

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD Meeting Minutes

Park Department Administration Offices, Willis Tucker Community Park

6705 Puget Park Drive, Snohomish

Tuesday, February 11, 2014 ~ 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

10. Call to Order
20. Roll Call: Steve Yandl, Russ Bosanko, Tammy Dunn, Molly Deardorff, Rob Putnam (guest), Geoffrey Thomas, Debbie Copple, John Briney, John Ewald, Debbie Carlson-Gould, Valerie Stevens, Robert McCarty, Brian McIntosh, Melissa Marzloff
30. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting . Motion to approve. Seconded. Approved
40. Public Hearings/Meetings
 - Friends of Esperance Park mtg report from member Briney: request from Farmer Frog (nonprofit gardening educational group) to install a pea patch and other related infrastructure in park.
50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence
 - No report.
 - 50.1 Correspondence and Citizen Interaction-
60. General Business
 - 60.1 Spring Festival – April 26 – 27, 2014 Sign-up form handed out and updated.
 - Member Copple reported that other groups would like display space at the festival, e.g. Sierra Club, etc.
 - 60.3 Snohomish County Council Wellington Hills project public comment TBD. At the County Council Chambers, 3000 Rockefeller Ave, 8th Floor, east tower, if anyone from the Park Advisory Board wanted to attend. ---No date Set.
 - 60.4 Parks Annual RFP process – Evaluation Committee needed. RFP process closes February 13, 2014. Steve Yandl and John Ewald volunteered to sit in the Evaluation Committee.
 - 60.5 Park Advisory Board District 1 position has been interviewed and application forwarded to the County Executive. District 5 position was approved by the county council for Robert McCarty.
 - 60.6 Park Advisory Board county email addresses.
 - Several members were unable to sign on without assistance. Operations Supervisor Rich Patton is available after the meeting to assist.
70. Reports from the Staff/Status Reports
 - 70.1 Planning/Engineering/Design/Construction Projects
 - Miner’s Corner Park – Official Opening was Wednesday, January 15, 2014. Retired neighbor is volunteering to open and close the gates each day.
 - Esperance Park – Public/Neighborhood meeting held on Thursday, February 6, 630pm, Rock of Hope Church, 7812 224th SW, Edmonds. Report above.
 - Pack it In, Pack it Out: County Parks current strategy on garbage and trash is to educate the public to carry their garbage to one or two central dumpsters. Possible grant available for Spring 2014 rollout. Status Update.
 - Lake Stickney County Park fencing project on-going. Community meeting scheduled for late January or early February. Neighborhood is requesting an offleash dog area. Photos were circulated.

- Centennial Trail – Snohomish – Monroe extension – Parks staff met with staff from the City of Monroe, City of Snohomish, trail coalition member, and advocates for this trail extension. Discussion revolved around having the county order and perform a survey so we know exactly what it is we own and what the challenges are. We already know the area is very wet, there are at least two (2) bodies of water to cross over, and there has been no money to date (outside of the survey), nor staff identified to take on this new trail project.
- Kayak Point Golf Course Improvements – As part of the county park \$3.65 million bond the golf course was identified to receive \$500,000 toward golf course improvements. To date the installation of a new roof is almost complete (see handout pictures) and work has begun in the clubhouse kitchen/dining area.

70.2 Park Director's Time (Tom Teigen with Help from Russ Bosanko)

- Centennial Regional Trail – Rail Signing Ceremony (Woodinville – Snohomish) planned for Saturday, February 15, 9am, Snohomish Senior Center, (next to 506 4th St Snohomish, WA 98290. Past Forward Grant Program – Centennial Trail planned for Saturday, February 15, 10am, Machias Station/Trailhead.
- Some work has been done on some of the other trails- Kayak Park, and others
- Conservation Futures Project- 24 acres Connolly property purchase completed, near Steelhead County Park
- Because of Geoffrey Thomas' recent election to the office of Monroe Mayor, County parks will not involve Mr. Thomas in any discussions, questions, or emails related to the Evergreen Fair or Fairgrounds as there may be the perception of a conflict of interest.
- Outdoor recreation is important to the economic health of the state as reported by Parks Director Tom Teigen from a report from the state of Washington. \$22.5 billion is spent annually in Wash on outdoor recreation. Snoco has 11,000 acres of park space, 105 park properties, four campgrounds, hundreds of miles of trails, etc., that the public can and do use for outdoor recreation.

80. Message from the Board - Around the Table

Yandl – Asked about condition of existing Centennial Trail sections. Bosanko reported on the types of maintenance that have been performed on an annual basis.

Dunn- Outdoor runs coming up: Feb 28, March 15, April 6 (more info at SCTB website); attended Cyclecross Nationals in Colo. in Jan. working on bringing them here; Sports Commission is creating a sports newsletter starting in March to highlight upcoming events (email Tammy to subscribe and to let her know about events)

Deardorff- No report.

Rob Putnam (guest: Board member nominee)- Shared some of his background. Brought granddaughter to visit Willis Tucker Park

Copple- Bimonthly sky valley rec mtg-multi agency; Wallace falls is getting improvements; River Clean-up day Aug 23; anyone have river clean-up expertise? NW Stream Ctr and sheriff's office.

Briney- Thanks to Tom and Russ for helping host the Friends of Esperance mtg

Ewald- Audi Club event at fairgrounds and speedway.

Carlson-Gould- Partnering with Parks to produce Aug 23 concert at Willis Tucker Park. Snohomish events in March: Wine festival and Chocolate walk.

Stevens- Showed up on Jan 25 for the Centennial Trail certification signing event- was unaware that it had been rescheduled. Asked about the body recovered at Twin Rivers County Park. A new grant funds staff and computers at the Marysville Library and provides assistance and resources for not for profit agencies.

Robert McCarty- asked about ranger injuries related to garbage removal. Did some independent research re equipment that may be helpful. Can we add small parking lots at waterfront access points? How about a carved statue/sign for Steelhead County Park?

McIntosh- Verdant Health Commission (former Stevens Hosp commission) granted \$1.9 million to improve, build, educate re bike trails in Southwest county. County Parks turned in a \$1.1 million dollar grant request for trail improvements at Esperance County

Park but the funds from the Health Commission would not be needed before 2015 as the county currently has enough money budgeted to provide initial planning and permits.

Marzolf- Read an article re developing Cavalero Hill? Bosanko reported that the Lake Stevens Rotary Club indicated that they have around \$14,000 which is not enough to purchase a few temporary/mobile skateboard components. The Martha Lake Airport Park concrete skateboard facility cost \$400,000 to construct.

90. Adjournment

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