

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

JULY 24, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairperson Mary Jo Cady. Commissioners Wesley E. Johnson and Herb Baze were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cmmr. Johnson/Baze moved and seconded to approve the 6/26/01 and 7/17/01 meeting minutes as circulated. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; C-aye.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

GROWTH MANAGEMENT UPDATE GRANT

The Washington State Office of Community Development has advised of GMA update grants, which will be available for local governments over the next two years. Applications are being accepted through August 31.

WEED BOARD

Karen Lippy has expressed support of a weed board for Mason County.

MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONER SEAT

Senator Harold Hochstatter wrote a letter of support for the appointment of Edwin F. Moats to fill the Mason County Commissioner seat which will be vacated by Commissioner Cady.

NORTH MASON SUBAREA ZONING - APPLICANT

Joe Castleberry

STATE AUDITOR

Notice that the State Auditor will be conducting their annual audit of Mason County.

B U S I N E S S

RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY - CONVENTION CENTER/FAIRGROUNDS

Ione Siegler, Budget Director, requested the Board adopt the resolution to establish a risk management policy for the Convention Center/Fairgrounds.

Cmmr. Baze/Johnson moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 75-01 which establishes a risk management policy for the Convention Center/Fairgrounds. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; C-aye. Resolution No. 75-01 (Exhibit A)

HEARING - \$39,749 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Current Expense Fund

Ms. Siegler presented the budget order for the Board's consideration for a \$39,749 supplemental appropriation to the Current Expense Fund.

Cmmr. Johnson/Baze moved and seconded to approve a supplemental appropriation to the 2001 budget in the amount of \$39,749 for the Current Expense Fund as presented. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; C-aye. (Exhibit B)

NISQUALLY EARTHQUAKE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Dave Salzer, Director of Emergency Management, is requesting the Board sign the paperwork to designate a representative and alternate who is authorized to execute all contracts and necessary paperwork for funding requirements.

Cmmr. Baze/Johnson moved and seconded authorize the Chair to sign the form to designate Dave Salzer as representative and Ione Siegler as alternate to complete any paperwork necessary for the Nisqually Earthquake public assistance to the Military Department, excluding the execution of contracts, which will remain with the Board. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; C-aye.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Jack L. Nielsen – VFW 1694 – Utilities \$104.03

Howard B. Pershall – VFW 1694 – Mileage Reimbursement \$104.84

Ronald Klemm - VFW 5372 - Rent \$400

Cmmr. Johnson/Baze moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Veterans' Assistance Screening Committee for Jack Nielsen, \$104.03 for utilities; Howard Pershall, \$104.84 for mileage reimbursement; Ronald Klemm, \$400 for rent for a total of \$608.87. Motion carried unanimously. B-aye; J-aye; C-aye.

RECESS

The Board recessed for 5 minutes.

SKATE PARK

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Cmmr. Cady gave an overview about what has happened in the past regarding a skate park. She acknowledged that not all kids are oriented towards team sports and communities have built recreation facilities designed for team sports. She stated a group was organized called Shelton's Skateboard Association. She stated it was difficult at that time to get the city to recognize that the skate park needs to be in the city where kids can congregate. She acknowledged there also needs to be a skate park in the North Mason area. She stated concerns regarding liability were brought up and after asking the Washington Counties Risk Pool to research that, it was discovered there is no more liability for a skate park than for any other type of recreational park. Because it was getting to be winter time, the group cleaned up a building at the fairgrounds. The kids were able to bring in their own equipment and it had electricity. The only condition was that when it came time for the fair, the group had to clean out the building so the fair could use it. She stated when it came time to do that, her family and one other family were the only ones that showed up to do the work. She stated they received no support from the skateboard group and she was very disappointed.

She then went to the Port and arranged to use a dead-end road that is located just beyond MCRA, however she doesn't believe that was used much. She stressed if a skate park is pursued, it has to have the community involvement to keep it clean and safe. She has a packet of information she has collected on skate parks.

Cmmr. Baze agreed there has to be something for the kids to do. He believes it can be done if everyone pulls together to do the fund raising and finding the right location. He stated the city commission wants to partnership on this park.

Cmmr. Cady noted that the County does own a triangular piece of property that is almost 9,000 square feet on the Johns Prairie Road across from Hiawatha.

Janet Thornbrue, City of Shelton Commissioner, agreed it needs to be a partnership with the City, County and citizens. She compared this project to the Imagination Station that was completed at Kneeland Park which was community driven. She offered the expertise of Mark Ziegler from the City of Shelton Parks & Recreation.

Donna Hart stated she has inquired into obtaining a license and number for a non-profit charitable organization. She has learned that Aberdeen used tax money for their skate park which is about 10,000 square feet. She has talked to Steve Rose, who designed the Aberdeen park, and he suggested that the skate park not be built in a residential area but that it be built near fast food restaurants. It needs to be located so children can safely and easily get there. She believes a location such as the former Verle's would be good. With regard to liability, there is a Recreational Outdoor Immunity Act. She supports building a skate park.

Debra Moffett thanked the people they contacted to attend this meeting.

David Moffet stated there are web sites that talk about fund raising, insurance, designers and builders. He presented information on skate parks to the Board. He also asked that a covered skate park be considered since it is so rainy in the area.

Ms. Moffett stated there is also a need for a place for bicycles. She presented a petition, with approximately 150 signatures, in support of a skate park.

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survey.

Mikel Cook spoke in support of a skate park. He stated his aunt owns property across from Pine Garden apartments, near the power lines, and he suggested that area be used. He also passed out flyers for this meeting.

Tammy Potts supports the skate park.

Heather Martin agreed there is a need for skate park. She doesn't believe the fairgrounds would be a good location due to accessibility.

Lucy Castillo stated she has a petition in support of a skate park and in one day she obtained 69 signatures. (She did not submit the petition)

John Phipps stated he supports a skate park because he believes it will keep kids off the streets and out of trouble.

Patrick Glavin spoke in support of a skate park. He asked that there be room for the inexperienced skaters.

Pastor Neil Thompson stated he supports a skate park in the community. He pointed out that currently the churches and businesses are carrying the liability of skate parks because the skaters use their establishments. He noted it is important to have rules of conduct and etiquette.

Michael Hovind spoke in support of the skate park. He too wants to make sure the park would be conducive to young skaters. He stated he has a development background and offered his assistance on a committee.

Kevin Bremmeyer voiced support of a skate park. He would like a concrete park that is permanent.

Ginny Brush stated the youth needed to be supported. She offered assistance on a committee. She pointed out the community wants the kids to stay busy and out of trouble. She would like to include a beginner area and a bicycle track.

Scotty Gessler supports a skate park so kids can skate without getting in trouble. He would like a roof over it.

Daniel Jewett stated he was approached by people who want to support a skate park but they want it to include bike trails and picnic areas. They offered to donate 23 acres on the corner of Johns Prairie and Brockdale Road under the power lines. It would have to be for youth recreation only. He thanked the Board for their efforts.

Vita Villa asked that there be bi-lingual signs at the skate park. She supports a skate park.

Debra Moffett stated there is a web site that talks about fund raising. Some ideas include contacting Pepsi or Coca-Cola for funds and offering exclusive rights for vending machines and obtain support from local grocery stores.

Valerie Harris supports a skate park but doesn't want it limited to just that. She asked that it include bike paths. She believes it is a good idea to have it be a group effort and include the kids.

Cmmr. Cady noted there is an area for bikes at the fairgrounds.

It was interjected that is for dirt jumping.

Tito Vera stated he would like to see a skate park that includes bike trails for racing, dirt jumping and street style. He would also like to include in-line skaters and scooters. He suggested holding demonstrations for money donations.

Cmmr. Baze stated that a person needs to be designated to pull this together. There is a lot of interest and he asked for volunteers.

Cmmr. Cady offered to hold a meeting next Tuesday night, July 31, at 6 p.m. for those that want to be involved in the committee.

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She stated they are interested in obtaining an accurate tracking of all the expenses so it is clear how much money has been spent, why it was spent, when it was spent and how it was spent. She stated the League has stepped forward to do this because they believe it will provide a community service to the taxpayers.

Cmmr. Cady stated they will get the documents and answers that have been requested. She thanked the League for the work they have done.

Annette McGee applauded the League for taking on this task.

CITIZEN CONCERN

Anthony Sykora, Hanks Lake resident, stated they have been waiting for a final inspection for three years. They have sold their house and cannot finalize until the final inspection is signed off.

Cmmr. Cady stated they will look into it.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

FUND NAME	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
Claims Clearing	226854-27050	\$197,615.89
	27051-27355	380,359.72

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Mary Jo Cady, Chairperson

Herb Baze, Commissioner

Wesley E. Johnson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board