

## Minutes for October 8, 2010 Parks meeting

The Desert Aire Parks, Marina and Greenbelt Committee met October 8, 2010, at 5 PM downstairs in the Desert Aire Clubhouse. Committee members Dick Dorton, Terry Jensen, Gary Varney, James Curdy, and Chairman Bob Kibler were present. In attendance were Grant PUD staff members Igor Shaporda, Brad Harshman, and Brandon Little. Others present were Steve and Darlene Bodin, Jeff Shimmin, and Kathleen Silvernail.

The Grant PUD staff gave an update on the Shoreline Plan. The Recreation Resource Management Plan License Amendment was submitted to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on February 26, 2010. The Shoreline Management Plan, approved by Grant PUD Commission, was filed with FERC March 2, 2010. There was no indication on the Timeline.

A Wetland delineation inaccuracy has been detected in Development Applications for Planned Recreation Improvements. Permit documents are in the process of being corrected. Grant PUD anticipates receiving documents from consultants by October 15, 2010 and submitting to agencies by October 31, 2010.

The Parks Committee initiated discussion concerning the existing operations and maintenance (O&M) of the shoreline facilities. Committee pointed out that the Desert Aire Owners Association (DAOA) O&M budget was in deficit last year due to the excessive operating costs of the campground. Staff clarified that the existing agreement between DAOA and Grant PUD is in effect until the completion of new facilities. Committee indicated that the DAOA board might consider proposing the modifications to an existing agreement prior to the completion date of planned improvements.

The Parks Committee asked about the future operations and management of the campground/Public Recreation Plan. All efforts have been focused on advancing the capital improvements to date. However, a Public Recreation Development Plan will be developed to identify operations and management needs for improved recreation facilities and Grant PUD shoreline property. Grant PUD aims to have completed draft plan by the end of 2011. Grant will engage the community and other stakeholders during the development of the plan to identify and address key management goals. As part of the day use expansion, Grant PUD will need to work with Desert Aire Owners Association to investigate the current use of irrigation pumps and wells in order to determine if additional irrigation is allowable.

Grant PUD has reviewed the Shoreline Trail Layout within the Campground, and would like to proceed with a 6 foot wide trail within the day use irrigated area. The path will be located at the bottom of the terraced slope, instead of meandering through the lawn area. In addition, leaving the current hillside between the campground and day-use should serve as a better long term solution. The necessary changes are being made to the permit documents and construction plans.

Bob said that the subject of parking for vehicles was brought up at the September Parks meeting and the September Board meeting. The consensus at those meetings was that roadside parking for vehicles at the Access Trails would be adequate, and that building parking lots would be unnecessary. The South Access Trail on the North Shoreline will likely be graveled and asphalt-paved, to match the North Shoreline Trail. The Access Trail off Edgewater Way will be surfaced with compacted gravel, to match the South Shoreline Trail. Both Access Trails are to have posts at the street to block vehicles from driving on the path. To further discourage vehicles from parking in front of the trail head and blocking it, a crosswalk could be established and stripes painted across the street.

This concluded the Grant PUD-attended portion of the meeting.

As a part of the Parks meeting, James conducted a short walking field trip to the new unfinished Tennis Courts. It was decided to remove the narrow 2' wide sidewalk which is located on the south wall of the snack shack, and replace it with a 4' sidewalk to match the new 4' gate which will enter the courts. There was some discussion of landscaping around the courts.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Bob Kibler

Chair: Parks, Marina and Greenbelt Committee for Desert Aire