

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF FALL CITY METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT
OF KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
HELD October 20, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fall City Metropolitan Park District (FCMPD) of King County, Washington, was held October 20, 2009, at the Fall City Fire District No. 27 Station located at 4301 334th PL SE, Fall City, Washington, at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners Harris, Moderow, Pettersson, Schneider, and Wilkins were present.

Also present were King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert, Kevin Brown, Director King County Parks and Recreation Division, Sifu Johann Sasynuik, Charlie Kellogg, John Rouches, Eric Hollis, Terri Divers, and others.

1. Call to Order.

Commissioner Schneider acted as Chairman of the meeting and business was conducted as follows. He stated that Commissioner Harris has volunteered to take minutes of this meeting. Business was conducted as follows.

2. Minutes and Resolutions.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting held September 15, 2009 were not made available at this time.

3. Financial Report and Vouchers.

The Financial Report was reviewed. Various Vouchers drawn on the Maintenance Fund were reviewed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved and authorized payment of Maintenance Fund Voucher No. 5 in the amount of \$30.00.

4. Correspondence

Commissioner Schneider distributed to the other Board members copies of letter he prepared for Kevin Brown, Director of King County Parks and Recreation Division regarding the issue of a permanent stage at Quigley Park by FCCA.

5. Committee Reports

Committee reports were tabled until the next regular meeting due to the length of the meeting and number of attendees with presentations to make and questions to ask.

6. Representative Report: Commissioner Wilkins

(Friends of Fall City Parks, Park & Recreation Regional [Snoqualmie Valley] Task Force, King County Communications Liaison)

Commissioner Wilkins introduced King County Councilmember Lambert and the issue of the property (approximately 38 acres) at the intersection of 324th Avenue SE and SE 31st Street adjacent to the Snoqualmie River. Councilmember Lambert inquired whether there was interest among the Fall City community and specifically among the Board for future uses at this site. Commissioner Wilkins indicated that the local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts organizations were interested in various uses for this parcel. Commissioner Schneider asked for King County to identify what uses would be allowed at this site given that it was purchased by the County with the intent to mitigate potential flooding problems.

Commissioner Wilkins indicated that he would continue to contact organizations to gauge interest and to maintain communication with the County on this issue. No specific decision was made at this time on this issue.

7. Old Business

A. SE 39th Street SVT Access

Kevin Brown, Director King County Parks and Recreation Division, Commissioner Harris presented the County's understanding of the events that led up to the anticipated sale of the Weyerhaeuser parcel that lies between the end of SE 39th Street and the Snoqualmie Valley Trail (SVT). Discussions between the County and Weyerhaeuser regarding this particular parcel extend back as far as three years ago. Public access to the SVT was officially closed May 9, 2008, but maintenance access to the SVT was continued to allow. In June 2009 approximately 20 parcels were put up for sale including the SE 39th Street access to SVT parcel. The County has been notified that it was not the highest bidder for this parcel. The County is maintaining communication with Weyerhaeuser to determine if it can still work out an arrangement with the apparent high bidder to allow public and maintenance access to the SVT. King County Councilmember Lambert indicated that her staff was investigating options to allow the public and maintenance vehicles access to the SVT at this location.

B. Draft 2010 Budget

Commissioner Harris presented to those in attendance copies of the draft 2010 expense budget, versions of which were reviewed at the preceding regular and special meetings. A brief discussion of the elements included in the budget and the process by which the 2010 levy rate would be calculated was held. Changes to the draft budget were suggested.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a public hearing to be held at its regular meeting on November 17, 2009 and the purpose of the hearing is to take and consider testimony from the public regarding the revenue sources and expenses of the District for the 2010 calendar year.

C. Quigley Park Stage (FCCA)

Commissioner Schneider took the opportunity to personally notify Kevin Brown that Vanessa Allen of the FCCA would be contacting his office regarding a proposal to construct a permanent stage at Quigley Park. A letter prepared by Commissioner Schneider had already been sent to Kevin Brown's attention.

8. New Business

None offered.

9. Business from the Floor

Former Wells Nursery Site

Charlie Kellogg and John Rouches own the former Wells Nursery Site property and expressed a desire to sell it to the FCMPD. They indicated that this site would have great value as a community gathering location and could be developed into a facility that would have several rural attributes. In addition to soccer and baseball fields, basketball courts and playgrounds, rural elements such as a riding arena, farming center, canning kitchen, etc. could be incorporated into the site. Mr. Kellogg and Mr. Rouches wanted to gauge the level of interest by the Board for moving forward with investigating the possibility of the District purchasing the property with the intent of developing a park facility with rural elements incorporated. Mr. Kellogg and Mr. Rouches were thanked for their presentation and information provided for consideration. No specific action was taken by the Board at this time.

Shaswabs/Raging River Trail

Sifu Johann Sasynuik presented the Board with a Shaswabs/Raging River Historic Trail Timeline he had prepared and expressed a desire for the District to support his efforts of maintaining public access along the river. Mr. Sasynuik suggested that the posting of signs would notify the public that the trail is available for public use. Mr. Sasynuik was thanked for his presentation and information provided for consideration. No specific action was taken by the Board at this time.

10. Adjourn

The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fall City Metropolitan Park District of King County, Washington, at the Fall City King County Library, will be held Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at the Fall City King County Library, 33415 42nd Place SE, Fall City, Washington, at 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

President and Commissioner

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ATTEST:

Clerk and Commissioner