



APPENDIX C: COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES

Si View Metropolitan Park District June 22, 2005 – Neighborhood Meeting Minutes 7:00 PM

Si View Community Center – Fireside Room

1. INTRODUCTIONS

- A. Commissioner Kelly opened the meeting at 7:03pm with introductions. Commissioners Haggerty, Commissioner Vinnedge, Commissioner Joselyn and Commissioner Acker introduced themselves.
- B. Commissioner Kelly introduced staff in attendance: Director Jessi Richardson and Special Projects Coordinator Wanda Boe
- C. Neighbors in attendance introduced themselves.

2. GOAL AND PURPOSE OF MEETING

- A. Commissioner Kelly spoke to the purpose of the meeting.

3. A YEAR IN REVIEW

- A. Parks and Recreation Guides – Ms. Richardson noted that in the recent survey, the brochures were identified as our most important marketing tool.
- B. Facility Improvements – Ms. Richardson reviewed the facility improvements that have been accomplished over the past year.
- C. 2005 Budget – Ms. Richardson offered copies of the 2005 Budget, noting that the budget was also available as a download from our web site.
- D. 2005 Preliminary Survey Results – Ms. Richardson reported that preliminary results of the recent survey have been drafted and distributed to the Commission.
- E. Commissioner Kelly reported on the Joint Park Board Meeting.

4. UPCOMING DIRECTIONS/POTENTIAL ISSUES/BRAINSTORMING SOLUTIONS

- A. Parking/Traffic Challenges -- Commissioner Kelly tabled the parking/traffic discussion until after the presentation and discussion about the Festival at Mt. Si (Alpine Days).
- B. Festival at Mt. Si (Alpine Days), August 12-14: Pam Whittington, a Festival at Mt. Si Committee member, reported that the festival is a 35 year tradition in North Bend. About 35,000 people attended the festival last year. The Arts and Crafts Fair continues to grow and is the largest in the area. The festival is making some changes to the schedule this year including ending the Friday night teen concert at dusk to improve security. There was a parking shuttle last year that circulated through the Outlet Mall and two Elementary Schools to alleviate some parking congestion and that will continue this year with improved marketing. Ms. Whittington reviewed the Special Events associated with the festival. More shade will be provided this year. Ms. Whittington also reported that several important festival and committee items were recently stolen from storage resulting in a significant financial set-back for the committee.
 - i. Neighborhood feedback:
 - a. A neighbor complimented the Festival Committee on a job well done last year reporting that no cars were parked on the side streets.
 - ii. Neighbor Suggestions to help with parking:
 - a. Lend orange cones to the homes on Orchard to help control parking
 - b. Passes for Volunteer Parking and Handicap Parking to ease the congestion in front of the facility where the road is blocked off



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- C. Parking/Traffic Challenges -- Commissioner Kelly addressed the larger issue of parking and traffic challenges at Si View.
 - i. Speeding is a major issue on Orchard that seems to be a general neighborhood issue but can be significant during special events at the facility.
 - ii. Neighbor Suggestions to help solve the parking and traffic challenges along Orchard:
 - a. Flashing Speed limit sign
 - b. More speed limit signs
 - c. Stop Sign and crosswalk
 - d. Monitor speed limits electronically
 - e. Speed bumps
 - f. Cones to block people from using the small cul-de-sac across from the Park to prevent people from using it as turn-around.
 - g. Sign that says "No turn-around" in small cul-de-sac.
 - h. Parking for soccer and baseball during their practices and games.
 - i. Ask King County to do special patrols during larger events.
 - D. Long-Range Plans – The District is beginning to work on their 6 year Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Kelly reported on some of the significant results of the survey which was conducted to inform this process. Ms. Richardson reviewed the timeline for completing the comprehensive plan. Commissioner Vinnedge suggested people check on our web site for updates on the comprehensive planning process.
 - E. General Comments
 - i. A neighbor asked about plans for a park and ride, expressing concern that part of the park would be utilized for the plan. Another neighbor explained that the plan included State land owned on Cedar Falls Way and not Si View Park land. That plan was dropped several years ago due to the high costs of putting in the park and ride.
 - ii. A neighbor inquired about the realistic life span of the pool and facility in terms of the long-term plans. The Commission reported that they are looking at those very issues in the comprehensive planning process and through the survey
 - a. Commissioner Joselyn reported that all capital improvements to the pool have taken into account the life of the pool in relation to the costs and longevity of the product used in the improvements.
5. COMMISSION MEETINGS
- A. 1ST and 3RD Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm at the Si View Community Center -- Commissioner Kelly reviewed the meeting schedule of the Commission including special meetings for the budget and comprehensive plan. Next Joint Park Board Meeting is Wednesday, July 13th.
6. Meeting ended at 8:00pm.



**Si View Metropolitan Park District Minutes
June 23, 2004 – Special Neighborhood Meeting
7:00 PM – 8:25 PM**

Si View Community Center, 400 SE Orchard Drive, North Bend, WA 98045

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Commissioner Haggerty.
2. Attending: Commissioner Haggerty, Commissioner Vinnedge, Commissioner Acker, Commissioner Kelly, Commissioner Joselyn
3. Staff Attending: Director Jessi Richardson, Special Projects Coordinator Wanda Boe, Administrative Support Specialist Katie Burke
4. Commissioner Haggerty welcomed the neighbors to the meeting. Commissioners, staff and neighbors introduced themselves.

II. OVERVIEW

1. Commissioner Haggerty gave an overview of the Park District, the role of the Commissioners and presented the Si View MPD Mission and Values Statement highlighting partnerships as a core value. Commissioner Haggerty introduced the goals and purpose of the meeting as seeking input from the neighbors about the goals and direction of the District and Park and to give the neighbors opportunities to serve on District committees.
2. Commissioners presented need to survey park boundaries in terms of identifying what the Park District is responsible for. Parkside Townhomes has a bulletin board that can be used to post any major developments at the Park that may impact the neighborhood.

III. SUMMARY OF NEIGHBOR CONCERNS AND SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS

Alpine Days Issues	Possible Solution
Traffic: Access to neighborhood	Shuttle bus with continual movement Windshield stickers to allow access to blocked streets with local access only One way street going toward North Bend Way Policeman stationed at North Bend Way, Cedar Falls Road and Orchard to direct traffic
Parking: blocking driveways	Expanded handicap parking near facility Parallel parking only, on Orchard in front of facility Local access only Block off condo complexes
Access: flow of people (wheelchairs and strollers)	
Noise	Stop music by 9pm; neighbors would like the festival to meet the noise ordinance Festival ends at 4pm Sunday Activities and vendors will be kept away from the fence
Set-up/lay-out	Set back from fences; keep away from fences
Shade/Shelter	Tents for shade Hold some activities in the gym
Parade	Don't cut off access during parade
Pancake Breakfast	Use shuttle to bring vendors to pancake breakfast which is a large fundraiser for the Senior Center
Security	County sheriff Internal staff



Other Issues	Possible Solutions
Parking	Create safe parking that enhances the neighborhood Ask church to parallel park on Sunday mornings to not block neighbors
Six Year Plan	May require Si View to take action on people encroaching on Park property Si View is clearing sticker bushes by Alpine Days
Traffic	Speed indicators Crosswalks Public Awareness
Dogs in the park	Signage

1. Commissioner Haggerty invited the neighbors to give feedback after Alpine Days evaluating the event at Si View Park
2. Commissioner Haggerty discussed the need and reason for a 6 year plan explaining that a 6 year plan is required when applying for grants that could be used to improve the facility.
 - i. Surveying boundaries is a step in developing a 6 year plan. Surveying may lead to taking action on people who are encroaching on park property.
 - ii. Commissioner Haggerty circulated King County's plans for the property to give the neighbors an idea of what the District could do with the Park.
 - iii. Commissioner Haggerty explained the Si View MPD's commitment to community through grant money and improving the relationship with the community through strengthening partnerships.
3. Commissioner Haggerty discussed volunteer opportunities through the Park District by serving on a committee. Commissioner Haggerty suggested the neighbors may be particularly interested in an adhoc building and grounds committee.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

1. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. Commissioner Haggerty announced that a Special Meeting of the Si View MPD will commence at 8:35pm allowing a ten minutes break.



Si View Metropolitan Park District
October 26, 2005 – 7:00 PM – 8:20 PM
Community Meeting for the Comprehensive Plan 2006-2011
Si View Community Center – Social Room

1. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Director Jessi Richardson opened the meeting introducing Commissioner Acker, Commissioner Kelly, Commissioner Joselyn, Commissioner Haggerty and Commissioner Vinnedge. Director Richardson gave an overview explaining the purpose of the meeting as an essential step in the development of the District's Six Year Comprehensive Plan
- b. Attendees introduced themselves.
- c. Jane Ellen Seymour introduced herself as the facilitator of the meeting. Ms. Seymour invited the attendees to give feedback to the Commission about the direction they would like to see the District take in terms of programs, facilities and grounds in the next six years.

2. PUBLIC FEEDBACK

- a. Walking, Hiking Trails and Connections – Feedback was that the trails are a wonderful asset in the Valley. Suggestion was to utilize this asset by adding guided excursions as a District program. An example would be a guided hike to learn about the wildflowers found along the trail.
- b. Facilities
 - i. Aquatic Facilities and Programs – Feedback was that the public doesn't want to lose the pool in North Bend. People love the place but the community needs a bigger pool that is more functional. Suggestion was to build another pool or add-on to the existing pool. If a larger facility is to be built a regional facility needs to be considered on the part of the District, the Cities of North Bend and Snoqualmie and the School District. An indoor pool with sliding walls was suggested.
 - ii. Community Center – Feedback was to keep the facility as a multiuse facility with diverse activities. Suggestion was to bring the facility up to code particularly the drain field and the heating system to ensure the facility is around for a while. Another suggestion was to upgrade the kitchen so it would have greater appeal as a rental and could support cooking classes. An overall upgrade of the interior of the facility was suggested.
- c. Fields and Space
 - i. Playground – Suggestion was to relocate the playground to be central to the field usage area.
 - ii. Open Space/Natural Areas – No suggestions
 - iii. Picnic Shelters & Areas – Suggestion was to build a shelter at Shamrock Park
 - iv. Shamrock Park – Suggestion was to build a picnic shelter at Shamrock Park and create river access to allow for fly fishing and kayaking
 - v. Soccer Fields – Suggestion was to invest in turf fields.
 - vi. Baseball/Softball Fields – No feedback or suggestion.
 - vii. Football Fields – Feedback was that the Community needs more fields in general for football practice
 - viii. Field in General – Feedback is that fields need to be multi-use and open for other activities such as concerts, movies, classes and the Festival at Mt. Si. Fields need overall improvement. More dog waste dispensers are needed for the park. The District should take a leadership role in encouraging a collaborative, region-wide effort to address the issue of field needs and usage.
- d. Programs: Special & Family Events, Adult, Youth/Teen, Special Pops, Arts, Outdoor Ed & Rec, seniors, etc -- Feedback was to keep the community center inclusive and accessible. Suggestion was for more classes such as tennis lessons, fly fishing, kayaking and rock climbing. Weight room facility was discussed but it would not be inclusive and closes down



- accessibility for multi-uses. Suggestion was to collaborate with the school district for weight room access. Suggestions for Special Events included a summer movie series, summer concerts and farmer's market. More signage and marketing of programs is needed.
- e. Communication, Outreach, Parks & Rec Role (i.e. web site, program guide, partnership, etc.) Feedback was that the District needs to take a leadership role in the Valley in terms of parks and recreation planning. In terms of marketing, more signage is needed with the web site address on signs. A reader board would be useful in announcing events.
 - f. Other: -- Parking and traffic is a key issue along Orchard Drive, especially during soccer season. The cul-de-sac is used as a turn-around and poses a danger to the kids living in the cul-de-sac. It is a safety issue for residents and participants. Suggestions are to use part of the field for parking, add an electronic speed limit sign to remind people of their speed and add speed bumps.

3. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Community Meeting ended at 8:20 PM.