CITY OF WOODLAND
HORSESHOE LAKE COMMITTEE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2012

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

Acting Chairman Walt Church called the meeting to order at approximately 5:05 p.m. Roll call found the following:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Tom Golik, Chairman (Absent)
Walt Church, Acting Chairman
Mike Curry
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 October 11, 2012 minutes were approved as presented.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. **Lake Pump**. Discussion ensued regarding the lake level. It is approximately 4-feet lower that than it typically isthis time of year. Staff reported that the pump is running and at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW) request set to turn off for 10-minutes each hour to prevent fish from passing through and to help flush the screens. The float that was installed is not a high float - low float, it works based on water pressure.

2. **Water Quality & Sampling.** Staff reported that volunteers completed the October testing, discussed phosphorus levels, and presented graphs with October numbers. Discussion was held regarding water levels, depth of weeds, and test locations. Mike Curry gave updated Secchi disk numbers.

3. **Decoys/Wildlife.** Committee members reported that there is an eagle present and that they have seen a goose with a broken wing.

4. **Budget.** Staff reported that the proposed 2013 budget for management of Horseshoe Lake is $1,200 and that $1,800 was requested from both Cowlitz and Clark Counties.

5. **Goals & Priorities.** Discussion ensued regarding grant funding (see New Business Item 1).

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Grant Application - DOE Aquatic Weeds Management.**

   Staff distributed draft copies of the proposed grant application and requested comments. The grant is for two-years of aquatic vegetation and water quality monitoring, the City will be the lead agency, and the match will be mostly in-kind between the City and Clark and Cowlitz Counties

   Committee member Walt Church made a motion to recommend the City make the application. Jeff Sullivan seconded the motion.

   Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

   Discussion was held regarding the reason for this testing, potential costs for fixing the weed problem, legislative and congressional districts, the percentage of the Lake in each of the counties, and the possibility of relocating Silver Lake carp.

2. **December 13, 2012 Meeting Location.** Staff reported that both Council Chambers and the Port office have other events scheduled for December 13, 2012. The next regular meeting will be held at the Woodland Community Center, 782 Park Street (next door to the library).

OTHER

Weed Harvesting – Discussion was held regarding various harvesting methods, difficulty in getting permits, root removal, the creation of additional spreading by breakage, soil consistency at the bottom of the Lake, costs, individuals clearing in front of their own property, the outlet structure leak, and excess concrete laying around the structure.

Storm Drainage into the Lake – Discussion ensued regarding runoff south of Woodland Welding during the last heavy rain. Public Works Director Bart Stepp gave information on how the Davidson Avenue storm system works and how it is maintained.

Biodegradable Chemicals. The committee discussed and requested that WDFW provide them with information regarding new types of all-natural, biodegradable chemicals. They would like questions answered regarding cost, successfulness, permitting, and local use.

Open Discussion.

- Scott Perry spoke regarding the need to research grants; creation of a non-city sponsored fund similar to what Kalama has that accepts donations to fund parks, lakes, etc. (people have a desire to contribute money, but not to the City); and using the Park and Recreation District for taxing ability.
- Mike Curry shared a story and pictures of a park he visited in Montana that was built with a donation by one individual.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:05 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, December 13, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. at the Woodland Community Center, 782 Park Street, Woodland WA 98674. Please note special location.

Walt Church -- Acting Chairman — Date 12/14/12

Jody Bartkowski - Secretary — Date 12/14/12