

Parks & Rec Commission Meeting

Thursday April 18, 2024

Attendance:

Parks & Rec Commission Members Present: Tex Blankenburg, Cy Field, Margaret Payne, Bill McGowan, Heather Oaksen, Johannes Krieger, Meghan Alexandra

Staff Present: Brandon Cadwell, Angelica Hadeen

County Council Liaison: Christine Minney

Approval of Minutes: Approved as revised. Motion by Cy Field, seconded by Heather Oaksen. All Ayes.

Public Access: N/A

Correspondence: N/A

Chair Message: I will be moving off island in 2 weeks and will continue to be chair until June.

Council Liaison Message: Late arrival-no message.

New Business:

- Code Review- Brandon presented changes in the commission code for review. The proposed changes are:
 - Fair/Event Manager no longer a position.
 - 3-year term instead of a 6-year term.
 - Term to end in December and begin in January.
 - No annual joint meeting with the Fair Board being required.
- Meeting Frequency- Brandon proposed changing monthly meetings to quarterly meetings with the option to call a meeting when needed.
 - Johannes requested a director's report be submitted each month. If there is something to address in report, then the option to call a meeting prior to the quarterly meeting should be an option.
 - Heather would like to see a monthly directors report with the option to call a meeting if needed.Motion to code changes & meeting frequency 1st by Cy Field seconded by Tex Blankenburg. All Ayes.
- Budget Presentation: Brandon presented the Parks & Fair Budget with 2021-2023 comparisons of revenue and expenses for all 4 islands.
- ESVG Sponsorship: The Orcas Summer Music Series requested a waive fee for the Eastsound Village Green rental. Brandon met with Margaret and Heather to discuss options for the Orcas Summer Music series. It was agreed to lower the fees for this year's Music series. Brandon has sent a letter to Orcas Center reflecting those lowered fees.

- Orcas Island Parking Survey: The Orcas community received a grant to conduct an Orcas Island Parking Survey. Margaret questioned whether the Parks department should be involved with the survey. Cindy Wolf is the survey contact. Margaret will reach out to Cindy to get more information. In addition to the Orcas Island parking survey, a local resident reached out to Margaret about adding clear instructions for access to the Eastsound Village Green in the Parks rental agreement with signs to deterrent access to the Green through private property.

Old Business: None

Announcements:

- Director's Report: Water systems at all the parks are on due to full camping taking place. Seasonals for all the parks have been hired. A Fairgrounds Manager has been hired and will start next week; his name is Nolan Fike.

Adjourn: 5:20PM