

**TOWN OF YARROW POINT
COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
March 3, 2017
12:00PM**

The following is a summary of the proceedings and is *not* a verbatim transcript.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Dicker Cahill called the study session to order at 12:00 PM

PRESENT:

Mayor: Dicker Cahill

Councilmembers: Mary Elmore
David Feller
Steve Bush
Andy Valaas
Carl Scandella

Staff: Anastasiya Warhol – Town Clerk Treasurer
Deputy Clerk – Austen Wilcox

Guests: Park Board Chair – John McGlenn
Linda Osborn - Osborn Pacific Landscape Architects
Kathy Smith – Park Board
Carolyn Whittlesey – Park Board
Krista Fleming – Park Board

SS 17-02 Children's Playground:

Carl Scandella gave a brief background to Linda Osborn about the former sport court project, specifically the history of growing costs pertaining to construction.

Linda Osborn gave an overview of the playground project proposal and explained that there is a \$50K budget. Linda explained potential for safety hazards and liability and how they were woven into the design concept. Linda provided to the Council a map illustrating the proposed playground and stated there are options for revision.

Councilmember Bush asked how the intended age range was chosen and suggested expanding the plant to accommodate pre-teens.

Councilmember Bush asked how the playground will function in the rain and where parents will watch without getting wet. There needs to be a dry space. Mayor Cahill stated there is a covered portion underneath the deck of Town Hall that could be used.

Councilmember Feller stated there may need to be a larger budget set in place for a sheltered area but noted that sheltered area need not be a priority.

Councilmember Valaas stated that from his experience, children particularly like climbing structures but he does not see one on the existing plan. More swings could also be added.

The Council discussed the potentiality to have two different areas for playground equipment designated for separate age ranges.

Councilmember Elmore stated her concern for overbuilding at Town Hall. There doesn't need to be something for everybody.

Councilmember Scandella referenced the park at Hunts Point and stated how he's noticed children of many ages can improvise and still enjoy the play structure regardless of their age. If we combine the sport court, grass area, and play area, we have a very attractive area for a wide range of people to visit.

Mayor Cahill stated that we cannot meet the requirements of all ages and all personality types; however, the Council is willing to add additional funds to the project to make it more user-friendly/interesting for a wider range of children. The Council will discuss the project further at an upcoming Council meeting. The Council directed Ms. Osborn to the Parks Board to address the following items:

1. Add or amend structures to accommodate children up to 12 years of age
2. Consider a covered area
3. Add more swings
4. Reconsider plan layout to accommodate items 1-3

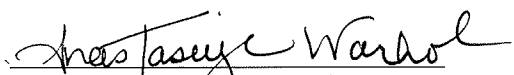
ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 PM.

APPROVED:


Dicker Cahill, Mayor

ATTEST:


Anastasiya Warhol, Clerk-Treasurer

