

**AGENDA**  
**GIG HARBOR PARKS COMMISSION**  
Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92140715051>

Call-in: (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 9921 4071 5051

**I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** March 4, 2026

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. 7601 Soundview Stormwater Park Feasibility Study Update
- b. Parks Appreciation Day Planning
- c. Tx'waalqəł Conservation Area Loop Trail Naming Discussion

**V. PARKS DIVISION UPDATE – Parks Manager Jennifer Haro**

**VI. COMMISSIONER REPORTS & COMMENTS**

**VII. ADJOURN**

Next Regular Meeting: Wed., May 6, 5:30pm

**MINUTES**  
**GIG HARBOR PARKS COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 4, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Civic Center Community Rooms**

**CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL:** Chair Louise Tieman called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Vice Chair Hanley Bonyngge, Commissioners Stace Gordon, Kim Anderson and Andrew Peabody were present. Commissioners Larry Johns and Guy Magnus were absent

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the February 4, 2026 meeting were unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** online viewer Larry Bleich asked to confirm PAD information

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**A. Parks Appreciation Day Planning**

Commissioners discussed the 2026 Parks Appreciation Day, including details about PenMet Parks creating the flyer and signup form, confirmed which Gig Harbor parks will be included (Wilkinson, Soundview Forest and Grandview Forest), the date and time of the event (Saturday May 2, 9am-12pm) and which Commissioners are available that day and the parks they will be assigned to.

**B. Park Use permit fee recommendation**

Commissioners conversed about program details and parameters, as well as ideas to add to the application such as clause to clean up after themselves, suggest the applicant list how many uses they expect, potentially asking for additional insurance, and what would make it easiest for COGH employees to track. The recommendation has been put on hold until next meeting.

**C. Parks Volunteer program discussion**

Different options were discussed about what the Park Volunteer program could look like, including adding sponsors, quick education segments prior to work being completed, the Parks Commissioners potentially filling in for COGH staff for volunteer days, designating certain parks in the program and receiving 1 "refresh" per year, etc. Further discussion and program evaluation are needed.

**PARKS DIVISION UPDATES:**

Parks Manager Jennifer Haro updated the commission about numerous ongoing items, including the Soundview Forest tree removal project getting close to execution, where 18 dead or diseased trees will be removed, as well as updates regarding the Stormwater Park Feasibility study and the grant received, as well as updates about ongoing vandalism at Doris Heritage Park.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS & COMMENTS:**

Inquired about CCP historical study and the renaming of Anich to Alan Anderson boathouse.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m. Next Regular meeting: Wed., April 1, 5:30 PM

Scott Keely -Public Works Assistant- Parks



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## Memorandum

**TO:** Parks Commission  
**FROM:** Jennifer Haro, Parks Manager  
**DATE:** 3/26/2026  
**SUBJECT:** Soundview Stormwater Park Feasibility Study

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The city received a grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology for \$110,000 to conduct a feasibility study for a stormwater park at the property at 7601 Soundview Drive. The grant does not have any matching requirements.

The city is in the process of contracting with Parametrix, which has a lot of experience with stormwater parks, a relatively new concept.

At the April 1 meeting, Michael Abboud, the city's NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Coordinator, will give a presentation about the proposal and gather input from the parks commission on any elements they would like to see included in the facility proposal.



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TO: Parks Commission  
FROM: Jennifer Haro, Parks Manager  
DATE: April 1, 2026  
SUBJECT: Naming Request: Loop Trail in tx<sup>w</sup>aalqəł Conservation Area

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The city is moving toward opening the existing loop trail located in the tx<sup>w</sup>aalqəł Conservation Area soon, and the trail is in need of a name.

As part of the purchase and sale agreement for the property, known as Phase 2 of the Conservation Area, part of the park was to be named for the former property owner, Richard H. Shaw.

A Naming Rights Agreement was executed on January 25, 2023. The larger Conservation Area was named tx<sup>w</sup>aalqəł Conservation Area, after a public process, so another naming opportunity needed to be identified. Mr. Shaw passed away in October 2023. It was suggested that the trail on Phase 2 be named after Mr. Shaw, and the family is agreeable to that.

Staff recommends naming the 0.6 mile loop trail on Phase 2 of the tx<sup>w</sup>aalqəł Conservation Area the "Richard H. Shaw Loop Trail," prior to its opening this spring, and is looking for a recommendation for consideration by city council

Attachments:  
Naming Rights Agreement

## NAMING RIGHTS AGREEMENT

This Naming Rights Agreement is made this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023, by Richard H. Shaw ("Shaw") and the City of Gig Harbor ("City").

### BACKGROUND

- A. Shaw sold property to the City in 2022. The Shaw property was sold in conjunction with other adjacent property. The two were sold as a package with cooperation between the two sellers. Both are described on Exhibit A and the two properties are referred to here as the "subject property". The subject property was sold to the City at a price less than the value established by MAI appraisals obtained by Shaw and the other seller with the difference treated as a gift. Without agreeing to the values set by the appraisals, the City accepted the gift.
- B. Under the terms of the purchase and sale agreements, the City agreed to give City naming rights to Shaw for the subject property and any future use of that property by the City as a park or open space area. Under the terms of the purchase and sale agreement, the City was to prepare an agreement to be signed at closing regarding the naming rights.
- C. No agreement was signed at closing and the parties wish to enter into this agreement now to memorialize the naming rights agreement.
- D. In light of this background, the parties agree as follows:

### AGREEMENT

#### 1. NAMING RIGHTS

Shaw shall have naming rights for the subject property as that property is used by the City and the public. Specifically, Shaw will use the name "Richard H. Shaw". Shaw and the City recognize that the subject property is a part of a larger City assemblage, and that the larger property will also have an overarching name that may be more geographical or historical in nature. Both names will be used for signage and other purposes when referring to the subject property. For example, and only to indicate the relationship between the names, the subject property could be designated the "Richard H. Shaw Forest [or Open Space or Other] within the North Creek Nature Reserve".

#### 2. PROCESS

The City has an established naming process set forth in Resolution No. 717 and that requires Council action. That process makes provision for naming a facility after an individual where the naming is a condition of the donation or when the individual has made an unusually outstanding public service contribution. The City will follow its

process with the recognition that the commitment for naming rights here was a condition of the gift associated with the sale.

RICHARD H. SHAW

By: 

Date: 2/1/23

CITY OF GIG HARBOR

By: 

Tracie Markley, Mayor

Date: 1/25/23

SHAW

**PARCEL A: (022106-1000)**

THE SOUTH 330.1 FEET OF THAT PORTION OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, W.M., IN PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, LYING WESTERLY OF THE GIG HARBOR-PURDY COUNTY ROAD;  
EXCEPT THE EAST 660 FEET BEING MEASURED ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 6;  
TOGETHER WITH THE SOUTH 330.1 FEET OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, W.M., LYING EASTERLY OF THE TACOMA-LAKE CUSHMAN ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY.

**PARCEL B: (022106-1070 & 022106-1044)**

THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, W.M., IN PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, LYING WESTERLY OF THE WEST LINE OF STATE HIGHWAY NO. 14; EXCEPT THE SOUTH 550 FEET THEREOF;  
ALSO EXCEPT THAT PORTION CONVEYED TO JOANNE L. SHADBOLT BY DEED RECORDED AUGUST 18, 1971 UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 2406595, RECORDS OF PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 6; THENCE NORTH  $87^{\circ}28'56''$  EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SUBDIVISION, 276.94 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;  
THENCE SOUTH 209 FEET;  
THENCE NORTH  $87^{\circ}28'56''$  EAST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TO THE CENTER LINE OF NORTH CREEK;  
THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF SAID CREEK TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 6;  
THENCE SOUTH  $87^{\circ}28'56''$  WEST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE 238.32 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;  
ALSO EXCEPT THAT PORTION DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 6;  
THENCE NORTH  $87^{\circ}28'56''$  EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, A DISTANCE OF 764.63 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF STATE HIGHWAY NO. 14, AND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;  
THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID WEST LINE OF STATE HIGHWAY NO. 14, A DISTANCE OF 320.55 FEET;  
THENCE SOUTH  $87^{\circ}28'56''$  WEST 150 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE CENTER OF NORTH CREEK;  
THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE CENTER OF SAID CREEK TO INTERSECT A LINE BEARING SOUTH  $87^{\circ}28'56''$  WEST FROM THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;  
THENCE NORTH  $87^{\circ}28'56''$  EAST TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;  
ALSO EXCEPT THAT PORTION INCLUDED WITHIN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION:  
COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTIN OF THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER AND THE WEST LINE OF STATE HIGHWAY NO. 14 IN SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, W.M.;  
THENCE SOUTH 209 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;  
THENCE WEST 22 FEET, MORE OR LESS;

THENCE SOUTH 121 FEET;  
THENCE EAST 29 FEET, M., TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY;  
THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID WEST LINE TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

**PARCEL C: (022106-1113)**

THE SOUTH 330.1 FEET OF THE EAST 660 FEET OF THAT PORTION OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, W.M., LYING WESTERLY OF THE GIG HARBOR-PURDY COUNTY ROAD, SAID DISTANCE OF 660 FEET BEING MEASURED ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 6, IN PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON;

EXCEPT THE SOUTH 270 FEET OF SAID DESCRIBED PROPERTY WHICH LIES EAST OF THE MAIN CHANNEL OF NORTH CREEK.

ALL PARCELS SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF PIERCE, STATE OF WASHINGTON.

DWP LLC

**PARCEL A: (022106-2100)**

THAT PORTION OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, W.M., IN PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, LYING EASTERLY OF THE EASTERLY LINE OF THE CITY OF TACOMA POWER RIGHT-OF-WAY APPROPRIATED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA IN PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 51234.

**PARCEL B: (022106-1071)**

THAT PORTION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, W.M., IN PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 6;

THENCE NORTH  $87^{\circ} 28'56''$  EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SUBDIVISION, 276.94 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE SOUTH 209 FEET;

THENCE NORTH  $87^{\circ} 28'56''$  EAST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TO THE CENTER LINE OF NORTH CREEK;

THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF SAID CREEK TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 6;

THENCE SOUTH  $87^{\circ} 28'56''$  WEST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE 238.32 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF PIERCE, STATE OF WASHINGTON.