

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Meeting of May 9, 2013
Community Center, 31605 3rd Ave, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Olness called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and lead us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Goodwin, Edelman, Benson and Taylor.

ABSENT: None

Staff present: Mark Hoppen, City Administrator; Chip Hanson, IS Manager; Aaron Nix, Natural Resources/Parks Director; Brenda L. Martinez, Asst. City Admin/City Clerk

Mayor Olness welcomed everyone and announced on tonight's agenda is a presentation from the Department of Ecology regarding the City's Shoreline Management Program and depending how long the discussion goes and if time allows there will be open mic for other issues.

Anthony Boscolo from the Department of Ecology commended Black Diamond for the plan they submitted. He noted seeing a lot of plans and the City should be very proud theirs. He commented this has been a long process as the plan was submitted to Ecology last July and a draft version of Ecology's required and recommended changes has been submitted and received by the City. The next step in the process will be Ecology issuing a conditional approval letter within the next month. Once that it received the City will have a couple of choices: 1) adopt the plan with required changes from Ecology or 2) take a different path and offer alternatives to the required changes Ecology has given. He noted with option 1 an approved SMP can be approved within three months if adopted with the required changes. However, if option 2 is chosen adoption will take longer.

Mr. Boscolo reviewed with Council the list of required and recommended changes by Ecology for our Shoreline Management Program (SMP).

Jack Sperry, Black Diamond commented on other approved SMPs and gave the example of Redmond, Sammamish and what they can mitigate down to and most being either 20 or 25 ft. Commented on the fundamental of no net loss and it appears there is a wide variety of what the individual is being base lined with for no net loss. He noted this can be tough on a very degraded lot. He added imposing the requirement Ecology is asking for does not seem very equitable to him. He further added that he was on the committee to help draft this document and that most suggestions submitted were taken from other approved plans and is surprised they are being struck out. He gave an example from Sammamish's plan.

Mr. Boscolo commented on the issues Mr. Sperry brought up and appreciated what was pointed out. He noted it being very difficult to address a whole gamut of situations and added there being a few safety nets in the document such as restoration. He then reiterated the next step of the process that was outlined at the beginning of the meeting.

Mira Hoke announced the opening of a Farmers Market at the Discovery Center. Opening day will be June 7 and will continue on Fridays through September. She noted posters have been placed around the community and added they also have a Facebook page. She asked folks to let others who may be interested in being a vendor know about this new event and applications can be found on their Facebook page.

Cheryl Hanson, Black Diamond Community Center commented on sending out information on needs for the food bank. She informed Council of program she is starting to feed the children in Black Diamond during the summer months. She discussed the back to school program that will be starting in August. In closing she stated that on April 1 they did fake checks from the "Gratitude Credit Union" and wanted to thank Councilmember Goodwin for all the food he donates; Mayor Olness for volunteering and being on the board and Councilmembers Deady, Benson and Edelman for volunteering too.

Councilmember Deady commented on tossing around the idea of going with Town Hall meetings every other month and wanted some feedback.

Councilmember Edelman noted doing it every other month would be fine.

Councilmembers Taylor and Benson also agreed with this.

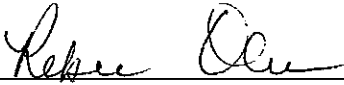
Erika Morgan, Black Diamond commented that she is not sure if this is a good time to be cancelling the next Town Hall meeting since we have missed two in a row already. She would like Council to look at the whole calendar and take it into consideration before deciding.

Councilmember Deady noted looking at the calendar and proposes having them in January, March, May, July, September and November.

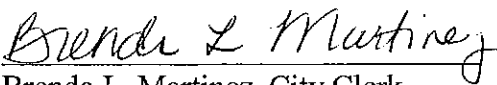
Mayor Olness proposed having staff come up with suggestions and bring them back at the next regular Council meeting for Council's consideration

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Benson and **seconded** by Councilmember Deady to adjourn the meeting. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor 5-0.



Rebecca Olness, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk