

MINUTES
LAKE CHELAN RECREATION DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
Board Meeting
March 30, 2012
144 E. Woodin Ave., Chelan
(There was not a February meeting)

Before the meeting, the Board members toured the proposed Naumes property for the site of the Chelan Recreation and Community Center (RACC) The area offered is Lot 19A, 4 acres, and Lot 19B, 2 acres, Apple Blossom Center.

Board members present: Mike Sherer, Tim Hollingsworth, Wai Petersen, and Scott McKellar

Board members absent: Ron Sturtz

Alternate Board members present: Coron Polley

Alternate Board member absent: Phil Long

Others Present: Patty Soderstrom, Secretary, Dr. John Horlebein (guest), Robert Fifer (co-chair RACC)

I. MINUTES: The minutes of January 26, 2012 were read and approved.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

Scott suggested the Board skip to “new business” on the agenda first. A lengthy discussion followed – continuing the pros and cons discussed at the site. Some members still prefer to have the RACC closer to the City, while others liked the advantage of the Naumes site. The cost for 4 acres would be approximately \$1.2 million. Mike and Robert will pursue establishing an “advisory group” for research of possibly sources of funds and invite interested parties to view the property. John Horlebein had several suggestions on funding available from the McNaughton Foundation, The Cal Ripken Foundation, the Masons maybe, foundations for Boys and Girls Clubs. He suggested an outdoor auction at a winery to raise funds for RACC and Boys and Girls Clubs, etc. He will contact Jay Penney, who is a nonprofit fundraiser organizer. Mike suggested John bring his information to the next meeting. Also, John will invite John Weiss to tour the site with Mike.

MOTION: It was moved, seconded and passed, to authorize Mike Sherer and Robert Fifer, members of LCRDF subcommittee for the Lake Chelan Recreation and Community Center, to pursue a binding real estate contract/purchase of 4 acres or more of Naumes property at Apple Blossom Center. Purchase price for such property is to be thru acquisition of donations/grants/or other non-taxing financial arrangements whose details are acceptable to LCRDF.

III. FINANCE REPORT: The Board reviewed the March 30, 2012 financial report prepared by Ron Sturtz. Mike suggested the \$13,882 invested in the Development Foundation Fund (stock market) be moved to a safer account. **ACTION:** Scott will contact Beth Stipe and review the options with her and present them at our next meeting. Tim suggested that only 50% of the funds be moved.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

Website: Patty reported she hadn't got together with Tim to update the site. **ACTION:** She will e-mail Tim the control panel code for the website.

Rich Moments: January - Erin McCardle did the Rich Moments discussing the Fire and Ice Festival.

February - Robert and Kelly were to discuss the Lake Chelan Recreation and Community Center.

March – Wai discussed benefits of the Manson Parks and recreation.

April – **ACTION:** At the request of the LCRDF, John Horlebein, John Weiss and Mike Sherer will discuss boys and girls clubs, fundraising organizations, and the RACC. Mike will e-mail John the procedure for Rich Moments.

Micro Park at Safeway: Mike Cooney asked for Rotary support to have a Manson man do the park for \$40,000. Scott suggested there could also be volunteer support.

Potential Trail to Old Swim Hole at Manson: Tim and Scott did go the County to begin the process for the necessary permits. Wai has almost completed the shoreline permit application and Tim offered his assistance. Tim is on track with JARPA application.

Potential New Park in South Chelan: This will be dropped from the agenda for now.

Alternate Board Member: This will be on the agenda for the next meeting in April.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Lake Chelan Recreation and Community Center (RACC): Mike reported that at the last RACC meeting in March the duties were split up. Erin and Kelly will pursue defining the MPD to assume some of the City of Chelan unsavory parks situations and the approved but not pursued trail plan for the area. Robert and Mike will pursue the real estate plans. The next RACC meeting will not be until June.

Excerpted next is Mike's e-mail of March 31, 2012 explaining in more detail the situation with RACC:

“ This is a follow up message from Friday's meeting to tie up some loose ends. Thanks to you all for you spending the time to understand the current thrust of the Recreation and Community Center effort.

Regarding Naumes Lot 19:

1. In January when we asked Mike Naumes through his agent, Jon Eberly, to provide us a backup option in case the L.C. School District turned us down they responded quickly. Their offer was for less per acre than the hospital had to pay and as you know they offered 9 free acres as well. They were willing to enter into a commitment with our RACC until November as we expected a vote on the Metropolitan Park District(MPD) before then . I told them if they got a good offer before then they could sell the lot as a way for them to have some flexibility. When the decision was made to delay any vote on the MPD for this year, Naumes stated they would have no problem working with our foundation on a real estate sale.

2. Price: The price Naumes has quoted for us to consider is a first step. Because we have no money at this point, we are not in a position to bargain strongly with Naumes on any final price. Later, before purchase of any property

anywhere, when we have assets then we will be in the same position as any buyer. We can bargain and maybe buy down the price by having cash. Right now, we need a target price for fund raising. Naumes has given us a target price. As Robert and I proceed to talk with individuals over the next few weeks we will continue to advertise the Naumes price. If we actually get large donations in our bank account then we will be in a position of strength to deal with the best piece of property for our facility at the best price.”

Trails: - no discussion

Ball Fields: - no discussion

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

If anyone has information of meetings that would be of interest to our Board, our working committees, or interested partners, please contact Patty and she will get them listed. (nelsandpatty@frontier.com) 682-3114

VII. NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, April 19, 2012, 1:00 PM, at Ron Sturtz's office