

DBLA BOD Meeting Minutes
Friday December 2, 2016
Radclyffe, DBR

Call to Order: 10:00AM

Roll Call:

Leaseholders Present: 6

BOD:

Kate Higgins – President

Kosha Long – Vice President

Char Schulz – Treasurer

Linda Enger – Secretary

Lynn Brem – Director at Large

Office Manager: Melinda Dewey

Facilities Manager: Barb Gilger

Agenda

- **Motion** to accept the minutes from September 30 Meeting
 - Char moved
 - Kosha seconded
 - Minutes accepted unanimously
- **Ratify 2017 Budget**
 - Voting results
 - Nine votes against the budget
 - Budget is ratified
- **Speeding in the park**
 - Kate H. – shared background. A lot of the communities deal with speeding by having an agreement with local law enforcement. In Washington, you must have a minimum speed limit of 20mph, which makes this option not viable.
 - Linda E. – we looked into radar equipment for the park. The cheaper equipment is designed for sporting events like tracking the speed of a baseball pitch. The problems we read about trying to use sports radar equipment for auto traffic is they are not as accurate and they capture “ghosts”. Plus, there is no way to log history.
- **Discussion**
 - I think we have a real problem with speeding in the park, I myself have sped without realizing it. I think we should go to 5mph in the summer and raise it to 10mph in the winter when the roads are wet and there is no dust.
 - I get a lot of dust from speeding and I live several houses in. Speed bumps are bad because if you drive over on one side, you do damage to your car. I am against speed bumps.
 - I like the idea of the seasonal change – dust is a problem in the summer but not the winter. Can we change our rules based on season?
 - If someone takes a picture of a car traveling fast enough to have dust behind the vehicle, that would be enough to fine the driver. The person taking the photo would submit it to Barb for processing
 - We have a rule that is unenforceable, the worst kind of rule. If you have someone complaining about speeding, it turns into a “she said she said” situation. I know it sounds petty, but I believe it is a real problem. I think we need speed bumps that go all the way across the width of the street. The only viable option that would work without someone claiming “you did that because you don’t like me”, is speed bumps.
 - Could we put in small ditches that would require you to slow down?
 - The marina in Pt. Townsend has a “no dust” rule. Why can’t we have that without a specific “mile per hour” designated? If you are kicking up dust, you are violating the rule. Right now, if

someone complains about speeding, there is no proof. When you let your weeds grow, it is easy to see the violation. A claim someone was speeding, is not prove-able. We need a way of substantiating.

- One day I was speeding and someone signaled me to slow down. It embarrassed me and made me slow down. I wasn't mad at that person, I took the message and slowed down.
- I think one thing that would really help a lot is that we need to enforce the speed limit with the contractors. Some of them just run up and down these roads any way they want to.
- I don't have a solution, but I do remember in the military, the rule was 5mph because of the troops. 5mph is not too slow for this park.
- We potentially have two different ways to look at this. One of the problems is awareness. I try really hard to comply and I find it hard to do that. There are a number of solutions that work for awareness; signs, peer pressure, speed bumps, and technology is a possibility. I was reading an article about how the radar message sign has cut down on speeding. The second problem is the person's attitude of: "I know the right speed limit, but I don't care." If we are going to document the violation, we must do it consistently across the board. If you whip out your phone to take a picture, you get into "you took a picture of me but not of so-and-so".
- I have tried to address the issue with the one person who appears to be the worst offender, and we still get complaints.
- The west end road is the place where people pick up the most speed.
- If we could dig ditches and build mounds in a way that helps redirect ground water, we would take care of two issues with one solution.
- If you don't do the speed bumps to suit the chronic speeders' problem, they are still going to speed.
- When you come in the gate and you make the turn toward the road, you think: "whoa, I have to slow down".
- You can make it a road maintenance fine, instead of a speeding fine, it might be accepted more readily.
- We still come back down to the proof issue. Maybe we need two witnesses that sign a formal complaint, unless there is a picture of the dust.
- So we put up another sign about "no dust" – aren't people already aware of that? I don't think that will stop the chronic speeders.
- I am happy to hear other people complaining about the dust and the speeders.
- It is a PARK problem.
- For some reason, the dust is worse up here than it is down there.
- All of the traffic uses First Street, and the road deteriorates faster. I would love to pave First Street.
- If you live on First Street, you only have to drive 5mph for a short time, but you get a LOT of dust from speeders. If you live on Fifth or Sixth St., you have less dust issues but it is a real pain in the butt to do 5mph all the way home.
- We might be looking at a couple of different rules:
 - One dealing with the dust; maintenance violation or nuisance complaint. If you are driving any kind of vehicle and you're kicking up dust, you are violating this rule.
 - What if you address it from a Safety standpoint, it may hit home better.
 - A maintenance violation requires two people and a picture
 - The Second issue is speeding. We have speed bumps in my neighborhood and they are a pain in the butt. They are designed to allow emergency vehicles.
- Why don't we look into specs for creating humps and/or ditches? It would be more cost effective than buying speed bumps and we might even benefit from them from a rain water diversion perspective.
- If we went down the road where we bought enough speed bumps, we might want to look into buying a radar camera.
- The only way for the park to legitimately issue a fine is to be able to PROVE that a violation took place. If you fine someone for doing X mph, you can't prove it. If you fine someone for exceeding 5mph, you have a better chance.

- In order to levy a fine, we need more than one leaseholder providing specific information about a specific event; date, time, place, etc.
- If you can't fine anybody, let's just stop this discussion. I think we need to just encourage peer pressure.
- I think we just need to put it out there, and encourage people to remind one another to slow down.
- This park has inherent non-complainers, they will NOT confront those who are speeding.
- We need to establish precisely WHAT documentation is required to assess a fine for speeding.
- How did we assess fines in the past?
 - Last documented speeding fine is from 2004
 - No information other than it was a fine for speeding
- What if we created tools for leaseholders to raise awareness, like a brightly colored piece of paper that has a fill in the blank section: "Today at X time, I saw you driving in excess of 5mph on X St. Please help us maintain our streets and slow down."
- I know the women in this park. Putting notes on their car or in their mailbox will make them go even faster. They'll decide "I'm gonna REALLY show them what I can do."
- What happens the first time, second time, third time, etc.?
- It is in the rules that the fine will become a lien against their property.
- What do we need to do to enforce the park rules?
- What it actually says in the rules for multiple violations, is that the person must leave the park. Are we really willing to do that?
- Do we have the teeth to force them to leave the park?
- If they are in arrears with their violations, they are subject to be forced to leave the park.
- We are going round and round with no solution. We need to agree on a solution.
- I think we need to do a better job of raising awareness.
- Can I make a proposal that I think everyone can agree on? The vendors. Can we contact all the companies we deal with?
- I can put a note with our payment asking the company to alert their drivers regarding speed – it's a good way to contact all the companies.
- I think the leaseholders should talk to the vendors working on their home.
- Let's work on an "Awareness Campaign". A flyer out to the community reminding us to look out for each other and remind one another to slow down.
- Let's have a "three strikes and you're out" program. If Barb and BOD member have to address this with the same leaseholder more than once, we fine the leaseholder.

• Solutions

- Start with the Awareness Campaign explaining how important it is. If we don't get a handle on the speeding, we will be forced to purchase enough speed bumps to be placed throughout the park.
- Contact all the vendors
- Notify people they are NOT to move the speed bumps unless making way for an emergency vehicle
- **Proposed Rule Change**
 - Speeding Complaint Process
 - When a leaseholder observes another leaseholder, guest, or renter driving in an excessive speed, creating an unsafe condition, and/or kicking up gravel or dust, she will report her complaint on a form that includes:
 - Date of occurrence
 - Time of occurrence
 - Name or Lot # of driver
 - Description of vehicle
 - License Plate if known
 - Location and description of event

- Other witnesses
 - Name and Signature of Complainant
- When Park Management gets two complaints about the same leaseholder, guest, or renter in a six month period, a Park Manager and a BOD member will meet with the leaseholder, and will warn her that if there is one more complaint in the next twelve months, a fine will be issued.
- When Park Management receives subsequent complaint(s) within the twelve month period, the BOD will fine the leaseholder in accordance with the DBR rules. At the time of the fine, the leaseholder is entitled to know the identity of the complainants.
- **MOTION on the above rule change:**
 - Char moved
 - Kosha seconded
 - Revised Speeding Rule accepted unanimously
- **Speeding Awareness Program**
 - The BOD will broadcast the following information via multiple sources (email, web page, poster, etc.) the following:
 - The steps we are taking to raise awareness
 - If our increased awareness efforts fail, we will be forced to invest in technology like speed bumps, radar, etc.
 - Leaseholders are responsible for the behavior of their renters and guests
 - The Office Manager will include a note with bill payments to request that companies remind their drivers of the rules and ask them to slow down
 - Leaseholders are responsible for letting their vendors know of the speeding rules in the park
 - Complaints about vendors speeding in the park should be submitted to park management
- **MOTION on the Speeding Awareness Program:**
 - Char move to adopt the Speeding Awareness Program
 - Kosha seconded
 - Adopted unanimously
- **MOTION to Adjourn**
 - Char moved
 - Kosha seconded
 - Meeting adjourned at 12:30PM

POST MEETING NOTE – December 3, 2016:

The BOD unanimously approved a consent to action delaying implementation on the Rule Change to give time for more research, and a work session in the spring where more people can participate. Park Management and the BOD will proceed immediately with the Speeding Awareness Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Enger
BOD Secretary