Parks Manager's Notes for PAB: "What's Happening In Parks"

June 9, 2017

- North Vancouver Mall Annexation. We're meeting with Julie Hannon and city staff next Thursday to hopefully wrap up the inter-local agreement. Kelly Meadows NH Park will go over to the City of Vancouver, effective August 1st. We will be responsible for paying the ongoing maintenance of that park with MPD funds. Kelly Meadows is currently undeveloped but we are agreeing to assist with developing the park once we have the PIF funding to support the expense.

- The Parking Fee program update – We have sold over 1,200 park passes to date.

- Update on purchase of a 5 acre parcel for a future NH Park. The property is located at 4316 NE 131st Street. The property is in PIF District 8. The estimated appraisal amount is $1,200,000. We now have funding and would like to approach the idea of pursuing the purchase this fall. There are two new subdivisions on the East and West side of the property and both have circulation roads terminating at the edge of the property. Our Transportation Manager is currently reviewing the property to see if a road modification can be done to eliminate the need for a circulation road through the property. I'll be seeking a vote of support by in the future PAB

- The Egger Farm property purchase is moving forward. The seller found an attorney who is helping her through the process.

- The Vancouver Senior Softball Association ball field Dedication ceremony at Pacific Community Park will be held on Saturday June 17th at 10:00 at Pacific Community Park *(Flyer attached).*

- We're working with the Washington Timbers and Harmony Sports Association to update the license agreement in an effort for them to secure another loan to construct a third synthetic turf soccer field. I understand that is already half way completed. We have a field trip to Harmony and Felida next Friday to look at the new fields at each location *(Field trip flyer attached).*

- We were very successful with our six Decision Packages in the Spring Supplemental Budget process.
    1. Public Works Add budget for .75 FTE OAII in Parks
    2. Public Works Add Parks Volunteer Program Assistant FTE
    3. Public Works Allocate FTE time managing Heritage Farm
    4. Public Works Roll over budget for Camp Hope Master Plan
    5. Public Works Otto Brown Neighborhood Park development
    6. Public Works Curtin Springs Wildlife Habitat development

- The Camas sewer project is underway. Jeremy and I attended the weekly construction meeting yesterday to witness the trees that were taken down at Lacamas Park to make way for the new pedestrian bridge.

- Pat Lee is renewing the five year contract with Columbia Land Trust to continue the partnership in seeking out properties and projects through Conservation Futures. Pat went through an RFP process and CLT was the only respondent. We've had a great relationship with CLT and look forward to working with them in the coming years.

- Felida Park Children's Garden – We received a $10,000 grant in 2016 and need to expend the funds by the end of 2017. Seeking PAB support to move forward with the project.

- We finalized the use agreement with Prairie Fields Association to manage and program Prairie Fields for the next 12 years (2 year term with two 5 year extensions). PFA will maintain the site at their expense but we will provide initial improvements using PIF Acquisition $$.

- The first phase of the Warner/Erickson Land trade was completed on May 30th with an approved Staff Report. The second and final phase will occur later this year.

- Our Prosecuting Attorney's Office is working on a countywide policy to address homeless camps, personal property cleanup and community assistance. An ordinance will likely follow the county wide policy later this year.

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