Special Meeting - Minutes
Lynden City Hall Annex
205 4th Street
Lynden, WA

3/6/2013 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Meeting of three bodies called to order at 7:00 P.M. All Lynden School Board Members present.

2. Introductions and Protocol

Mayor Scott Korthuis opened the meeting with a brief statement of the purpose of the meeting, bringing the School District, the City of Lynden and the Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District together to discuss ways to work together on programs and projects and to begin a dialogue with the Lynden Community about the needs and expectations of the community of what the three organizations should do.

3. City of Lynden Presentation

Mayor Scott Korthuis provided a brief overview of several projects that the City of Lynden is working on and some information on different resources the city has to draw on to accomplish these projects.

4. Lynden School District Board Of Directors

School Board President Jilk provided a few comments about the challenges the District faces relative to state and federal mandates for teaching and learning and the loss of state dollars for supporting the District. He also spoke of the challenges the District faces in getting support for bond votes and the lack of community involvement in discussing the problems. How do we get the message out?

5. Lynden Regional Parks and Recreation District

Terry Devalois, President of the Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District discussed the mission of the Parks and Recreation District, the work the District has done on various projects in the City and looking forward to working more closely with the City and the School District on projects.

6. Discuss merits of cooperation and/or collaboration, Q&A

Members of all three organizations, Board Members, Councilmembers and Commissioners discussed the merits of trying to work closer together on projects and the potential use of publicly owned property to create and sustain a vibrant community.

7. Public Input

Several people in the audience presented comments, generally indicating support for the three agencies taking a lead in working together and suggesting ways to get more information out to the public. Comments included how to use different methods of getting the public to come to meetings and supporting the three organizations to continue this type of leadership in working together.

8. Next Step

City, School District and Parks and Recreation District all agreed to meet again and continue looking for ways to communicate with the public and find ways to work on specific projects together. Mayor Korthuis will coordinate next meeting within a few weeks.

9. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

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Jim Frey       Stephan Jilk
Superintendent                   President