

Dear Marina Advocates,

The meeting of the Parks, Marina and Greenbelt Committee came to order at 5 PM, Sept. 10, 2010 downstairs in the Desert Aire Multipurpose Building. Committee members James Curdy, Dick Dorton, Gary Varney, and Chairman Bob Kibler were present. Grant PUD staff members in attendance were Brandon Little, Brad Harshman, and Igor Shaporda. Also present were residents Steve Bodin, Darlene Bodin, Kathleen Silvernail, and Caroline Holmes. DAOA Board President Jeff Shimmin was present.

PUD portion:

Grant PUD staff did not have any new updates on the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP). The Recreation Resource Management Plan (RRMP) license amendment was submitted to FERC in February 2010 and the SMP was filed with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in March. As of this date, no action has been made by FERC with the exception of a request for Grant PUD to prepare a plan and schedule for Crescent Bar Island.

In August the draft drawings for recreation enhancements planned for the Priest Rapids Recreation Area (PRRA) were sent out to the Grant County, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Department of Ecology for their review prior to formal application submittal. No adverse comments have been received. Grant PUD anticipates submitting permit applications for the enhancements within the next 45 days.

The barrier at the South End off Orchard Way has been completed. In addition to routine PUD inspections, staff asked the Committee and attending public to notify if there is any more trespassing by vehicles.

It was mentioned that a large 4-wheel drive vehicle drove over the barrier on the North end of Desert Aire.

Then the Public Recreation Development Plan was discussed. In 2010 Grant PUD started developing the Priest Rapids Recreation Area development plan, which would identify specific uses approved under a single authorization for the Priest Rapids Recreation Area, as opposed to multiple individual permits. This authorization would encompass all individual, community and public uses and activities located on Grant PUD-owned shoreline adjacent to Desert Aire. As part of this process, all existing permits, and encroachments are being looked at currently. The next step will be to conduct community meetings, as well as small groups and individual meetings with the Desert Aire and Cox's Landing residents to address encroachments and present draft master plan. The operation and maintenance of the shoreline facilities will also be addressed in this plan and agreement will be put together as a result of this process.

The issue of unauthorized trail was discussed as well. Specifically, the attending public felt it was not a great idea to have the trail out of sight due to safety concerns. Staff explained that the unauthorized trail is being addressed.

Grant PUD staff commented on disposition of the old steel cylinders that used to be a part of a floating boom breakwater approved by WA Department of Fish and Wildlife in 1996. Grant

County PUD will dispose the cylinders as part of the construction project currently planned for 2012 – 2013. The Board should contact WA Fish and Wildlife if the Desert Aire Owners Association were to dispose cylinders prior to that date. As a permit landowner, Grant PUD requested to be updated on the progress.

The outstanding items from the August meeting were discussed. James asked about the surfacing of the trail connections to the community access routes. Staff responded that the proposed trail consists of three (3) community access routes. Two (2) of them will be located in the Southern portion of the shoreline and one (1) on the North. The community access on the North is scheduled to be paved; two on the South would be compact gravel.

Dick Dorton talked about adding third launch float to accommodate boating at low water levels. Staff stated that the area to the Northeast from first launch float will be deep enough for boats even at low water levels. This will eliminate the need for 3<sup>rd</sup> launch float.

Staff followed up with Jeff Shimmin in regards to the informational letter sent out recently to the adjacent lot owners. No feedback was received to this date.

The site visit was conducted in regards to the Committee's proposal of last month to keep the trail on the east side of the lawn area, embedded into the sloped terrace with a retaining wall. Staff will look into this more closely and respond as soon as possible.

The Grant PUD portion of the meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Bob showed estimates he had asked for to surface the Access Paths (feeder trails) from the streets to the shoreline. A & B Asphalt would lay a gravel base 14' wide, 4" thick, and pave with hot mix 8' wide over it, 2" thick. They would do the four paths for \$34,516.00. They would do one path at the North Shore and one path at the South Shore (the one off Edgewater) for \$16,323.00. The other estimate was by Pendleton Asphalt. It would pave 4 paths the same as above, except using 2" of gravel, for \$26,600.00. They would pave the 2 paths for \$14,550.00. Bob showed a picture of a WSDOT ADA Compatible Shared-Use Path. Our paths might look similar to it.

The subject of building parking areas for the access path trailheads was discussed. The parking areas would be on Desert Aire property. North Shore lots adjacent to the access paths might be for sale and available for this purpose, but would be expensive. The path off Edgewater on the South Shore is adjacent to a large common area known as Tract E, and an area for parking could be built there. However, residents Steve, Darlene, Kathleen, and Caroline were against building parking areas. They are concerned about garbage, security, loss of privacy, and devalued property. Kathleen made the point that she was not against parking on the shoulder of the road, as long as drivers didn't drive on her property. Caroline explained her opinion that we should not be doing anything from within Desert Aire to encourage using the Shoreline, since the wrong kind of people would abuse it.

Bob showed some pictures of the cart path west of Fowler Lane. An adjacent resident had written a letter to James, asking that Desert Aire gravel the path to keep dust down. After some discussion, it was

decided that our recommendation to the Board is to not gravel it, unless the chairman of the Golf Committee said it should be graveled.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Bob Kibler, Chair: Parks, Marina and Greenbelt Committee