

**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2013**

The Board convened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Commissioners Tom Mielke, David Madore, and Steve Stuart, Chair, present.

2:00 P.M. PUBLIC BID OPENING

Present at bid opening: Rebecca Tilton, Board of Commissioners Office; Mike Westerman and Priscilla Ricci, General Services-Purchasing Department.

BID OPENING CRP 313622

NE 119th Street @ NE 50th Avenue Intersection

Held a public hearing for Bid Opening CRP 313622 – NE 119th Street @ NE 50th Avenue Intersection. Mike Westerman, General Services-Purchasing, read bids and stated it was the Purchasing Department's intention to award Bid CRP 313622 on April 16, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners hearing room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center.

BID OPENING WO 028377

Upper Daybreak Stream Habitat Enhancement

Held a public hearing for Bid Opening WO 028377 – Upper Daybreak Stream Habitat Enhancement. Mike Westerman, General Services-Purchasing, read bids and stated it was the Purchasing Department's intention to award Bid WO 028377 on April 16, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners hearing room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center.

6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Jerry Keen, Chaplain, delivered the invocation.

PROCLAMATION

Fair Housing Month

Commissioner Madore read a proclamation proclaiming April 2013 as “Fair Housing Month” in Clark County, Washington and encouraged all agencies, institutions, and individuals, public and private, in Clark County, Washington to abide by the letter and the spirit of the Fair Housing law. Pete Munroe, Community Services accepted and said a few words.

PROCLAMATION

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Commissioner Mielke read a proclamation proclaiming April 2013 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in Clark County, Washington and calls upon all citizens, businesses and civic organizations to become aware of how to get involved to help keep our neighborhoods and children safe from harm; by visiting the Public Service Center lobby where free informational material is available to the public during the month of April or by visiting online at www.justiceforchildrenfund.org. Mary Blanchette, Children’s Justice Center accepted and said a few words and introduced the Board.

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PROCLAMATION

Make Every Dream Count Month

Commissioner Stuart read a proclamation proclaiming April 2013 as "Make Every Dream Count Month" in Clark County, Washington and urged all citizens, businesses, and institutions to learn more about Dream Big and their laudable efforts to make every dream count for young people in Clark County. Nathan Webster, Dream Big Community Center, accepted and said a few words.

CONSENT AGENDA

Stuart provided some background on consent agenda item #1. Mielke stated his concerns with consent agenda item #1. Ron Wierenga, Environmental Services, responded. Further discussion ensued. Mielke inquired about consent agenda #3. John Lawler, Sheriff's office responded. Madore recognized staff regarding the new warrant documentation.

ACTION: Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** consent agenda items #1 - #7. Madore seconded the motion. Commissioners Mielke, Madore, and Stuart voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Sylvia Lauderbeck spoke about the invocation.
2. George Espinoza spoke the Ridgefield Lions Club. He also spoke about the Discovery Corridor.
3. Joeri Goedertier spoke about kennel compliance. He offered some suggestions on the process. **Further Board discussion ensued.**
4. George Espinoza provided some background on kennels in neighborhoods.
5. Jim Carlock spoke the Columbia River Crossing. **Further Board discussion ensued.**

PUBLIC HEARING: PARK FEES

To consider amending section 9.05.235 of the Clark County Code to provide that the Board of County Commissioners has the authority to establish fees for the use of county parks and to consider the elimination of parking fees at selected county parks and boat launches.

Pete Capell, Public Works Director, presented. Further discussion ensued. Bob Steven, Budget Office, joined the discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mike Evans, speaking on behalf of the Sheriff, stated his concerns with removing the parking fees and using money from the general fund. **The Board responded.**
2. Chris Roper stated his concerns with removing the parking fees.
3. Ray Daynes stated his concerns with removing the parking fees.
4. Kelly Puntney stated his concerns with removing the parking fees.

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5. Chuck Miller stated his support for removing the parking fees.
6. Craig Dewey commented about the priority of the item in front of them and the overall budget.
7. Greg Kimsey, Clark County Auditor, commented about previous speakers and stated his support of collecting fees. He stated his opposition of the resolution.
8. Roben White stated his concerns with removing the parking fees. He also offered some suggestions to low income families.
9. Alice Linkers stated her support of collecting the parking fee.
10. Milada Allen commented on the importance of parks. She spoke about the pros and cons of collecting parking fees. She also offered some suggestions to low income families.
11. Catherine Morton spoke about the mental health benefits of having parks in the community. She also stated her support of collecting parking fees.
12. Sunrise O'Mahoney stated her support of collecting parking fees. She also offered some suggestions to low income families.
13. John Katen stated it is not good fiscal management to throw away a revenue source when they don't have to.
14. Kent Meyer stated the fees are reasonable and don't think they should use money from the general fund.

ACTION: Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** Ordinance 2013-04-01 amending section 9.05.235 of the Clark County code to provide that the Board of County Commissioners has authority to establish fees for the use of county parks. Madore seconded the motion. Commissioners Mielke, Madore, and Stuart voted aye. Motion carried.

Stuart inquired about the parks / boat launches in question. Capell responded. Chris Cook, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, explained the difference between an ordinance and resolution. Stuart read the resolution.

Madore responded to the public comments. Madore presented some Power Point slides regarding the impact of annual park fee reductions to the general fund. Mielke stated most of his district has to pay parking fees and he would like to see some fairness, he stated he would either like to charge all parks with fees or none at all. Stuart stated there are no free parks and they are shifting the burden to taxpayers / general fund. He spoke about items that were not granted through the last budget process and stated he does not think it is appropriate to use the general fund in this way.

ACTION: Moved by Stuart to **AMEND** Resolution 2013-04-02 effective date to January 1, 2014 and to look at the inter-local agreement for potential savings so they didn't have to use the general fund.

Mielke and Madore responded to Commissioner Stuart's motion.

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ACTION: Moved by Stuart to **AMEND** Resolution 2013-04-02 offering free or reduced parking for low income families.

Mielke and Madore responded to Commissioner Stuart's motion.

ACTION: Moved by Stuart to **AMEND** Resolution 2013-04-02 to instill boat launch fees.

Mielke and Madore responded to Commissioner Stuart's motion.

ACTION: Moved by Madore to **AMEND** Resolution 2013-04-02 to add "if the purchaser requests a refund." to Section 2 at the end of 2013. Mielke seconded the motion.

Further discussion ensued.

Commissioners Mielke, Madore, and Stuart voted aye. Motion carried.

Further discussion ensued about off street parking and walking to parks.

ACTION: Moved by Stuart to **AMEND** Resolution 2013-04-02 to remove Salmon Creek / Kline Regional Park.

Discussion ensued about the reasoning of removing park fees. The Board recognized staff. Stuart stated he would not be supporting the resolution. He stated he brought suggestions to help the goal that included savings and not the general fund.

ACTION: Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** Resolution 2013-04-02. Madore seconded the motion. Commissioners Mielke and Madore voted aye. Stuart voted nay. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Mielke commented on parks.

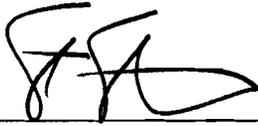
Madore commented about the importance of open dialogue and having respect for one another.

Stuart commented on the CTRAN open house that will discuss the Columbia River Crossing and Light Rail on April 13, 2013 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Hearing Adjourned

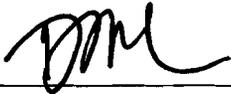
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Steve Stuart, Chair

Tom Mielke, Commissioner



David Madore, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Rebecca Tilton, Clerk of the Board

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