



Peaks Island Council WORKSHOP MINUTES

Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 6:15 p.m.

Hybrid ZOOM/in-person meeting in the Community Center

NEXT Regular Monthly PIC Meeting
July 23, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 6:21 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Shelagh Reiser, Laura Glendening, Jess Burton

Absent: Norm Proulx, Karsten, Scott, Fred, Norm

Number of Audience Members (AM) in attendance: 7 in person, 0 on zoom

NOTE: Although there was not a quorum, the three councilors in attendance elected to conduct a "public workshop" with minutes recorded for other councilors and the public at large.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes could not be approved because there is not a quorum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Patnaude spent the rest of the Needs-based tickets balance, tickets and 8 gift cards. Patnaude said the city will not allow him to purchase gift cards in the future. Patnaude suggested that since gift cards are not allowed, it might be a better idea to give people who use the needs-based tickets more than one ticket per week.

The current balance is \$4,371.72.

PUBLIC COMMENT (beginning of meeting)

AM said that Sandy Beach ramp is happening. Patnaude said access will be in place by Friday, although the ramp will still need to be painted, and non-slip surfaces installed.

AM said that it was productive when the Parks and Rec came out and Marty was very helpful in identifying where the exercising equipment will go in Trott Littlejohn Park and he was helpful with removal of the shed at the ball field.

AM said that no one is taking care of the port-a-potty at the ballpark. Parks and Rec said that the contract should be renewed for the company that takes care of it. There is also still money left in the budget for the second bathroom, like the one at TLJ. Perhaps the backshore could have a port-a-potty.

AM asked who at the city would be involved with the ballfield bathroom and backshore bathroom discussions. Patnaude said he could represent the city and discuss the bathrooms.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & UPDATES

- **Executive Committee** –

No update.

- **Environmental and Sustainability and Parks and Rec Committee**

Meeting with the city was fruitful. City will install some bleachers and picnic tables, reline the soccer field.

Exercise equipment has been ordered for TLJ Park.

\$10,000 grant from Island Institute will be used for a culvert assessment on the backshore. The culvert work could happen simultaneously with the FEMA road work on the backshore.

- **Ferry Service**

No update.

- **Housing and Zoning Committee – ReCode Zoning survey**

Mark Gorsky said Rees met with Sarah and she is willing to bring the PIC-recommended zoning amendments to the city council.

- **Island Assessment** –

No update.

- **Paper Roads**

No update.

- **Parking**

No update.

- **Golf cart**

AM said that the amendment to increase the number of licenses and number of golf cart operators will be discussed at the next city council meeting on July 7th. The final number of golf cart operators and golf cart licenses is at the discretion of the city manager, which is how the current ordinance is written.

OLD BUSINESS

Community room and aftercare program update

Glendening said that Ryan French from Parks and Rec said everyone is interested in having the aftercare program move back to the school. The only thing stopping it is the need for a second shift custodian, which is not in the school budget. Glendening said the new principal starts July 1st and they may be able to find some funding for the second shift custodian.

The position for a Thursday custodian to keep the bathrooms at the community center open on Thursdays has been posted.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Moving payment account for Zoom and Mailchimp**

Glendening asked Patnaude if he can pay for Zoom and Mailchimp for the PIC with his credit card so that a PIC councilor doesn't have to pay for it and then get reimbursed. Patnaude said he would connect with Peter McLaughlin to work out the details.

- Election Committee

Glendening noted that PIC did not post anything about the June 6th election. Burton asked to table that discussion until next month when more councilors attend.

- Downfront Traffic Management

Reiser said there had been previous meetings with CBL, police department, city planning, city parking, and other stakeholders. The committee feels this should happen again, although there are questions about whether it should be a working stakeholder meeting or a community input meeting.

Reiser asked for ideas of stakeholders who should be at the meeting. Patnaude said Bill Hyman.

Reiser said the goal of the meeting is to get clarity on who is responsible for traffic control, crowd control, etc. and to also develop a list of actions that will address the issues.

Glendening, Burton and Reiser discussed whether to start with a small stakeholder meeting and then move to a public input meeting. AM said it would be a good idea to start with a small stakeholder meeting with city stakeholders to determine responsibilities for various entities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Glendening read a letter into the record from an AM thanking the council for their unanimous vote in opposition to adding more golf cart licenses and golf cart operators on the island.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

Next PIC Meeting: Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 6:15 pm in the community room and on Zoom.

Meeting Adjournment: 7:19 p.m.