

Peaks Island Council Meeting

April 22, 2015

6:30 PM, MacVane Community Center

In Attendance: Mary Anne Mitchell, Lisa Penalver, Timmi Sellers, Timothy Wyant, Kathleen Hayward, Howard Pedlikin, Mike Murray.

I. Call to Order: Chair Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. Roll Call: Mary Anne Mitchell, Lisa Penalver, Timmi Sellers, Timothy Wyant, Kathleen Hayward, Lisa Penalver, Howard Pedlikin.

Public in Attendance at Start of Meeting: 8

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Penalver moved to approve the minutes from the February 24th meeting with Chief Sauschuck, Hayward seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Hayward motioned to approve the March 25th Meeting Minutes, Penalver seconded, motion passed unanimously.

IV. Committee Reports

Safety Committee

Penalver reported that the Safety Committee met last Sunday. She also had the opportunity to meet with Mike Murray and Troy Moon when they were on the Island to meet with the PIC Environmental Committee. They agreed the best way to keep traffic controlled down front in the summer is to enforce no parking except for those waiting in line for the ferry.

Penalver also drafted a list of the recommendations discussed at the last meeting to be sent to Kevin Donoghue asking him to put pressure from above for traffic signs. Penalver reported that the ITS is investigating the possibility of running a shuttle service around the Island. It is not something that will happen this year.

Regarding the circle near the ferry, one idea Penalver brought up would be for the inner lane to be for moving vehicles and the outer lane (closest to the bulletin board) to be used to park and wait for people. Both lanes would need signs to clarify this. Penalver is checking with the City for the signs. Penalver is to discuss with the Water District to clarify parking the access road the Water District Building.

PM (Public Member) suggested that signs be placed on the backshore road before the land trust properties (at both ends) directing people not to ride or walk side by side on the road. The sign should be in symbol, not in words, so that people will notice it.

Hayward asked for the delineation of PILP managed City lands along the backshore since signs cannot be placed on those properties. Michelle Brown, PILP board member, explained that there is a map of PILP managed properties on the PILP website that clearly shows where those lands are located on Peaks Island. Mitchell suggested that it might be helpful to have a representative from PILP officially attend a PIC meeting and provide information on where PILP managed lands along the back shore are located exactly and the PILP board policy on signs on their managed lands.

Mitchell brought up the point that many people/groups would have to approve for signs to be placed along the back shore and maybe one at Brad's bike shop or at the bulletin boards down front would be helpful. She is concerned about putting up too many signs on Peaks Island.

Mike Murray discussed areas that the traffic engineer will be on the Island to determine where signs can go on Island Avenue. This visit should happen within six weeks.

Penalver reviewed a letter to be sent to Mr. Donoghue regarding the approval by PIC to support a Cadet for the Island which also outlined how PIC proposes to fund the Cadet. This letter will also be posted at the library, Senior Housing, downfront bulletin board, and listserves.

Officer Danny Rose introduced himself. He has replaced Officer Cindy and has been stationed on Peaks in the past. PIC members welcomed him back. Officer Rose said that he will help support the Cadet and has worked with Cadets in Portland which has been a good experience for him.

Hayward moved to approve the letter to Councilor Donoghue in support of the Cadet as written except for allowing the Safety Committee to make small grammatical changes, Penalver seconded, motion approved unanimously.

Discussion ensued as to how to allow parking in front of the Peaks Café so the businesses can safely park to load and unload supplies for the Café.

Penalver mentioned that the committee will look into providing a bike rack near the Ice Cream Shop so that bikes are not just strewn on the sidewalk.

(Note: Amory Baker arrived so Committee Meeting Reports were halted in order to address his appointment to PIC)

V. Vote and appointment of Amory Baker

Hayward motioned to approve Amory Baker, Sellers seconded, Opened to Public Discussion:

PA asked for Mr. Baker's background and interests which he provided.

Motion approved unanimously.

Mike Murray swore Mr. Baker in as PIC member and he took a seat with the rest of the PIC board members.

(Note: PIC Board returned to Committee Reports)

Environmental Committee

Sellers reported that the Committee met with Troy Moon at the City and Marty from Public Services on the Island and provided the following updates: Peaks will be getting a new Big Belly solar trash barrel at the Post Office, and the one at the Ice Cream shop will be moved to the library because the ice cream being dumped into the Big Belly at that site is ruining its mechanics. There will be more trash barrels put out down front because of the large amount of trash that is dumped down front, including illegally dumped private home trash. Troy Moon will be providing two doggy bag dispensers down front and at the kiosk and the City will be responsible for replenishing the bags. Marty will grind out the stumps of the trees that were removed down front and will be replanted with other trees. Two benches will be put down front by the warming hut along the service road and two up above the public toilets. Sellers will continue to work on invasive plant removal down front along with Lisa Lockhart from the City.

PM brought up the need for trash barrels along the backshore. Mitchell explained that the City does not have enough staff to manage more trash barrels at this time.

Zoning Committee

Sellers will meet with Troy to talk about the clean-up timetable of the gravel piles at Trott-Littlejohn and the future plans the City has for the Park. Sellers will continue to follow up on the status of City open space areas on Peaks.

VI. Meeting May 6 with District One Councilor Kevin Donoghue

Mitchell suggested that they provide an agenda and questions from PIC committees to Councilor Donoghue as they did with the Chief of Police and make those available before the meeting. Penalver will work on the questions for Councilor Donoghue. There will only be a May 6th PIC meeting in May instead of the usual 4th Wednesday of the month PIC meeting to accommodate Councilor Donoghue's schedule. Sellers would like to ask Councilor Donoghue to appoint an alternate to attend PIC meetings when he can't make it.

Sellers would like to invite a member of the school board to attend PIC meetings so that they will know of ongoing PIC activities and provide advice to PIC on school board

issues. Mitchell suggested that school board representative not attend the same meeting with Councilor Donoghue and that they hold a separate meeting specifically for the school board representative for the public to attend and ask questions.

VII. Updates on Budget Process

Mike Murray explained that the city would like to pass the budget by the third week of May but there are several State issues that the City needs to deal with this year so the budget may be approved later. Passing the budget all depends on State revenues that may, or may not, be made available to the City.

VIII. New Business

Mitchell brought up the fact that the PIC bulletin board's glass is broken so she will look into getting that fixed.

Hayward brought up her research into the grandfathered pre-1985 buildable lots of record. She has found out from the City that they can be built on as long as the lots are a certain size: In the R-1 area, minimum lot size for building on grandfathered lots is 10,000 Square feet (about ¼ of an acre; in the R-2 area minimum lot size defined as above is 6,500 square feet, or 5,000 if the site has city sewer and water. . Structures built must conform to City Setback rules. She believes that there are quite a few people with grandfathered buildable lots that do not know that the lots can sold or built on by the owner. Hayward will further research the definition of these lots. Sellers recommended that Hayward provide this information to HomeStart Program.

Hayward announced that, tomorrow morning at the CBL meeting at 7:45 a.m., the CBL board will revisit and revote on "Twain's motion" to redefine adults as starting at age 13 as it relates to ticket costs and encouraged people to attend.

IX. Adjournment:

Mitchell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m., Penalver seconded, unanimous vote to approve.

INDIVIDUAL ACTION ITEMS

- Penalver will check with the City to see if parking is allowed along the Service Road near the ferry.
- Safety Committee will edit the letter to Councilor Donoghue in support of the Cadet on Peaks.
- Penalver will look into installing a bike rack near Down Front.
- Sellers will continue to work with the City to remove invasive plants down front.

- Sellers will continue to work with the City to determine how and when they will be moving the gravel piles on Trott-Littlejohn Park and what their future plans are for the Park.
- PIC board members are to develop an agenda and questions from PIC committees Councilor Donoghue and to the public before the May 6th meeting.
- Mitchell will look into getting the glass front on the PIC bulletin board repaired.
- Hayward will continue her research into the grandfathered pre-1985 buildable lots of record especially as it relates to adjacent properties.