

**CITY OF BLAINE
PARK AND CEMETERY BOARD MINUTES**

Thursday April 13, 2017

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Sandie Miller - Chair

A. CALL TO ORDER: 9:30 AM

B. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Janet Pickard, Sandie Miller, Joan Clark, Sandra Schable and, Sean Ventura

ABSENT: Garth Baldwin

STAFF: Planner II Alex Wenger, Planner I Maddie Ottley

Board Member Baldwin asked to be excused prior to the beginning of the meeting.

MOTION BY CLARK TO EXCUSE BOARD MEMBER BALDWIN, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

D. NEW BUSINESS:

Marine Park Bench

Mr. Wenger highlighted that a bench was being donated by Ron Snyder and Cathy Taggart to be installed adjacent to the Telescope Shelter at Marine Park.

Marine Park Canoe Journey Plaque or Interpretative Sign

Ron Snyder and Cathy Taggart spoke about the proposed journey plaque to be installed adjacent to the proposed bench at Marine Park. Mr. Snyder and Ms. Taggart spoke about the history of the words proposed for the plaque.

Mr. Snyder also spoke about the second annual potlach and canoe landing which will take place during Labor Day Weekend at Marine Park. The event will feature the new bench and plaque. Mr. Snyder also highlighted other events happening

that weekend including a canoe salmon journey and community picnic at Semiahmoo Spit.

The discussion was concluded with Mr. Snyder and Ms. Taggert's request for an in ground plaque most likely using bronze.

Staff will bring back a final design and pricing at the next meeting for the proposed plaque.

Summer Events in Marine Park

Mr. Wenger stated that in addition to the annual G'ANA'K'W Family Potlatch on September 1-4, other events planned for the Park including Hands Across the Border from June 8-12, and Music and Movie Night on August 25 & 26.

E. ON GOING BUSINESS:

Lincoln Park Sewer Project Update

Mr. Wenger stated that the City's contractor has conducted some initial clearing for the sewer route. Mr. Wenger highlighted that some of the logs are being chipped but due to the size of others the City will retain the larger pieces and surplus them.

The City is also planning on contracting with a logger to conduct selective clearing to allow for more light to permeate the understory and help with maintenance.

Heron's Pond Update

Mr. Wenger stated that the City received acceptable bids for the project which includes the trail, half basketball court, and small picnic area at the front. Mr. Wenger stated that the City will be seeking bids for construction of the overlook.

Cemetery Maintenance Update

Mr. Wenger noted that City Council accepted the Park and Cemetery Board's recommendation to update the Cemetery fee schedule at their last meeting on April 10, 2017.

Mr. Wenger also stated that the City will be hiring a part time permanent staff member to maintain the Cemetery. In addition, two seasonal full time positions will soon be hired who will help part time with park's maintenance over the summer season.

Park Maintenance Program Update

Mr. Wenger spoke about the new park's maintenance system which includes playground safety inspections, general parks inspection by Community Development Services (CDS) staff, and how maintenance items will be communicated with Public Works.

Mr. Wenger also stated that from the CDS inspections each park will be given a Level of Service score which will be shared with the Park and Cemetery Board and City Council.

F. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

7th Street Community Garden Financial Report

Board Member Clark requested that staff look at the Garden's finances in order to price for sustainability.

Mr. Wenger stated that staff will present information on the request at the next meeting in May.

Bank Stabilization at Hughes Bayview Park

Board Member Miller stated that her friend's retaining wall next to Hughes Bayview Park is shifting, and asked Ms. Miller to look into what is going on.

Mr. Wenger stated that the erosion along the bank is typical of the area and is expected over time. Mr. Wenger also noted that some restoration of the shoreline could take place in the future but that would need to be a budgeted project by the Board.

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION BY CLARK, SECONDED BY PICKARD, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 2017, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

ADJOURNMENT: 10:50 AM

Park and Cemetery Board minutes of April, 2017, will be approved at the May, 2017 Park and Cemetery Board meeting.