

Parks & Rec Commission Meeting

Thursday August 24th, 2023

The meeting was **called to order** by Margaret Payne at 4:00 p.m.

PRC Attendance:

☒ Tex Blankenburg
☒ Cy Field
☐ Mehgan Alexandria
☐ Johannes Krieger
☒ Heather Oaksen
☒ Margaret Payne -Chair
☒ Bill McGowan
☒ Brandon Cadwell-Parks & Fair Director
☒ Angelica Hadeen
County Council Member: ☐ Christine Minney

Public: None

Correspondence: None

Chair Message: None

Approval of Agenda:

Approval of minutes: 1st motion by Heather Oaksen. 2nd motion by Cy Field.

Council Liaison Message: None

New Business:

- **Climate & Sustainability Report:** Heather provided a preliminary draft of Destination Management Plan that is available for public review. There was a discussion about the preliminary draft.
- **Orcas Bench Donation:** There was a discussion about the donated bench. Motion was made to have a discussion with the Arts Council. 1st motion by Margaret Payne 2nd motion by Tex Blankenburg. All in favor of the motion.
- **Early Group Camping Policy:** A discussion was had about eliminating the program and offering an option to book Group Camping online. 1st motion by Heather Oaksen to go by the recommendation of eliminating early group policy and offering the option online. 2nd motion by Tex Blankenburg. All in favor of the motion.
- **Commercial Group Camping Policy:** A discussion was had about eliminating the Commercial Group Camping Policy which required an additional charge of a "Use Permit". The question was do we need the additional "Use Permit" when the Commercial Group is already paying for the camping. 1st motion by Tex Blankenburg to go by the recommendation to eliminate the Commercial Group Policy. 2nd motion by Bill McGowan. All in favor of the motion.

Old Business: None

Directors Report: Toby Haskett to conduct September PRC meeting. San Juan County adopted a 32hr work week for 1849 union members starting September 25th for October Payroll. The Parks & Fair department is currently working on a schedule to adopt the 32hr work week and still have full coverage. The 2023 SJC Fair was attended well and was a great success thanks to the hard-working staff and volunteers. There was a discussion about changing the Fair days to Thursday thru Sunday for 2024. Having Sunday as a Fair day may give Orcas and Lopez residents more opportunity to attend the Fair. The Romtec Vault Toilets will be delivered to Eagle Cove and Shark Reef Parks this month. After Labor Day there will be a discussion on setting up meetings with staff and Lopez community about the future of the Lopez Skate Park.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00PM.