GALIANO ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION Meeting Minutes

04 July 2024 at 9:00 a.m. 1290 Sturdies Bay Road/Zoom

Present: Commissioners Charlene Dishaw (Chair), Murray Scadeng, Barry New, Keith

Erickson, Cathy Clinton, Paul Brent(EP).

Regrets: Commissioners Gerald Longson, Andrew Simon, Jim Henshall.

Staff: Lori Seay (Recording) Emma Davis(CRD Lliason)

EP=Electronic Participation

1. CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Call to order at 9:05 a.m. Commission Chair Dishaw provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Commissioner Clinton, Seconded by Commissioner Scading that the 04 July 2024 agenda be approved as amended. **CARRIED**.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Commissioner Clinton, Seconded by Commissioner New that the 06 June 2024 minutes be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**.

4. **DELEGATIONS:** None.

5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair invited Commissioners to connect for a coffee for continued orientation. GIPRC summer potluck lunch will follow the August meeting at the Chair's home. Commissioners Simon, Longson and Dishaw will finish terms in 2025. GIPRC banner in development. Engagement materials for Betty's Place will be developed in advance of the GIPRC table at the Lion' Fiesta in August.

6. **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

- 6.1 **Maintenance Contractor's Report**: No report recieved.
- 6.2 **Parks, Trails and Shore Access Report**: Plaque for Doty memorial bench has arrived. Silu signs and pamphlet holders have been installed. Contractor Carrothers is developing a proposal for Zuker. Michael and Jim are exploring Sturdies Bay Trail improvements in collaboration with local roads contractors.

ACTION: Chair will pick up Doty plaque from GIPRC mail. Chair will add "Invasives Management" to the Master Planning agenda. Commissioner Erickson will develop an RFP for invasives inventory.

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- 6.3 **Recreation Report:** Grant cheques have been issued by the CRD.
- 6.4 **Volunteer Report:** Stewards will be encouraged to provide feedback to the Volunteer Coordinator following site visits.

ACTION: Commissioner Clinton will write a July message to stewards and forward to Lori for circulation with the June maintenance report.

6.5 **Betty's Place Operations Subcommittee Report:** Increasing gray water collection is in place. Irrigation pool will be decommissioned. Deer are getting in - gate has been left open on occasion. Tenants have installed a small vegetable garden. Renee MacDonald, John Ronsley and Allan Forget are volunteering to monitor Betty's Place. Securing a gardener is the next action item.

ACTION: Commissioner Dishaw will follow up with Justine Starke at CRD regarding garden contract support.

6.6 Betty's Place Master Planning Subcommittee:

Master Planning committee met last month. The biophysical report has been received, noting high ecological value of the site with old growth and many red-listed plants on site. The Covenant was reviewed and allows for broad use of the building itself.

ACTION: Chair Dishaw will convene a meeting of the Betty's Place Operations Committee. Chair Dishaw will circulate the biophysical report to the Commission.

6.7 Treasurer's Report

Circulated prior to the meeting. Budget funds are available for invasives management.

MOVED by Commissioner Scadeng, seconded by Commissioner Clinton, to accept the July 2024 Treasurer's report as circulated. **CARRIED.**

6.8 **GIPRC Master Planning 2025-2030:** Commissioners Dishaw, Erickson, Scading and Clinton are leading development of a draft Master Plan.

ACTION: Commissioner Dishaw will convene another GIPRC Master Planning Committee meeting to discuss next steps.

7. UPDATE STATUS OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

7.1 **Silú Park Completion**: Information signage has been erected. A quote for trail signage is being sought.

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ACTION: Commissioner Longson will send a signage summary to Commissioner Scadeng for a possible quote.

7.2 **Zuker Georgeson Bay Access Restoration**: Commissioner Erickson gave an update. UVIC student recruitment is underway with Commissioner Simon. Permission has been granted by the neighbour for students to remove spurge laurel near the site. Jeannine Georgeson will provide additional cultural support for site naming and signage. Maples are being assessed for trimming.

8. New Business

Document Storage: Thumb drives with GIPRC historical documents have been provided to new Commissioners. Lori will create a new cloud based drive to Increase access

ACTION: Lori will set up cloud based GIPRC drive and circulate the link.

- 9. **Next Meeting:**
 - 9:00 A.M. Thursday August 01 2024. 12:30 Summer potluck lunch to follow.
- 10. Unaddressed Thoughts and Concerns: None
- 11. Adjournment at 10:45 a.m.

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Approved at the 01 Aug. 2024 GIPRC Meeting:

CHAIR

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COMMITTEE CLERK