapter was postponed until March meeting because it was not written in the Code Publishing Company format.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Nicole Schunke, Administrative Assistant.

Meeting Minutes Approved

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Kate Hull Pease, Chairperson Date