

**TOWN OF YARROW POINT
COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES
July 9th, 2015
6:08 PM**

The following is a summary of action during the proceedings and is *not* a verbatim transcript.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro-Tem Carl Scandella called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

PRESENT:

Mayor Pro- Tem: Carl Scandella

Councilmembers: Steve Bush
Mary Elmore
Andy Valaas
Bruce Jones - Excused

Staff: Anastasiya Warhol – Clerk-Treasurer
Stacia Schroeder – Town Engineer
Wayne Stewart – Town Attorney

Guests: John McGlenn – Park Board Chairman
Kathy Smith – Park Board
Mike Ryan – King County Emergency Management

REGULAR BUSINESS:

SS 15-14 Morningside Park

Park Board Chairman John McGlenn addressed the Council. He explained that in recent years the ivy problem in Morningside Park has gotten significantly worse. Ivy swallows shrubs, grasses, and then proceeds up the trees, eventually smothering and killing them. Thirty years ago there was a large open area down the slope of Morningside Park but gradually the area became infested with ivy. While there have been “popcorn” attempts to restore the area with annual clean-up or planting events, they’ve done little to eradicate the invasive plants. The Park Board is passionate about restoring the area and believes that the first step in preserving this resource is making an investment in eradicating the invasive plants. This comes at a financial cost to the Town nearing 35k over a 2-year period. The Park Board has solicited two proposals for the initial invasive removal and hopes to present them to Council for discussion at the September meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem explained that he would like to see the discussion continue in September.

Based on this input, the Council discussed the following points:

- There seem to be three general phases of work in Morningside Park- Phase 1: Initial Eradication, Phase 2: Ongoing Maintenance, and Phase 3: Improvement Projects. Each phase has an associated cost which must be built into the budget.

- The Council needs to discuss priorities of the parks as part of the larger list of priorities for Town.
- A type of “Friends of Morningside” committee might help steward the park as well as collect donations.
- Council would like to see a proposal from the Park Board to help inform the budget process.

SS 15-16 Emergency Preparedness

Mike Ryan, Zone One Emergency Management Coordinator for King County addressed the Council. He explained that he supports 22 cities in their efforts to create a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). In 2004, the Town drafted a CEMP to satisfy the RCW requirement to submit one to the State’s Office of Emergency Management. The Plan was never ratified by Council and remains in draft form. Mr. Ryan proposed two parallel initiatives, to update the CEMP and empower a citizen group to create a neighborhood emergency response plan. The final component is marketing and educating residents.

Neighborhood Preparedness

Mr. Ryan noted that every disaster is a local disaster and the crux of preparedness and recovery ultimately falls on each household. During a disaster such as an earthquake, emergency personnel realistically will not begin individual response until 3 days; a “windshield” survey where a general assessment of the area must be completed first. The most successful preparedness programs are neighbor-run and managed. There are famous programs like “Map Your Neighborhood” which may be useful in Yarrow Point.

The Clerk noted that the Planning Commission is interested in pursuing this and would like the Council’s approval to keep moving ahead. The Council supports the Planning Commission in their efforts.

Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

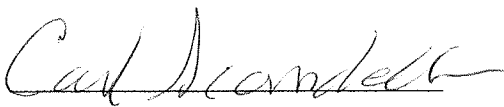
Mr. Ryan explained that he’d like to continue working with the Town Clerk and supporting agencies to update the CEMP. Knowing that the Town has limited resources, he has volunteered to help oversee the project along with another King County liaison. Hunts Point, Medina, and Clyde Hill all have Emergency Preparedness Plans in place.

ADJOURNMENT:

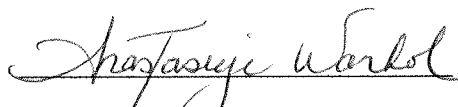
The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Carl Scandella, Mayor Pro-Tem



Anastasiya Warhol, Clerk-Treasurer