

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

Thursday, November 9, 2017

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Sandie Miller - Chair

A. CALL TO ORDER: 9:30 AM

B. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Sandie Miller, Janet Pickard, Sandra Schable, Joan Clark,

MOTION BY CLARK, SECONDED BY PICKARD, TO EXCUSE BOARD MEMBER VENTURA, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0).

Board Member Baldwin did not ask to be excused prior to the start of the meeting.

ABSENT: Garth Baldwin, Sean Ventura

STAFF: Planner II Alex Wenger, Planner I Maddie Ottley

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

The board approved the agenda for November and minutes from October.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tess Tessler – 4632 California Trail - Stated that she has served previously on a Cemetery Board and was interested in serving in some capacity. It was determined Ms. Tessler lives outside the City limits and information provided regarding her questions.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Strategic Economic Initiative Survey Results

Mr. Wenger provided the Board with the survey results and highlighted some of the major parks improvements voted as high priority by the public. Some of these projects included construction of the Peace Portal boardwalk, improvements to street ends, and restoration of Marine Park shoreline.

Mr. Jones highlighted how the survey and action plan were created, and answered questions from the Board regarding how funding for some of the parks projects may be generated. Mr. Jones noted City Council is also evaluating the survey and will be generating a formal action plan, which would hopefully result in a joint meeting with the Parks Board regarding parks projects.

Public Participation Discussion

Mr. Wenger asked the Board for ideas regarding public outreach for parks projects.

Board member Pickard noted the next Salishan Neighborhood Meeting is on the third Sunday of January.

Mr. Jones clarified staff is asking how the Board members would be willing to reach out to the public.

Mr. Wenger noted he wanted to draft a public outreach plan, and highlighted that social media has been shown to be effective in sharing information with the community. Mr. Wenger also noted one of the key elements required for the Park and Recreation Plan is public outreach.

The Board questioned what other information needs to be obtained from the public.

Mr. Jones responded, stating additional public outreach is needed for a more detailed Park and Recreation Plan regarding specific park improvements.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

F. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Blaine High School Stewardship Program Update

Mr. Wenger noted a small restoration project was completed by the Blaine High School Stewardship program, which included garbage removal and planting of native species adjacent to Cain Creek near Mitchell and Boblett Street.

BBBPRD2 Endorsement Letter

Mr. Wenger highlighted the Board as appointed, not elected, officials cannot officially endorse initiatives and therefore the letter was not published.

Mr. Wenger also provided the Board with information regarding the voting results for the initiative.

Upcoming Park Board Meeting Schedule

**MOTION BY CLARK, SECONDED BY SCHABLE, TO CANCEL THE
DECEMBER PARK AND CEMETERY BOARD MEETING, APPROVED
UNANIMOUSLY (4-0).**

Board Member Miller and Board Member Schable stated they are resigning effective immediately.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:22 AM

Park and Cemetery Board minutes of November, 2017 will be approved at the January, 2017 Park and Cemetery Board meeting.