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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Melrose Conservation Commission
Minutes for August 04, 2022

Present: Gwendolyn Orford, Jason Jancaitis, Michael Paiewonsky, Paul Moore, Eugenia Gibbons, Ryan Sloan and Forrest Tiedeman(*awaiting clerk office swear in)
Absent:
Staff present: Eric Devlin

Mr. Paiewonsky opened the remote public meeting at 7:35pm. All members participated remotely.

Minutes
June 16, 2022 meeting minutes reviewed for approval.

Motion by Mr. Paiewonsky to approve the June 16, 2022 minutes, as written. Second by Ms. Gibbons. Mr. Sloan Abstained.

Roll Call vote: Eugenia Gibbons- yes, Jason Jancaitis – yes, Paul Moore – yes, Gwendolyn Orford – yes, Michael Paiewonsky- yes, Ryan Sloan- abstain.
5-0 in favor.

Invoices
Solitude Lake Management - Task 2 Pre-Treatment Surveys and Sampling ($750)
MACC annual Membership ($710)

Motion by Mr. Paiewonsky to approve both Invoices for payment (Solitude Lake Management - Task 2 Pre-Treatment Surveys and Sampling-$750 and MACC annual Membership-$710). Second by Ms. Orford.

Roll Call vote: Eugenia Gibbons- yes, Jason Jancaitis – yes, Paul Moore – yes, Gwendolyn Orford – yes, Michael Paiewonsky- yes, Ryan Sloan- yes.
6-0 in favor.

Public Hearing:
Request for Determination of Applicability - Melrose Park Commission Basketball half court submitted by the Melrose Parks department

Joan Bell, Melrose Parks department was present. Ms. Bell described the project to the commission members. The project was selected from the Mayor's office 5K challenge. A few different locations were looked at before selecting the proposed location. The proposed court would likely be built about 3-4' shorter than shown on the submitted plan.

Intention is to preserve the existing track loop. No grade changes proposed.
4 sections of fence/netting to be added to perimeter to prevent anything from going outside of the court area and into the adjacent retention/detention area.
Construction access proposed through the existing double gates to the athletic complex facility. Existing trees outside of the proposed court area to remain.
Existing drain area shown at the top pf the proposed court area to remain.

Motion by Mr. Paiewonsky to issue a negative 2 determination of applicability. Second by Mr. Sloan.

Roll Call vote: Eugenia Gibbons- yes, Jason Jancaitis – yes, Paul Moore – yes, Gwendolyn Orford – yes, Michael Paiewonsky- yes, Ryan Sloan- yes.
6-0 in favor.

Discussion:
2022 Melrose Victorian Fair table Sunday, September 11, 2022 11:00-4 PM
Staff explained that the Commission would have their own table. Materials discussed for the table. Staff will print out some photos from the Water Chestnut treatment program this year and get information from Melrose DPW on approximately how much material was removed during the treatment (Total number of dumpster empty runs).
Staff will circulate a signup sheet to members with approximate shift times to coordinate table staffing during the event.

MACC handbooks –
Staff described that new fiscal year had started in July, there was only enough funds left last fiscal year to cover two MACC handbook subscriptions. $15/handbook for each member/year. 5 members could potentially need to have a copy of the handbook.
Mr. Moore needs to check to see when his current subscription expires.

Motion by Mr. Paiewonsky to approve payment for 5 additional membership subscriptions for the MACC handbook ($75). Second by Mr. Moore.

Roll Call vote: Eugenia Gibbons- yes, Jason Jancaitis – yes, Paul Moore – yes, Gwendolyn Orford – yes, Michael Paiewonsky- yes, Ryan Sloan- yes.
6-0 in favor.

Eagle Scout project Flagg Acres –
Staff briefly explained the proposed Eagle Scout project. Eagle Scout candidate walked all trails and submitted an updated map showing gps tracks of all existing trails. Intention is to add additional sings to official trails and to brush out/ close the small unauthorized trails that can confuse visitors. Staff is working with the scout to identify trail areas that should be removed and which trail re-route areas are appropriate. This project expands onto Mt. Hood property and staff has alerted the Eagle Scot candidate to contact the Melrose Parks superintended to coordinate. Parks approval for any changes on that property required.

Ms. Orford submitted her resignation and informed the Commission that this will be her last meeting.

Mr. Sloan also informed the Commission that he had submitted his resignation and will be leaving the commission soon as well, his last meeting will be the October meeting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 15, 2022 at 7:30 PM.

Motion by Mr. Paiewonsky to adjourn. Ms. Orford seconded the motion and it was voted 6-0 in favor.

Adjourn
8:27PM adjourn

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Approved Date.

Pursuant to the 'Open Meeting Law, ' G.L. 39, 23B, the approval of these minutes by the Commission constitutes a certification of the date, time and place of the meeting, the members present and absent, and the actions taken at the meeting. Any other description of statements made by any person, or the summary of the discussion of any matter, is included for the purpose of context only, and no certification, express or implied, is made by the Commission as to the completeness or accuracy of such statements.