



**Peaks Island Council
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

6:15 p.m., ZOOM meeting

NEXT Regular Monthly PIC Meeting–December 15, 2021

December PIC meeting will be a ZOOM meeting

CALL TO ORDER: 6:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Randy Schaeffer, Devon Kraft, Peter Eckel, Fred Somers, Peter McLaughlin, Andrea Kelly-Rosenberg

Absent: SE Rafferty

Number of Audience Members (AM) in attendance: 6

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Somers made the motion to accept the October 27, 2021 meeting minutes. Kraft seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Schaeffer shared the expenditure report as of November 15, 2021 via Zoom. Schaeffer reported that the total remaining budget for FY22 is \$7,570.25.

Discussion about Middle/High School pass reimbursement. Patnaude said school department has not invoiced the city yet, so that amount remains outstanding. There are 39 student passes to be paid in the amount of \$3,215.55. Schaeffer asked Patnaude to contact the finance director to find out the status of the payment.

Eckel asked about the Needs-based ticket balance. Patnaude said there was an expenditure that is not reflected in the balance. Eckel suggested that PIC publicize the availability of needs-based tickets. Eckel will follow up with Rafferty on publicizing the needs-based tickets.

McLaughlin pointed out that there will be a surplus at the end of the year. Patnaude said money can be moved between existing categories, but no new expenditure categories can be created unless the City Council approves it. Scaheffer said that redistribution will occur in May.

McLaughlin made the motion to accept the Expenditure Report. Eckel seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & UPDATES

- **Executive Committee update --- Filling PIC vacancies**

Schaeffer said that so far four islanders have come forward to fill the open position on the Peaks Island Council. Kim Peaslee of Pleasant Avenue, Scott Mohler of Island Avenue, Owen Davis of New Island Avenue, Natasha Markov-Riss of Upper A Street. Islanders have until Friday, November 19th to express interest in filling the open position on the Peaks Island Council.

Candidates will be interviewed by a committee of two members of the PIC – Fred Somers and Peter McLaughlin. Committee will make a recommendation to the full council at the December PIC meeting. The person selected will join the council in January 2022, serve on the council for one year, and will be eligible for re-election in the November 2022 election.

Schaeffer asked Somers and McLaughlin to share the interview questions with the rest of the PIC for review and input.

- **Parking – update on parking at Ocean Gateway lot**

Eckel said the Parking Committee met November 3, 2021. Committee recommends focusing on working with the City (as opposed to commercial parking garages that have been unresponsive).

City has created 30 paid spots in the Ocean Gateway lot. Parking Committee recommends asking the city for an additional lot within the Ocean Gateway lot dedicated as IR zone, because the IR zone has lost a lot of spaces and has a lot of competition. Barbara Carter, member of the Parking Committee, suggested that PIC should use the term “replacement parking” instead of “additional parking.”

Kelly-Rosenberg asked about snow ban parking in the Ocean Gateway lot. Eckel agreed that the Committee should approach the City about the using the Ocean Gateway lot for snow ban parking rather than snow ban towing. Eckel said he would add that issue to the December PIC agenda.

- **By-Laws – update**

McLaughlin said the PIC By-Laws Committee met on October 6, 2021 to put language on finer details of elections, committee operations, and current operating procedures. The By-Laws Committee will conduct another workshop (open to the public) and have a motion at either the December or January PIC meeting.

- **Ferry Service – update**

Somers said supply chain issues have increased the cost of the fabrication of the new CBL boat. The only bid CBL received was \$7million over budget. Some shipyards also said they did not bid because they were unsure about building the hybrid propulsion system. CBL is seeking additional funding. Somers said that CBL received verbal

approval for additional \$2 million from Maine DOT. Somers said that CBL has also approached another regional body with federal funding, asking for another \$2 million – that request still has to be approved by that entity. CBL is also considering repurposing maintenance funds to use to build the new boat. CBL is also considering scope reductions on the RFP to reduce costs.

Three Peaks Islanders have been nominated for positions on the board.

Twain Braden, President

Jean Hoffman, Treasurer

Steve Anderson, Assistant Clerk

Somers presented a letter from Randy Schaeffer (Chair of PIC) to Danielle West (acting City Manager of Portland) and Hank Berg (General Manager of CBL) requesting the City/CBL to move forward with installing a webcam and electronic messaging boards at the Peaks Island ferry landing.

Schaeffer asked Somers about the plan for following up on the letter with the City and CBL. Somers said he would bring it up at upcoming CBL board meeting and he would follow up with the City Manager's office and report back to PIC about the result of those actions.

- **Anti-Racism Committee – update**

McLaughlin said the committee has been in contact with Racial Equity Steering Committee, asking them to present at a series of public meetings on Peaks Island.

OLD BUSINESS

No items.

NEW BUSINESS

- **FY 2023 PIC Budget request – review of FY 2022 procedure**

Schaeffer said FY 2023 budget begins on July 1, 2022. The City allocates \$40,000 to PIC. Island organizations submit proposals to PIC to receive part of that allocation.

Schaeffer asked councilors to review existing documents and to provide input to existing budget allocation procedures. Schaeffer said he will accelerate the timeline to allow organizations to have more time to prepare their submissions.

McLaughlin said he would use new outreach methods to increase the pool of applicants for funds.

Kelly-Rosenberg asked what the application process is. Schaeffer said applicants should be 501(c)3 or groups with a 501(c)3 fiscal sponsor, use the application form

available online, and attend the budget request meeting. Applications will be due sometime in February.

McLaughlin asked if fiscal sponsor has to be based on Peaks Island. Schaeffer said the council would need to discuss and then specify that.

- **Motion regarding expansion of Island Resident Parking Zone**

Eckel made a motion:

The Peaks Island Council requests that the City establish an area within the Ocean Gateway lot reserved for Island Resident Zone parking in which parking spaces would be reserved for IR zone parkers, on a first come first served basis and free.

Eckel proposed amending the motion to establish that PIC is adding replacement parking.

Motion now reads:

The Peaks Island Council requests that the City establish an area within the Ocean Gateway lot reserved for Island Resident Zone parking to partially replace lost parking spaces. This lot would be reserved for IR zone parkers, on a first come first served basis and free.

Kelly-Rosenberg seconded.

Barbara Carter suggested adding “on street” to the amendment.

Somers seconded Carter’s friendly amendment. Motion now reads:

The Peaks Island Council requests that the City establish an area within the Ocean Gateway lot reserved for Island Resident Zone parking to partially replace lost on street parking spaces. This lot would be reserved for IR zone parkers, on a first come first served basis and free.

Public Discussion:

AM said they enthusiastically support the motion. They suggested a petition to demonstrate community support of this motion to be presented to the City Council along with the motion. Carter said a petition has already been sent to the City asking for more island resident parking, although not everyone knew it was being circulated.

AM asked about the breadth and longevity of the request. They suggested that the IR zone be extended into the Old Port to provide more spaces.

AM asked about the life expectancy of the Ocean Gateway lot. It was previously discussed that it was going to be converted into a greenspace. Eckel said there is no

time table but PIC wants to establish resident parking in the lot so that when it is redeveloped, the island resident parking is part of the discussion.

No councilor discussion.

Unanimous vote to approve. Motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

AM mentioned that a freezing spot on Pleasant Avenue, recently highlighted on NextDoor, continues to need attention because it is a driving hazard. Schaeffer said it has already been identified in the list of road issues being addressed.

AM said road water runoff on Island Avenue is landing in their basement and a curbstone would help divert the water. They asked for the procedure for asking for a curbstone on a level road? AM also asked how to educate the residents about the process for enlisting the aid of the PIC.

AM said PIC needs to advertise the availability of Needs-based tickets.

AM asked when PIC will meet in person. McLaughlin said that City meetings are all still being held via zoom.

AM said the Pleasant Avenue ice situation is the result of a personal sump pump putting water into the road.

AM asked the minutes of the PIC to be posted on NextDoor immediately after the meeting. McLaughlin said the PIC needs to communicate with the city so that the City's website has current Peaks Island information.

AM suggested putting place holders in the budget worksheet so that they can be included in the reallocation of budget surplus at the end of the year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

Next PIC Meeting: Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 6:15 pm via ZOOM.

Eckel made motion to adjourn. Somers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjournment: 7:42 p.m.