

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**  
Wednesday, January 22, 2014 5:30pm, Lacey City Hall

**Present:**

Commission: Gary Hanson, Paul Royer, Shawn Smith & Robert Kowalski

Excused: Lu Carlson & Glen Crandal

Staff: Lori Flemm

Public: James Reddick

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm, by Vice Chair Paul Royer.

**Additions or deletions to the Agenda**

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

**Minutes**

The December 4, 2013 minutes were unanimously approved and placed on record.

**Calendar**

January 29 Regional Park Board meeting

February 20 work session with Lacey City Council

**Correspondence**

No correspondence

**Old Business**

- a) Lacey Museum at the Depot Conceptual Plans  
Lori updated the Commissioners on the Lacey Museum at the Depot plans, and will continue to share major changes/updates in the future.

**New Business**

- a) Avonlea Park Emergency Remediation  
Lori reported that the below ground holding tank at Avonlea Park cracked and leaked in December. Crews will begin soil excavation and work to replace the tank very soon.
- b) Surveillance Cameras 2014 Capital Project  
2014 budget includes \$75,000 for surveillance camera/equipment. Staff prioritized current needs:
  - i. New/more cameras at Rainer Vista
  - ii. New cameras at the RAC
  - iii. Cameras at Long Lake Park
  - iv. License plate camera at Long Lake Park
  - v. More cameras at the RAC
- c) Cuoio Community Park: Saint Martin's student project  
The annual Saint Martin's Senior Civil Engineering class project is 25 acres of the Greg Cuoio Community Park. Plans will include a large group picnic shelter (150-200 people) and parking to accommodate people using the shelter as well as users future volleyball courts and fields.
- d) Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission's Advertising Policy  
Washington State Parks and Recreation is considering a policy to allow advertising in State Parks. Might be something to consider for City of Lacey Parks if it works well for State Parks. Currently, the Regional Athletic Complex sells sponsorship banners for approximately \$350 per year (depending on the size of the banner). Banner revenue for 2013 was \$11,350.

- e) Potential RCO Grant Application Projects  
Lori is submitting an RCO Grant Application for funds for a potential Hicks Lake property acquisition.

### **Director's Report**

- a) Programs & Special Events
  - 1) Ethnic Celebration is Feb. 1
  - 2) Winter Program Registration  
2014 Winter Registration was down \$12,000 from 2013. Annual revenue remains higher than last year, but this was the first significant drop in registration. Lori believes the recent government sequestration and local economy contributed to the lower registration rates.
  - 3) 29<sup>th</sup> Polar Bear Plunge  
Another successful plunge with 662 plungers signed in to jump!  
Commissioners had suggestions for the 2015 Plunge: do away with gender pronouns on waiver, reach out to military groups and special recognition for anyone who has done all 30 Polar Bear Plunges (between Olympia & Lacey)/.
- b) Construction Project Updates
  - 1) Senior Center
- c) Planning
  - 1) Longs Pond Trail Erosion
  - 2) Woodland Creek Community Park Bridge and Trail Connection
  - 3) Annexation Study
- d) Grants & Budget
  - 1) DNR Urban Forestry Restoration Grant Submitted
  - 2) Thurston County Heritage Grant \$1004 Awarded
  - 3) Capital Projects in 2014 Budget
  - 4) WA State Sales Tax
- e) Miscellaneous

### **Commissioner's Report**

Paul asked the status of the Crime Stoppers signs. Lori said she met with Lacey Police and they are able to provide the signs at little or no cost!

### **Chair's Report**

No report.

### **Citizen Comments**

James Reddick reminded the Commissioners of the Regional Park Board meeting on Wednesday, January 29 in Tenino. James said they've had a good response and anticipates good attendance by the jurisdictions. Lori said Lacey will have 5 at the meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

- a) PARC Foundation, Paul Royer: No report

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 5:30pm at Lacey City Hall.