

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

APRIL, 2012

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in special session on Wednesday, April 4, 2012, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Mr. Wuyanbu Zutali, Vice President; and Mr. Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary. There were also several attendees.

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p. m.

At this time Mr. Dan Gravila, a Park System employee, presented to Mr. Black a letter from most of the Park System employees expressing their support for the re-hiring of both Doug Foltz and Bonnie Vincent. Mr. Black read the letter to those in attendance, thanked the employees for submitting it, and then instructed the Director to have it inserted into the record.

Mr. Black then opened the floor for any other comments.

Mr. Greg Whipkey, a Park System employee, stated that the Director was doing what he could but could not keep up with the work. He said that he hoped the Board would bring Mr. Foltz back. Mr. Whipkey explained that Mr. Foltz was great to work for and had the respect of all the employees as did Ms. Vincent.

Mr. Griffin, Chairperson of the Park and Recreation Committee of City Council, stated he agreed with the employees that they should be brought back and that it would be a real kick without them.

Mr. Pat Burns, Park System employee, said the department needs help. That the Board needs to bring Doug Foltz and Bonnie Vincent back.

Mr. Zutali asked the employees how things were going? Mr. Whipkey stated they had been trimming, mowing, moving dirt and seeding, and finishing the remodel of the Nimisilla Park bathrooms. Mr. Perry had been doing fine keeping things going forward.

Mr. Black asked how often the Director gets out to see the work being done. Mr. Gravila stated the Director was not often able to view the work as he was stuck in the office. Mr. Black asked who provided the direction to the work crew. Mr. Gravila stated Mr. Perry lines up the work.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Staffing and Personnel Issues – A motion was made by A. Black to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. A second was provided by Mr. Zutali and the motion was then passed by the following vote;

Mr. Black – Yes
Mr. Zutali – Yes

Some time later a motion to return the meeting to open session was made by A. Black. A second was provided by Mr. Zutali and the motion then passed by the following vote;

Mr. Black – Yes
Mr. Zutali – Yes

Mr. Black then made a motion to both approve the position description for, and create the unclassified position of, Executive Secretary. In addition, to create an unclassified position of Assistant Director of Parks. Both new positions to have salary ranges matching the classified positions of Administrative Assistant III and Assistant Director of Parks respectively. A second was provided by Mr. Zutali and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

The Director was then instructed to prepare a new personnel ordinance with the above changes for the Mr. Black's signature.

2. Possible Dominion Easements Reifsnyder, Oak, and Martindale Parks – The Board reviewed the offer of Dominion of \$20,000 for the easements. Mr. Black stated he had reviewed the process by which the figure was determined and stated he felt it was a fair offer. Mr. Black then made a motion to accept the amount offered by Dominion for the easements. A second was provided by Mr. Zutali and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

Being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p. m.



Andy Black, President



Douglas Perry, Director/Secretary