

KEYPORT IMPROVEMENT CLUB

Jan. 12, 2021 – 7 PM

Zoom Meeting Minutes

Called to Order – 7:00 PM

AMENDMENT TO CORRECT YEAR OF FEST ON COMMITTEE REPORT FROM 2019 TO 2021.

Welcome and Introductions – Karol Stevens

Bonnie Johnson joined us this time. Always nice to put a face to another home in town.

Minutes Approval for Dec. 8, 2020 meeting – Approved as posted.

Treasurer's Report – Jason Ward = This information is available at the KIC meetings or by contacting the treasure.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Reports

- **Park Committee – Doug Chamberlain**

Central Park – He thanked everyone for putting up and removing the lights.

Saltwater Park - He had news that the damaged table at Saltwater Park is going to be replaced by the county which is currently in purchasing. They will keep Doug informed on the progress.

Kitsap County now has a new park director, Alexander Wisniewski.

Also, a new volunteer coordinator, Aaron Bartleson. 360-340-6681

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Doug inquired on the status of the legal issues at Central Park.

Karol replied that it hasn't been resolved yet but hopefully soon.

- **Disaster Preparedness – Karol Stevens** – Discussion on reactivating the committee. Possibly a Covid vaccination update.

- **At Home in Keyport – Karol Stevens** – No updates other than if people have service providers for Rosie Watne as she continues to develop the directory.

- **2019 Fest – 2021 Fest** - Peg Garrison spoke to this and believes it's best to wait until late spring to start working on getting vendors and sponsors so we aren't spinning our wheels. She thinks that we can still do it.
Gene Warden said that the Museum isn't going to consider opening until after March. He said that we'll have to figure out how we can set up so we meet the requirements of social distancing and masking and with a lot more separation. Possibly Keyport Light. Maybe vendors only on one side of the street and a smaller number of cars at the car show.
Peg has not heard from any vendors so far at all.
- **Port of Keyport – Gene Warden** – Still wrestling with the Corp. They approved a resolution at the Jan. meeting because of economic hardship due to not getting permits and financing with the state and line of credit that expires the end of June. The engineer got reference from the Corp that if they do an economic hardship claim that they might be able to release an emergency permit.
- **Stand Up For Kids** – Holiday donation dollars were collected at the Merc and Patti took that to Jason Ward as reported above.

NEW BUSINESS

Dogfish Bay Research Team – Karol Stevens – The team of people that have been parked on the Hwy bridge are possibly researchers conducting water sampling for the monitoring of the old landfill site at the head of Dogfish Bay. They have been contracted by the Navy.

We don't have confirmation as yet but Karol did send a letter to the Public Affairs Office on 1-12-21 inquiring about this and requested that we get updates on the monitoring results. She hopes to get a reply back which will be shared by a community email.

Karol Stevens provided the background on this.

In the 90's eight military Superfund sites on the Keyport base were identified, studied, and had remediation plans developed and approved.

(**Superfund sites** are polluted locations in the US requiring a long-term Federal response to clean up hazardous material contaminations.)

In the 1990s a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) met regularly in the Keyport Bible Church basement and included members from the Dept of Ecology, EPA, US Geologic Survey, Suquamish Tribe, military officials and Keyport community members. The community was very concerned as the landfill site at the head of Dogfish Bay potentially affected the safety of their beaches or children swimming. When the landfill site was studied, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were identified as pollutants of concern. Keyport residents used to get regular updates of the monitoring, but that hasn't happened in past years.

There was also a discussion about the restoration of oyster beds in Dogfish Bay where they have been planted in past years.

Karol offered to follow up with the base, Puget Sound Restoration Fund, and the Suquamish Tribe on the status of these projects.

2021 Holiday Events:

We discussed the holiday events this last year and what we should continue in 2021.

Town lights contest, resident luminaires, burn our 2021 calendars and a lighted tree on the marina dock are what we have so far along with the usual decorations at Central Park.

We still hope to reconvene the annual progressive dinner too.

2020 Santa Visit Feedback – Judy Kelly – This wasn't reported during the meeting but Judy later heard that Santa's reply was "there were lots of people on the whole route".

Keyport Beautification Flower Baskets – Judy Kelly/Peg G. – A motion was made and approved for \$300.00 towards the town flower baskets this year.

Thanks go out to:

Milt Meeds – Maintaining tree lights.

Sarah Stevens – Central Park Luminaires 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS – None at this time

ADJOURNMENT – 7:41 PM