

Kittitas County Parks & Recreation District No. 1
Meeting Minutes
15:00 March 1, 2023 - Cle Elum City Hall

Commissioners Present: Ira Astrachan, Keegan Fengler, Lucy Temple, Kent Verbeck.

Agenda: Reviewed, Lucy had one item added - Jim Becker Strategic Planning presentation.

Minutes of February 2023 Meeting: Reviewed, no discussion. Motion to Approve: Keegan / Ira. UA.

Finances: (Kent) No change from last month.

Strategic Planning: Jim Becker introduced himself, gave his background and discussed his experience with Strategic Planning for other groups/entities. His view - KPRD1 needs a Strategic Plan in order to have coherence / direction. Outcome of SP session: bullet point statements of who/what KPRD1 is all about. SP planning will be a public meeting, presently scheduled for 15 March 1500 City Hall. For preparation Mr. Becker suggested some questions related to our personal thoughts on KPRD1.

Communications:

Website:(Ira) Revisions to “About Us” section for simplicity of navigation. Lucy asked about replacing the elephant picture in the background of the homepage (not possible).

Facebook: (Keegan) Half of the sponsors have been featured so far. No update on how to share personal page items with KPRD1 page and vice versa.

Presentations (Lucy): The powerpoint was reviewed by a “powerpoint pro”, results were sent to Ali for review. Mr. Berndt has not been provided a copy yet. No progress on developing a list of potential audiences. Presentation likely to be enhanced after the SP session.

UKC CCRA: (Kent/ Mr. Berndt) Work continues on exploring various options. A “Public Facility District” is being researched by Mr. Cook (KCPWD) and others, timeline is two months. Possible ability to include a combined Police/Sheriff Upper County Precinct Due with the facility. KVH is still interested in having space in the facility. A private fitness company will likely not be able to have a presence in the facility.

Letterhead: (Ira) - It appears the current version is suitable.

Election Debt: (Ira) Discussed his meeting with new County Auditor Bryan Elliott about past election debt (\$3054.97 is due before next election), minor cost reductions in future elections via hardship waiver, and other mitigation concepts. All reminded to file their F-1s. Filing window for the next election is May 15-19,2023. MOTION:Commissioners authorize Chairman Verbeck to transfer funds from Sno-Park fund to General Fund to pay our outstanding election debt (Lucy/Ira). UA.
SIGNIFICANT FACT: We are now debt free.

Sno-Park: (Ira) Discussed his meeting with Commissioner Osiadacz regarding funding sources for sno-park upgrades (Lodging Tax, ARPA funds). Lodging Tax can be used for capital improvements but the LT Advisory Council is in “flux” now, possible new applications available in April. ARPA funds are at discretion of BOCC and must be allocated in 2023 and spent by 2025. Ira read a sample letter to BOCC requesting funding. Discussed federal implications / red tape, Ira emphasized the letter is a “foot in the door” and if approved, expect additional, more formal paperwork. UK Rec Alliance offered to provide a letter of support. MOTION: Letter is approved for Chairman’s signature with

minor edits and forwarded to BOCC. (Kent/Kegan). UA .

Upper County Recreation Alliance: Presented an informal proposal for robust Sno-Park gate from Western Metals. Cost approximately \$7,000. UKRA offered to transport and install at no charge. Gate would incorporate “ecology blocks” and would span 30 feet.

Cle Elum Skate Park: (Lucy) Presented a letter of support from KPRD1 to State legislatures in favor of State funding for the Skate Park. Discussion included Lucy’s role in the skate park’s commission. The “appearance of fairness” was discussed. MOTION: Chairman to sign the letter (Kent/Keegan). All in favor except Ira, who opposed.

There were no significant updates on the remainder of KPRD1 projects.

Next meeting March 15, 2023 1500, City Hall for Strategic Planning.

Next Regular Meeting April 5, 2023 1500 City Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45.