

City of Oak Harbor City Council Agenda Bill

Bill No. _____
Date: June 5, 2012
Subject: Agreement with Whidbey
Island Radio Control Society

FROM: Cathy Rosen, Public Works Director

INITIALED AS APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE COUNCIL BY:

_____ Scott Dudley, Mayor
_____ Steve Powers, Interim City Administrator
_____ Doug Merriman, Finance Director
_____ William H. Hawkins, City Attorney, as to form

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda bill is to present a proposed Agreement with the Whidbey Island Radio Control Society (WIRCS) for use of Ft. Nugent Park to fly radio controlled “park model” airplanes.

AUTHORITY

The City is authorized to provide recreational services through RCW 35A.11.020. Also, the City of Oak Harbor’s Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Guiding Principles support the concept of offering diverse recreational opportunities to the community.

FISCAL IMPACT DESCRIPTION

Funds Required: _____ None _____

Appropriation Source: _____ Parks Division Budget (001.70) _____

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The Whidbey Island Radio Control Society has requested permission to use Ft. Nugent Park to fly radio controlled “park model” airplanes in a designated area (southwest portion as identified in Exhibit A), during designated hours, when not in use by other sports leagues or park events. The “park model” airplanes are radio controlled, battery powered, made of extruded polystyrene foam, with a wing span of approximately three feet and weighing approximately two pounds.

WIRCS is a well organized and safety conscious group. They are also members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) who insures them with \$2,500,000 personal liability insurance coverage. The insurance company is also willing to list the City of Oak Harbor as additional insured. WIRCS flyers are required to abide by the AMA’s National Aircraft Safety Code as well as the City of Oak Harbor’s park rules.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Public Works Standing Committee reviewed this item at their meeting on May 3, 2012

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RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Approve the Agreement with the Whidbey Island Radio Control Society and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to sign.

ATTACHMENTS

- Agreement with Whidbey Island Radio Control Society
- Exhibit A
- Model Aircraft Field Operating Rules