

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF FALL CITY METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT
OF KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
HELD MARCH 8, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fall City Metropolitan Park District (FCMPD) of King County, Washington, was held March 8, 2011, at the Fall City Library located at 33415 SE 42nd, Fall City, Washington, at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners Moderow, Petterson, Schneidler, Harris, and Wilkins were present.

Double check

Jeff Appleseth, John Rouches, Bill Blakley, Kevin Little, Dave Hill, John Chaney, Nancy Moore, Bret Bittenob (Hebert Research), Jim Hebert (Hebert Research), Shar Driggs, and Terri Campbell were present.

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Moderow acted as Chairman of the meeting and business was conducted as follows. Terri Campbell will be taking the meeting minutes.

2. Minutes and Resolutions (review, approve, and sign)

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 8, 2011, were read and approved.

3. Financial Report and Vouchers

The King County Voucher request form totaling \$807.35, which included various vouchers drawn on the District's Maintenance Fund, was reviewed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved and authorized payment of Maintenance Fund Voucher Nos. 75 through 80 in the amount of \$807.35.

4. Business from the Floor

A. Bret Buttonob and Jim Hebert

- a. Hebert had 390 responses to the recent telephone survey, at a rate of 93.9% of people within the Fall City Metropolitan Park District boundaries contributing to the research.

B. Public Comment Period

- a. John Rouches wanted clarification on what type of information was provided by Hebert Research related park names. Aldarra "Park" was referenced on many research slides, however residents should be aware that Aldarra Field is not a public park. It is a privately owned parcel and not part of the FCMPD.
- b. John Chaney wanted clarification on the feedback received related to a Community Center. Hebert Research explained there was a low percentage wanting "improvements to existing community centers", however there was a higher percentage of wanting new Community Centers. We do not have any

- existing Community Centers, however Hebert confirmed it was the intent for new Community Centers.
- c. John Chaney wanted Hebert Research to clarify the survey result stating individuals were not pleased with the current restrooms. Herbert confirmed individuals wanted a higher quality, not necessarily more.
 - d. Nancy Moore stated the survey shows 97.5% of the individuals want better restrooms, however it needs to be noted the survey was from local residents who already have access to their own restrooms. The problem is when the summer river traffic puts a demand on our town facilities.
 - e. Commissioner Pettersson wanted Hebert Research to further comment on the 83.2% of the individuals that were in favor of both Active and Passive parks. Hebert explained that the individuals were individually read the definition of what is an Active, Passive and Mixed-Use park meant so they could answer the question accurately.
 - f. John Chaney wanted Hebert to clarify what “should” be the primary focus of the FCMPD. The overwhelming category collection 38.5% was that maintenance should be the primary focus.
 - g. John Chaney wanted clarification on how the survey reports will be distributed to the community. Commissioner Moderow stated FCMPD intends to publish the complete survey, PowerPoint presentation, actual Executive Summary, and actual questions asked on the FCMPD website.
 - h. Jim Hebert recommended the Snoqualmie Valley Record might be a good distribution channel to publish the survey results in an effort to reach more residents.
 - i. John Chaney recommended FCMPD purchase space in the Snoqualmie Valley Record, so the residents get used to reading updates in a consistent place. Jim Hebert recommended soliciting a sponsor who could pay for the newspaper space in the newspaper.
 - j. Jim Hebert stated there were significant things that stood out in the survey. The fact that our District had more people willing to support increasing tax dollars to support our District. This is different from other local major parks, whereas the citizens are not willing to pay for improvements or new acquisitions. One thing to mention is although the maintenance ratings are low; the public is going to support a higher level of direct or indirect funding to bring those park standards up. It’s not just for their own personal use but it affects the value of their homes. There lies some opportunities for FCMPD.
 - k. Bill Blakley mentioned that on a 100 degree summer day, the town gets many visitors yet there are no restrooms and they inundate the local merchants. Everyone agreed garbage and sanitation should be increased. Jim Hebert mentioned to look at some ways to manage the river areas from local residents and seek revenue opportunities by having outsiders contribute to the maintenance through fees. Jim Hebert further advised that the county funds go into the “General Fund” at the government level. FCMPD should work to make sure the fees needed for maintaining the parks get allocated outside of the General Fund and specifically ear-marked for Parks.
 - l. Commissioner Moderow mentioned FCMPD is going after Grants and Jim Hebert added that King County Sheriff Sue Roar and King County Executive Dow Constantine are both familiar with Hebert Research reports, so this survey could be shared with them to further our efforts.

- m. John Chaney suggested seeking members of the community to help fund or build more parks together as a community, perhaps even a private enterprise.

C. Snoqualmie River Float Taskforce – Commissioner Moderow

- a. Shar Driggs reported on the efforts of the Fall City River Float Taskforce.
 - i. King County has agreed to pay for some directional and parking signage. The Sheriff's Department is working on a particular sign to hang across the river and step up security during target dates. They are monitoring the social network sites.
 - ii. The Boy Scouts will build trash cans in various collection areas and Friends of the Trail will take care of disposal.
 - iii. King County is producing a safety video to broadcast on social network sites.
 - iv. The FCCA has put up funds for one dumpster in the past; however King County Parks should contribute more santi-cans and dumpsters in the other areas.
 - v. Citizens are assuming King County is going to come through with funding, but in reality it is really going to be funded by the local community. Possible sponsors are REI for either a trash raft or mesh bags to contain trash.
 - vi. We need to find ways to get the Department of Fish and Wildlife to participate in the committee.
 - vii. Commissioner Moderow has applied to the Russell Family Foundation for a Grant, however she was unsuccessful. Commissioner Moderow, as a member of PRKC, is getting together with other PRKC members to apply for a \$40,000 Grant.
 - viii. PRKC is offering their volunteer efforts, however their Grants do not pay for administrative fees. The PRKC can pursue an EcoNet grant which is a great resource for grants.
 - ix. The general perception from the public is that FCMPD should take a lead role in the Fall City River Float Taskforce and provide maintenance.
- b. There are still funds available to continue Terri Campbell's administrative services for the Fall City River Float Taskforce for another meeting. No increase is being sought at this time.

5. **Correspondence**

- A. No Report

6. **Activity Updates**

- A. Administrative
 - a. Commissioner Harris reported the Flood District proposed documentation is under review.
- B. Vision, Mission and Goals Committee
 - a. Updates to the Comp Plan will be forthcoming after review of the results of the survey
- C. Park Lands Committee
 - a. No Report
- D. Park District Survey
 - a. See Item 4 above

- E. Fall City Community Association (FCCA)
 - a. Commissioner Harris reported there are three things we could do as a community
 - i. Develop a map - focus on downtown for a physical location, zoning and how to revitalize
 - ii. Vision - what do you want Fall City to be and how do we determine business boundaries and what is allowed within those boundaries as well as how to handle waste water. Commissioner Moderow recommended the Commissioners review Chapters 4 and 6 in the Comp Plan and submit recommendations
 - iii. Uses, for the Sub-Area Plan, which is really a FCCA item.
 - b. Commissioner Schneider proposed taking on correspondence and planning with the EEDS.
- F. King County
 - a. No Report
- G. Snoqualmie Tribe
 - a. Saturday, March 5th, was a great event at Fall City Park sponsored by the Snoqualmie Tribe. There were a bunch of trees planted and a great turn-out.
- H. Public Communications
 - a. Fall City Neighbors Monthly Newsletter monthly article submitted by Commission Moderow.
 - b. FCMPD Yahoo Group
 - i. There are 6 members to date. Join the group at www.yahoo.com/groups and search for the Fall City Metropolitan Park District

8. Policies and Procedures Manual - Commissioner Wilkins

- A. Review of FCMPD Policy and Procedures Manual
 - a. Commissioner Wilkins to present the final draft at the April 12, 2011, meeting.

9. Old Business

- A. FCMPD Voice Recorder
 - a. Future monthly FCMPD meetings will now be recorder and a digital recorded needs to be purchased.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved and authorized Terri Campbell to purchase a digital voice recorder not to exceed \$100.00

- B. IRS EIN and Washington State UBI numbers
 - a. They have been obtained
- C. State Auditor's Office – Accountability Audit Status
 - i. Commissioners Harris and Moderow will schedule a de-brief meeting with the State Auditor.
 - ii. It is not considered a Special Meeting if FCMPD is not the facilitator of a meeting, however, the Commissioners agreed to declare a Special Meeting if more than three Commissioners are present.

10. New Business

- A. Commissioner Moderow requested we hire a graphic artist to create a logo and business cards
 - a. Commissioner Harris to submit to Commissioner Moderow information on expenditure limits that fall below an RFP requirement.
 - b. Commissioner Moderow to contact EdsBits, a local business, to get a quote on graphic services for a logo.

11. Adjourn

After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

President and Commissioner

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ATTEST:

Clerk and Commissioner