



## PARK AND CEMETERY BOARD Minutes

City Hall Council Chambers, 435 Martin Street, Suite 4000  
Thursday, November 8, 2018

9:00 A.M.

### *Board Members*

*Chair*  
Janet Pickard

*Members*  
Joan Clark

Garth Baldwin

Paul Freeman

Michael King

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:02 AM

### 2. ROLL CALL:

### MICHAEL KING IS ABSENT

### 3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (regarding items not on the agenda)

Michael Jones: "Available if there are any questions that I can field."

### 4. CONTINUED BUSINESS

Mr. Boucher introduced the skate park relocation subject and summarized the results of the community meeting.

Keep the existing park: 7 votes  
New Park, New Location: 9 votes

If the skate park had to be moved:  
Marine Park received...  
Lincoln Park received...

Ms. Clark: "Frequency of use per day/per week?"

Caleb Skural: "I live on (address) Garfield, and I get to see the use the park gets when I take my kids there and when I'm driving to/from work. I'm excited about the prospect of a new skate park, so long that there is still a skate park in Blaine. Grindline and Dreamland design parks around the Pacific Northwest; recommended that the City finds someone who specializes in skate park concrete pouring. The location at Lincoln Park is a little daunting and would lead to us driving to the park more than walking like we currently do; Marine Park has a beautiful location, public restrooms which are open every day of the week. Not much differentiation between Skate Park and a bike park, Skate Park just requires concrete, so there is potential for mixed use; go through a design process with a skate park company. Wall and roof covering would increase the usage the park would get throughout the year. Either of the proposed locations are good locations, similar to other parks. Noise abatement required."

Mr. Freeman: "What Mr. Skural said reflects the opinion of the skate community."

Ms. Clark: "Marine Park is the most desired location in Blaine, but I would like to consider other city owned locations."

Mr. Baldwin: "A Skate Park would not be a full use of Marine Park, but presents challenges with the concrete and covering to name a few. Revenue generated from the trade/sale of a city owned property/park could be used to get the desired skate park."

Mr. Jones: "Difference between the City's full ownership of land and that of right-of-ways, so that sale occurs differently. Most importantly, in regards to Hughes, it's against state law to restrict access to the waterfront."

Mr. Freeman: "Total funding amount from sale of land isn't going directly to skate park funding?"

Mr. Jones: "Correct, the City generates and distributes revenues for capital improvement projects as determined by City Council."

Ms. Pickard: "Clarification on sale/vacation of public right-of-way?"

Mr. Jones: "Split between owners and against state law to restrict public access."

Ms. Clark: "Proposed location in Marine Park already designated park land?"

Mr. Wenger: "Owned by the City and has the ability to develop it with city facilities."

Ms. Pickard: "Any of the concrete parks Caleb has visited have cracks?"

Mr. Skural: "Not at all, but Blaine's has some."

Mr. Freeman: "Budget and design conversations are necessary in picking a location. We need more information, if we make a recommendation today, then I'm worried that would end further discussion."

Antonie Inthavong (address): "I do feel that if we don't further discuss this, the issue may die. Relocation is a must; there are opportunities to make this better than the existing park."

Mr. Wenger: "Fewer axillary costs at Marine Park, utility connection costs are a drawback for Lincoln Park; assess the sites. Marine Park would offer more bang for your buck."

**MOTION INTRODUCED BY MR. FREEMAN THAT THE PARK BOARD RECOMMENDS IF THE CITY SELLS THE PROPERTY ON THE SKATE PARK, THE CITY WILL ENSURE THAT A NEW SKATE PARK OF SUPERIOR QUALITY WILL BE PROFESSIONALLY DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED AT A LOCATION, BETWEEN THE TWO PROPERTIES, THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT PRIOR TO SATISFICATION OF A SITE FEASIBILITY STUDY, THE CITY WILL PROVIDE TOTAL FUNDING FOR A NEW SKATE PARK AT MARINE PARK.; SECONDED BY MR. BALDWIN; ALL IN FAVOR (3-1), MS. CLARK OPPOSED.**

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**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **September 13, 2018**

**Mr. Baldwin abstained (absent); redo the minutes**

- **October 11, 2018**

**Redo minutes**

**6. ADJOURNMENT: 11:15 AM**