



PARK AND CEMETERY BOARD

MINUTES

City Hall Council Chambers, 435 Martin Street, Suite 4000

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Call to order at 9:00 AM

Roll Call: Bob Kirby, Jim Hermesen, Janet Pickard, Sandie Miller, and Barbara Sturdivant.

Staff Present: Alex Wenger, Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator; Gary McSpadden, Maintenance and Operations Manager; Allison Tompkins, Community Planner I; Ivonne Barnett, IT Specialist; Peter Ruffatto,

NEW BUSINESS

- Staff introduced a donation from the Semiahmoo Yacht Club of 6 picnic tables. Staff recommended that board members make a recommendation to City Council to accept the donation. Staff and board members discussed possible locations for the tables. Representatives from the Semiahmoo Yacht Club were present to answer questions from board members.

MOTION FROM BOARD MEMBER KIRBY TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF PICNIC TABLE FROM THE SEMIAHMOO YACHT CLUB FOR USE IN BLAINE PUBLIC SPACES. SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER PICKARD. MOTION PASSED.

- City legal council gave a presentation to the board on the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) and Public Records Act. Board members asked questions and had a discussion following the presentation.

REOCCURRING BUSINESS

- Maintenance and Operations. Public Works gave an update on facility management and operations including park maintenance; seasonal hiring, final

placement of the niche wall; the 7th Street Community Garden; purchasing of Downtown hanging baskets; maintenance of the cemetery and update of the repair work out at Marine Park. Board members asked questions.

MOTION BY BOARD MEMBER HERMSEN TO REQUEST THAT CITY COUNCIL REVISIT THE MAINTENANCE BUDGET FOR CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER MILLER. MOTION PASSED.

- Staff gave an overview of the current projects including Marine Park Big Beach Project; Downtown Revitalization Project; Chamber of Commerce Plaza special events; Blaine Art Studio Tour; 4th of July and Splash Day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BOARD MEMBER HERMSEN MOVED TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 10, 2022 MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER STURDIVANT. MOTIONED PASSED.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

BOARD MEMBER HERMSEN MOTION TO HOLD PARKS AND CEMETERY BOARD MEETING MOVING FORWARD IN PERSON. SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER STURDIVANT. MOTION PASSED.

Adjournment 10:31 A.M.