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Single Topic Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 23, 2007

The single purpose public meeting of the Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District was called to order at 7:40PM by President Caril Ridley. The topic is the Key Peninsula Park Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioners Present: Caril Ridley, Greg Anglemyer, Ross Bischoff, Kip Clinton: Elmer Anderson is excused and on vacation. Also present for KPMPD was Scott Gallacher, Executive Park Director.

Citizens Present: Rick Sorrels (KP Park Plan Committee).

Topic: Key Peninsula Park System Plan

President Caril Ridley discussed the draft Conservation Futures map from the KP Community Plan. Rick Sorrels asked if KPMPD had ever formally adopted the DNR 360/Horseshoe Lake Property Conceptual Plan; Board members couldn't remember if it was approved by consensus or by vote. The Board directed Park Director Scott Gallacher to put this topic on the May 14 meeting agenda for a formal vote; formal approval is expected.

There was discussion about public access to waterfront as well as the lack of boat launches. Scott said that the Pierce County Boating Coalition has identified the road ends which front on water and boat launches on the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsulas; he will get this information from them to include in the KP Park System Plan. He is working on the "Inventory" element of the plan. It is simply a list of existing facilities. It was noted that Pierce County Parks has previously given permission for KPMPD to excerpt the pertinent parts from its Park System Plan for inclusion in KPMPD's plan.

The first Element of the Park System Plan is "Goals And Objectives". "The plan must support the agency's habitat, conservation, and/or park and recreation mission, including the current project with broad statements of intent, or goals. Goals describe desired outcomes. Objectives, on the other hand, are both measurable and more specific. Include objectives to help describe when a goal has been attained." (From the IAC manual #2.) Greg, Kip and Elmer had previously submitted their suggestions for Goals and Objectives. Ross suggested as a Goal "Increase the number of Boat Launches and associated parking areas on the Key Peninsula" with Objectives "Partner with Pierce County to upgrade and improve the Home Boat Launch and acquire the Also vacant upland parcel for accessory parking and support facilities; Partner with Pierce County to develop a boat launch and accessory parking near the Herron Island ferry dock for additional waterfront access". Another Goal suggested was "increase economic development on the KP via Park and Recreation Tourism and collaborate with other groups and agencies to fulfill the goal". Associated Objectives were "acquire and develop new boat launches to enhance water access for fishing/kayaking/boating tourism; acquire waterfront beach properties for beach associated recreational purposes; develop a kayak trail and camp sites at public parks or haul outs at private camps, hotels and bed-and-breakfast facilities." Goal: Develop and integrated overland trail system. Objective: List specific trail easements. Scott suggested that funding sources may be Goals and Objectives. Goal: Develop bicycle lanes alongside the main roadways for cycling tourism. Objectives: List roads, highways and streets where bicycle lanes should be

developed. Scott and Greg will collaborate on the Goals and Objectives Element with the intent of discussing it at the next regular KPMPD meeting.

Scott distribute Rick Sorrel's tabulation of the returned Park System Surveys. Rick explained the data. The public supported land acquisition for expansion of recreation opportunities. The greatest Facility demand was for trail development, land acquisition (DNR 360) and playgrounds for children (pocket parks in neighborhoods). The second greatest demand was for Rec centers/gyms, picnic areas, boat launches, water access and a swimming pool. The third was for expansion of soccer fields, skate park(s), campgrounds, baseball fields and basketball courts (team sports). The fourth was for development of a fairgrounds/event center and tennis courts. Under the "Programs" question, Youth programs were the highest rated; second were adult programs and health-and-fitness programs; third were for sports camps/clinics, outdoor cultural activities, senior programs, nature outings/environmental education and pre-school programs; fourth were day trips, special interest classes, equestrian programs and informational newsletters. Both Facilities and Programs had other non-ranked responses which also deserve serious consideration by the Park District. Regarding a swimming pool, consensus is for the District to partner with the Peninsula School District to develop a pool with public access on the north end of the KP.

The Board noted that the survey results confirm the Draft KP Park and Recreation District Park System Plan data.

Meeting Adjourned: The Single Topic Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM. The next regular KPMPD meeting will be at 7:30PM on Monday May 14, 2007 at KPSCF Annex and may be preceded by a 6:30PM study session. The next Single Topic Meeting of KPMPD will be on Monday May 28, 2007, at 7:30PM in the Volunteer Park Annex. The topic will be the Key Peninsula Park System Plan.

Respectfully submitted by Kip Clinton, Clerk KPMPD.

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