



**City of Poulsbo
Community Services Committee
Poulsbo City Hall**

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| Subject | Regular Meeting Minutes | Date | March 8, 2017 |
| Recorder | Mary McCluskey | Start Time | 4:00 pm |
| Committee Chair | Connie Lord | End time | 5:00 pm |
| Committee Members | Jim Henry, Connie Lord, Ken Thomas | | |
| Staff Present | Mary McCluskey, Parks and Recreation; Mayor Erickson; Karla Boughton and Nikole Coleman, Planning Dept. | | |

| Agenda | | |
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| No. | Topic | Action/Recommendation/Discussion |
| 1. | Administrative | |
| A. | Questions & Concerns of the Committee | Ken reported that the ALP Park Project is on the Council agenda tonight. He will be making a motion for the project to move forward with no cost to the City. |
| B. | Agenda and Extended Agenda Review | Mary asked to add a Skate Park update. |
| C. | Approval of Minutes: 02/08/2017 | M/S/A JH/KT |
| 2. | Comments from Citizens | None |
| 3. | Agenda items | |
| A. | Special Events: The Art of Music | This new event will be held Friday, May 12 in the MIW Waterfront Park. Artists will set up easels and paint while visitors walk the park and watch them work. There will be a judged event the next day. Sponsored by the Peninsula Music and Arts Society. CSC recommends approval to council (KT/JH). |
| B. | Social Services Committee | Becky reported that at the April 5 council meeting, she will be holding a workshop with 5 speakers who will be discussing homelessness and affordable housing. This is to inform council of the various programs going on in the county. |
| C. | Metropolitan Park District discussion | Becky explained that in recent months, some residents have talked with her about forming an LID to buy property next to the Post Office for a park. That idea ended up being too expensive for the neighbors, but it |

led into another conversation about preserving land for park development and open space before it is lost. Developer Gary Lindsay has also talked with her about future park development. Nikole summarized the memo that the CSC was given. An MPD is approved by a vote of the people after a resolution is passed by the City Council. It is a property tax of up to .75 per \$1000 assessed valuation or approximately \$740k per year. Funds can be used for acquisition, maintenance, and development. Becky is recommending that the boundaries be the city limits for now. The City Council would be the governing board for funding decisions. County residents can be added into the MPD in the future once the County Commissioners approve a resolution. If the YMCA wants to be involved in the future, that would be a good time to expand the boundaries. The Pierce/Kitsap YMCA is not in an expansion mode at this time.

The Mayor would like to put together an exploratory committee. They would strategize on timing and make recommendations to the City Council.

The city doesn't have the funding mechanism for expensive park development, and grants are more competitive than ever. This would be a revenue stream for identified projects. The Recreation side of the department would still run the same, with general fund support. Becky said that there will be 1000 more people will be living in new apartments in the city in the next few years. More open space is needed.

Ken expressed concern about putting the previously discussed Transportation Benefit District and the MPD on the ballot at the same time. Timing is important. He says that it sounds like a good solution. He would like to see linear parks/trails along the city's ridgelines. Karla says that all the mechanisms are in place – impact fees, park reserves, and a capital improvement program. She also said that staff will have a limited role once the resolution would be passed. Staff can give facts, but cannot advocate for an MPD ballot measure. The Mayor said that a working group could include 1-2 council members, PRC members, citizens at large, Planning, P&R, and Finance Departments. Connie also commented that she thinks it is a good idea. She too is concerned about a Transportation Benefit District and upcoming NK School District bond

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| | | measures. The public will only support so much. Mary added that the City will be in need of a park planner if this goes through. Everyone agreed that would be necessary. |
| D. | Skate + Park Update | <p>Mary reported that a small group of Skate Park supporters visited 8 sites on March 4. After much discussion, including the pros and cons of each, the best sites were narrowed to:</p> <p>Raab Park Nelson Park Current Public Works site</p> <p>The College Marketplace site is good, and would work well with a YMCA type facility and skate park. Timing of such a building is unknown.</p> <p>Becky said that a Skate Park could be a part of the Metro Park District model. After some discussion, the Mayor suggested that Josh and the supporters put together a presentation to include maps with overlays to show how each site might work as a Skate Park. Mary said that they will shoot for a June presentation.</p> |
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| 4. | Department Reports | None |
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| 5. | Misc. Mayor & Board Comments | None |

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Mary McCluskey