CITY OF WOODLAND
HORSESHOE LAKE COMMITTEE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

The regular meeting of the Horseshoe Lake Management Committee was held on September 13, 2012, at the Woodland City Hall Council Chambers, 100 Davidson Avenue, Woodland, WA 98674.

Chair Tom Golik called the meeting to order at approximately 5:05 p.m. Roll call found the following:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Tom Golik, Chairman
Walt Church
Mike Curry (Absent)
Terry Jones (Absent)
Francis Patnode (Absent)
Pat Rychel
Jeff Sullivan
Neil Van Horn

MAYOR/COUNCIL:

Scott Perry, Councilmember

STAFF:

Jody Bartkowski, Secretary
Bart Stepp, Public Works Director

MINUTES

The August 9, 2012 minutes were approved as corrected.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. **Lake Pump.** Public Works reported that the pump has been turned off for at least a week due to the low river level and the possibility of cavitation. Discussion ensued regarding water level, tidal fluctuation, the idea of a well, water rights, debris cleaned from the river at the pump, vandalism, fishing from the dock, no trespassing signs, closing the river so many feet below and above the pump, the last pump reading of 2,500 GPM, WSDOT responsibility, maximum pumping allowed by PACIFIC CORP ~~PP&L~~ varying by pump condition, enlargement of the pumping hole, a two pump system, and Ranney Well pumping capability.

   WSDOT is currently maintaining the pump with the exception of screen cleaning which is being done by the Public Works Department.

   The City has not officially notified WSDOT that the pump is inadequate, but they are aware. Further discussion was held regarding the possibility of Mayor Laseke writing a letter to local representatives to force action by the WSDOT, the recommendation included in the latest report by FlowServe, and the Alum Study recommendation to extend the outlet pipe. Bart Stepp will discuss letter writing options with the Mayor.

2. **Water Quality & Sampling.** Stacie Kelsey, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, presented handouts showing graphs of August and September water quality test findings. She recommends, based on findings and comparisons with Silver Lake that we find a way to do e-coli testing. Discussion ensued regarding testing by Addy

Lab and costs for kits, supplies, and samples. Staff reported that Mayor Laseke is speaking with both Cowlitz and Clark County Commissioners regarding assistance with costs.

3. **Decoys/Wildlife.** Committee members reported that the geese are back in residence. Discussion was held regarding hanging of the flappable eagle, problems in the grass becoming a pollution problem in lake, the use of coyotes, and spraying grass with geese repellant.

4. **Budget.** Budget was previously discussed in item 2 - Water Quality & Sampling. The 2012 proposed budget of $1,200 is not adequate to cover the minimal phosphorous testing that is currently being done, let alone e-coli testing or vegetation management. Discussion ensued regarding methods for vegetation management; carp vs. chemicals. Scott Perry stressed the need to present budget numbers to City Council.

5. **Goals & Priorities.** Discussion ensued regarding options for decreasing vegetation, the use of chemicals and/or carp, and inviting the Commissioners and others on the agency contact list for a boat tour of the lake in the next two weeks. Bart Stepp will discuss this field trip with the Mayor.

6. **Agency Contact List.** Staff reported that the list will be updated to include Chad Hancock as an additional WSDOT contact and that everyone has responded except for the Cowlitz County Conservation District. Discussion ensued regarding inviting the entities on the agency contact list for a boat tour of the lake in the next two weeks.

7. **State Department Requests.** Staff reported that a draft letter has been prepared and will be sent to WSDOT requesting information regarding I-5 runoff into the Lake.

8. **Public Input.** It was reported that the Lewis River Review has agreed to write monthly articles regarding the Lake and Park. Tom Golik and Scott Perry will provide a list of subject matter.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OTHER

Lake Discharge – While taking water samples it was noted that Walt's Wholesale Meats is pumping water from their construction site directly into the Lake. They were contacted and do not have the necessary permits; WDFW will be following up. In addition, a fountain at the Fleischman home on Island Aire Drive may not be an approved device; Ms. Kelsey will look into this and contact them.

Vancouver Lake Coho – Coho are allowed into Vancouver Lake because it has direct access to the Columbia River, where Horseshoe Lake is land locked.

Shorelines – Public Works staff reported that work on the plan is progressing and that committee members may be contacted by Parametrix for additional information. Parametrix will also be attending a committee meeting prior to the plan being completed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, August 9, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. at the Woodland City Hall Council Chambers.

Tom Golik

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10-11-12

Date

Jody Bartkowski

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