

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 27, 2009
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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

9:30 A.M.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT 2 BOARD MEETING

[See separate transcript]

10:00 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commissioners conducted the Flag Salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Boldt asked Bart Phillips to explain consent item 1 – Biennial renewal of Agreement with the Columbia River Economic Development Council (CREDC) for General Economic Development Services for 2009-10.

Bart Phillips, President, CREDC, explained that CREDC is a private non-profit corporation that recruits new business to the area, works with existing businesses, and works on policy objectives to form a foundation for economic development. Mr. Phillips stated that this was the first year of their “Forward Thinking...Direct Action” work program and they just concluded a capital campaign, which doubled the resources of their organization. He said that in the coming year they would be working on expanding the recruitment program, focusing on renewable energy, and working on professional services both domestically and internationally. He further explained. Phillips commented that they would be introducing two bills in the legislature to try and create renewable energy incentives for the state, which is necessary if they are going to compete in that sector. He noted that Bill Barron, County Administrator, was on the Washington State University Advisory Council and that Governor Gregoire would be visiting WSU Vancouver to hear about its Applied Engineering facility, which is part of the state stimulus package. He said that was part of their policy work to expedite the EE building to support the technology community.

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Mielke asked Mr. Phillips to further explain the legislation CREDC would be pushing in Olympia.

Phillips stated that there were two bills. He referred to the semiconductor materials bill that was passed two years previously, which essentially reduced business and occupation tax for [inaudible] manufacturers. He said there was another technology called thin film solar Photovoltaics, which they are trying to attract, and they need the B&O tax brought down to the same level. For the second bill they were going to create saleable tax credits whereby a firm investing in Washington State would be given a 50% tax credit up to \$40 million for their investment that could then be taken over a 5-year period. If the firm didn't need the tax credit, they could sell it. Phillips said that is their mechanism for bringing cash incentives to investments, which they need to do in order to compete for the businesses.

Mielke said they were very much in tune to economic development and the board was in agreement to help in any way possible.

Boldt suggested showing the Governor the traffic around 134th, where they need help. He noted that in Germany industrial and farming go hand in hand, which would be a discussion to have. Another would be as they go forward on the railroad industrial park and maybe an industrial land bank that hopefully would be more in tune with their comp plan work.

Phillips said they would stay involved with that conversation.

Stuart said regarding their competitive disadvantage with states like New Mexico and Oregon for attracting good paying jobs in the new energy sector, they received a letter from Portland Mayor Sam Adams that talked about the headquarters for Vestas, which is a company that produces wind turbines and would be building their new headquarters on the south waterfront and would provide 850 good paying jobs. He said the state of Oregon has put up about \$25 to \$28 million of up front investment, with a projected return on investment of four years and with hundreds of millions of dollars in investment from the company and their participation in Oregon. Stuart said those were the kinds of returns on investment that they could see but until they had the ability to compete with the other states on the up front investment, they wouldn't get them.

Boldt asked if there were any concerns with the remaining items of the consent agenda.

Stuart referenced item 2 (recommendation to rename Bosco Place Neighborhood Park to Bosco Farm Neighborhood Park) and asked Pete Capell to further explain the process. He added that he thought it sounded like the kind of process that would be helpful to them in any kind of naming convention.

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Pete Capell, Director, Department of Public Works, explained that they have a placeholder name for land they have acquired for future parks based on a geographic location or perhaps the family it was purchased from—something to that effect. He said when they are working with a neighborhood to do site planning for a particular park it's not uncommon to talk about what the final names might be and in this particular case the community members recommended Bosco Farm Neighborhood Park to better reflect the historical use of the property.

Stuart said after having issues last year they talked about the need to go through a community process before assigning a name to Bridge #1. He said the process Mr. Capell described seemed like it would also work for Bridge #1.

Boldt asked why this went through Engineering.

Capell responded that Engineering includes project management and there is a project manager assigned to all of the parks so staff from the Parks Department and Engineering work together.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stuart to approve consent agenda items 1 through 8. Commissioners Boldt, Stuart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Stuart commented that he spoke at a conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico the previous week representing the county in a project they have been working on to provide better efficiency and outcomes on mitigation of critical area issues. He described the county's web-based program, Mitigation Marketplaces, which gives landowners the opportunity to get value they may not otherwise be able to use and to be matched with developers who need to buy offsite mitigation. Stuart said he was also able to attend some interesting sessions, including one on partnerships between local governments and school districts.

Boldt congratulated Commissioner Stuart for being Co-Chair of the Washington State Association of Counties Legislative Committee, which is very impressive.

Adjourned

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VANCOUVER-CLARK PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION ~
APPOINTMENT

The Board convened at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room B, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Commissioners Mielke, Stuart, and Boldt, Chair, present.

The Board convened to appoint a member to the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.

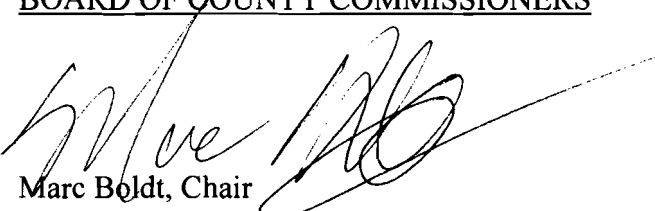
Moved by Commissioner Stuart to appoint Chuck Frayer to fill the vacancy on the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.

Commissioner Mielke said Mr. Frayer was a qualified candidate with years of experience.

Commissioner Boldt said Mr. Frayer had a wealth of knowledge concerning development disabilities and the elderly. Mr. Frayer is an advocate for trails.

Commissioners Boldt, Stuart, and Mielke vote aye. Motion carried.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Marc Boldt, Chair



Steve Stuart, Commissioner

Tom Mielke, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Kevin Richards
Clerk of the Board

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