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Grant PUD & Parks, Marina, and Greenbelt Committee Meeting
Friday, June 11, 2010 @ Desert Aire Club House

Attendees:

Grant PUD

Igor Shaporda, Lands Specialist
Brandon Little, Engineer
Brad Harshman, Lands Specialist

Parks, Marina and Greenbelt Committee

Bob Kibler, Chair
James Curdy, Member
Terry Jensen, Member
Garry Walls, Member
Paul Johnson, Member

Members of Public Present:

Darlene Bodin, DA Owner
Steve Bodin, DA Owner
Kathleen Silvernail, DA Owner
Candy Jensen, DA Owner

Meeting Summary

The meeting came to order at 5:00 PM.

An update on the status of development applications was presented by Grant PUD staff. Currently, Grant PUD is completing drawings based on environmental surveys and geotechnical work. Once permit level drawings are completed, the applications will be submitted to local, state, and federal agencies for review and approval. Anticipated submittal time is July - August 2010.

Grant PUD is preparing informational materials to be shared with the Desert Aire and Cox's Landing owners and guests during the Desert Aire Airport Fly-in Breakfast on June 19, 2010. 30% completion designs will be available during the event at Grant PUD's booth station.

Priest Rapids Recreation Area (PRRA) web page is updated. The draft concept plans will be uploaded to the site early next week.

The PUD discussed the unauthorized trail which has recently been cut into about 1.1 miles of the South Shoreline. An individual has been identified who admitted to clearing

of shoreline. Letters have been sent out to residents of Cox's Landing and Desert Aire to inform them of the incident and educate them about PUD policies and State rules and regulations. The Committee members expressed their support to the approach being taken by Grant PUD to: (1) educate shoreline community, (2) prevent from potential encroachments, (3) and rectify the current trespass/violation. The PUD is estimating the cost of returning the trail to its original condition.

The Committee questioned the existing improvements and/or alterations of the Grant PUD property placed or made by adjacent land owners with or without any authorizations issued by property owner (Grant PUD). Staff responded that all existing authorizations along with the property alterations are being reviewed in accordance with the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP). The Public Recreation Development Plan (PRDP), which will outline the management practices for the PRRA is in development. The plan will serve as a foundation for an agreement between Grant PUD and Desert Aire Owners Association.

There was a discussion on use of Desert Aire's dedicated fund. Since presently there is no agreement between Grant PUD and DAOA, PUD Staff suggested that Desert Aire use the fund for formalization and upgrading of the community access points. In this case, the improvement would take place on DAOA property with the DAOA being the primary beneficiary. This will better secure the investment of people of Desert Aire. Additional options may open up after the agreement for managing the Desert Aire boat launch and campground has been approved by PUD and Desert Aire. Also, discussion took place concerning the purpose of the dedicated fund and the possibility of returning it to residents.

A vehicle barrier at the South Desert Aire will be in place later this summer. It will look similar to the one at Cox's Landing, and will prevent vehicles from driving behind residents properties on the South Shoreline.

A Desert Aire shoreline cleanup day is planned to be a cooperative effort between Desert Aire volunteers and a PUD staff. The date has not been set, but will likely be sometime before the end of September.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.