

KEY PENINSULA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT
***d.b.a.* KEY PENINSULA METRO PARKS**
P.O. Box 70, Lakebay, Wa. 98349
Special Public Meeting
Wednesday November 10, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM in the Key Peninsula Middle School Library by Paula DeMoss, President.

KPMPD Commissioners Present: Paula DeMoss, Jerry Schick, Kip Clinton, Ross Bischoff, Caril Ridley.

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Citizens Present: See attached sign in sheet. 21 citizens indicated that they wished to be contacted.

Reports by Park Commissioners on Existing Parks: Paula DeMoss gave a report on the current transfer status of Key Peninsula Sport Center and Fairground (Volunteer Park). The adopted budget was presented to the public as well as the expected average income from the Zoo/Trek sales tax which is between \$9300 and \$9400 per month. Jerry Schick gave a report on the condition of Volunteer Park (which has been neglected), Nancy Lind gave a report on the history and condition of Home Park (which is awaiting development funding) as well as Rocky Creek (which is in good condition). Ed Taylor, as chairman of the Land Acquisition Committee, told about the north 360 DNR acreage and mentioned that the LAC was negotiating with Pierce County about the "garbage dump land" immediately north of Volunteer Park.

Community Projects: Lions Club was represented by Hugh McMillan and George Robison. George explained to the citizens present that the Lions Club wished to partner with KPMPD and assist in the development of the park system starting with Home Park. Caril Ridley spoke about the importance of trails and the Home to Key Center trail the Trails Committee wished to establish. Paula DeMoss described Little League's programs and its relationship to the park district. Jerry Schick told about Adult Softball. Chuck West explained his vision of a skate park and how he is pursuing it. Ross Bischoff mentioned that Pierce County has the highest per capita horse population of any Washington State county and gave a brief history of Volunteer Park in relation to the equestrian community.

Community Input: The questions put forward for the citizens to consider were:

How would you like the park system to develop? What do you see as a priority? Which interests are important to you? Which committee would you be interested in helping? Are you able to provide any special services for the parks? Do you have a community project which you would like to bring to the park board to consider?

The desire for a major regional park in the north end of the Key Peninsula was voiced along with a number of smaller parks (2 to 10 acres), playgrounds and green areas. Ruth Bramhall noted that there are 80 acres for sale off 118th and Vipond with trails on site. Citizens expressed interest in KPMPD acquiring the "KP garbage dump" property; uses for it are a horse arena (100'x200' minimum) with parking, trails and a natural area. Desire was expressed for and interconnecting land based trail system running (off road) between the parks. Horsemen expressed interest in trailer parking off of 144th KPN (Pole Line Road) and at any new trailheads. Safe bicycling lanes/trails were mentioned.

Members of Friends of Home Park expressed a desire for irrigation water on site (with potable water in the future). Nancy Lind said that there is a shallow groundwater well that always has water in it (not potable but fine for irrigation), it just needs power and a pump. Members of the Bayshore Garden Club offered to do plantings and assist in landscaping Home Park as soon as a master site plan is developed. The placement on "Big Toys" in Home Park was mentioned. Several people said they would like KPMPD to try to acquire the parcel of vacant land across 8th KPN from Home Park (NW corner 8th KPN and KP Hwy N) for recreation and parking.

Purdy Sandspit and the Old Wauna Post Office/Goldman Store were thoroughly discussed. A large number of citizens were against the preservation of the Old Wauna Post Office. They had no objection to the sandspit being developed as a park without the building (a historical marker was deemed appropriate). Everyone agreed that restrooms of some sort needed to be put on the Purdy Sandspit (sanicans at both end temporarily). Safer access to the boat launch (off road turning and maneuvering capability) with parking (somewhere) were desired.

The existing boat launches along the Key Peninsula should be improved (by the county) with multiple launch lanes and parking. The need for at least one other boat launch in the NE Key Peninsula was mentioned.

A wish was expressed for the development of an assisted care facility near the parks on the Key Peninsula (since this is not within the purview of the park district a senior center type facility might be considered).

Activities for youth were desired, especially in area which they can travel to by bicycle or bus. The skate park was mentioned again as well meeting/club type rooms for children and teenagers to frequent. (4H, FFA, Scouts, etc., need places to hold their meetings).

The original notes of citizens comments will be stored at the KPSCF (Volunteer Park) Annex should anyone desire to review them.

Respectfully submitted by Kip Clinton, Clerk/Financial Officer KPMPD.