

## PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Willis Tucker Park

6705 Puget Park Drive, 6705 Puget Park Drive, Snohomish

Tuesday, October 13, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### 10. Call to Order

20. **Roll Call** – Absent: Debbie Carlson-Gould, Molly Deardorff, Steve Yandl  
Present: Tom Teigen, Russ Bosanko, Melissa Marzolf (recording secretary), John Briney (vice chair), Jon Ewald, Robert Putnam, Robert McCarty, Valerie Stevens, Debbie Cople, Tammy Dunn

30. **Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**—Valerie Stevens moved that we approve the July and September minutes, Debbie Cople seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### 40. Public Hearings/Meetings n/a

### 50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence –

#### 50.1 Correspondence and Citizen Interaction- n/a

### 60. General Business

- 60.1 **Snohomish County Council Wellington Hills project public comment TBD.** At the County Council Chambers, 3000 Rockefeller Ave, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, east tower, if anyone from the Park Advisory Board wanted to attend. ---No date Set.

- 60.2 **Centennial Trail History Walk**, Snohomish, Machias, Bryant, Nakashima, Sunday, September 13, 11am – 3pm. Fliers handed out.

### 70. Reports from the Staff/Status Reports

#### 70.1 Planning/Engineering/Design/Construction Projects

1. **McCollum Pool** – Pool Update - Pool closed September 8. Contractor expected back to complete punch- list items. All but one of the items was completed to our satisfaction which included re-grouting, depth markers, sanding rough patches, etc.
2. **Whitehorse Trail Bridges** – Bridges # 709 completed. Next up is #711. Picture provided.
3. **Haller Bridge** – Osprey mounted and Art Council seems to be happy. Pictures provided.
4. **Kayak County Golf Course Improvements** – Hired sub-contractor ( electrical engineer) to review and design Pro Shop and restroom electrical needs. All or most of the work will be completed by December 2015. The next construction phase (assuming we have enough money left in the bond and both parties contribution to the small capital fund annually) would include Pro Shop Improvements, restroom improvements, new carpet throughout the Clubhouse and a new outside deck. RFP out in early October.

5. **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pumpkin and Scarecrow Event** – Had over 700 attend. Added a second hay ride via the Western Heritage Museum located at the Fairgrounds, build a scarecrow was very popular, along with Mill Creek Lions craft booth. Bridge City Church provided lots of volunteers in addition to a couple of volunteers from Mill Creek Y.
6. **North Creek Boardwalk Trail** – 99% replacement completed. Need to repair the burnt section. Looking at a ribbon cutting ceremony perhaps middle of November to celebrate the four (4) phases of re-construction of over one (1) mile of boardwalk.
7. **Going out to bid for Willis Tucker Park** – Bid was awarded to Ohno Construction with breaking of ground slated for early July. Add 200 parking stalls on east side of park, water to the off leash dog area, two (2) covered picnic shelters, and four (4) sand volleyball courts. Project moving forward but most of the work to date has to do with bringing water to the property and underground utilities, etc...
8. **Water Trail System** – Skykomish River, Stillaguamish River,..... Salish Sea. Parks is having discussions with USFS and others while looking into a water trail system that may include some amenities, load in/out sites, etc.
9. **Copies of DRAFT October 2015 Parks Planning Bi-Monthly Capital Project Status Report made available.** Russ Bosanko updated on several of these projects, including Hooven Bog, Kayak Point and Lake Stickney.
10. **Farmer Frog** – Paradise Valley Conservation Area – Lloyd Farmstead – Working on cleaning up the site via a volunteer agreement. All three (3) parties signed the Lloyd Farmstead MOU ( Parks, Forterra, Lloyd Family) so Russ can move forward with the agreement to have Farmer Frog manage and operate the 7 acres Lloyd Farmstead Park area. Working on version #2 of the Draft Lease Agreement.
11. **Centennial Trail pavement repair and preservation** – Working with a contractor for areas of concern near Getchell and we will begin our “slurry” project in Snohomish and work our way north from there each year. Did not receive any bids for this project, as well as several other small park projects as well.
12. **Interurban Trail** – connection from McCollum Park – Parks hired part-time consultant to look at possible connections and work on Monroe to Snoqualmie Trail (CT) connection along highway 203. Have had conversations with Community Transit about expansion of their swift bus service along 128<sup>th</sup>
13. **Rhody Ridge Arboretum** – Life Estate – Met with homeowner/landowner and her lawyer and care giving agency to discuss moving forward with agreement with soon to be formed 501 c 3 Rhody Ridge Foundation to manage and run the property long term. Nice article on front page of Seattle Times, October 5 about the Butler’s 1970 donation to the county park system! Article passed around
14. **Meadowdale Beach Improvements** – Russ Bosanko updated that a cost/benefit comparison of the proposed bridge will take place in the future.
15. **Steelhead County Park Update** – Looks like there is an additional Shoreline Permit necessary that public works will be applying for which will delay the property not coming to county parks until probably next summer or early Fall.

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

- **RCO grants for Cavelero** (\$500,000) RFQ is out looking for Skateboard Designer, Esperance ( \$508,600) waiting for additional dollars in 2016 county budget to purchase property , Hooven Bog ( \$492,750), Lake Stickney (295,000), Wenberg ( \$614,000 + 592,599)- County Exec signed agreement , Whitehorse Trail ( \$1.1million + \$1,000,004) for a total of \$ 5,102,953.
- **WRPA (Washington Recreation Park Association) Conference held in Everett on May 4 – 5, 2016.** County Parks will be presenting Sustainability Strategy ( i.e. pack it in/out, energy efficiencies/automation, green purchasing, etc. etc.) session along with Energy/Sustainability Staff. A second presentation on response to the slide will be presented by county parks, public works, WSDOT, DEM, etc.
- **Great Northwest Glass Quest** – February 12-21, 2016 – Kayak Point, Wenberg, Wenberg (Lake Goodwin) County Parks, and the Kayak Golf Course, handouts provided.
- **America's Best Cities** – County Park staff are working with City of Arlington, Town of Darrington and county office of economic development on developing a revitalization plan that includes tourism, healthy main street, youth initiatives, natural resources, and broadband with an ultimate goal of winning the \$3/\$2/\$1 million award to the top three (3) cities. Handout provided.
- **Stilly Valley and Sky Valley Recreation Corridor Meetings** – County Parks (mostly Tom Teigen) is attending these meetings where a variety of public and private recreation providers meet to strategize on how best to market and promote their facilities and recreation opportunities.
- **Parks is working on Interlocal Agreements**...one with City of Mukilteo for athletic field improvements on city property where the Boys and Girls Club leases for \$775,000....with the City of Arlington with the Stilly Valley Youth Initiative that the state is also providing funds.... County will provide \$200,000 to city for field improvements on land the city owns that they lease to Boys and Girls Club.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Review of proposed 2016 Park Fees** –Discussion was held regarding various fee increases. The proposed budget was written with cost-recovery and equity in mind. Only 10% of the major parks charge usage fees (four County parks currently charge a day use fee of the total 107 park properties), and Snohomish County's day use fee is less ( \$7) than Washington State Park's fee of \$10/day, so discussion revolved around raising our day-use fee from \$7 to \$10 in an attempt to better align our fee schedule with WA State Parks. This conversation will also include discussion of the best way to make sure access to our parks is equitable. Russ Bosanko also mentioned that scholarships are always available for recreation programs and swim lessons, etc., and the parks department has not denied anyone requesting a scholarship (paid for with money from fundraisers) if families are in need. The proposed park fees are going to be sent via email and a decision to approve will take place at the November 10th Park Board meeting.
- **Awarded technical assistance grant from National Park Service for Sky to Sound Water Trail Concept Plan.** Staff Member Sue Abbot from NPS will be working with us .... Recently completed Lower Columbia River Trail.

## 80. Message from the Board - Around the Table

**Rob Putnam** – Rob asked about the recently-created access ramp along the Whitehorse Trail from private property near its intersection with CT. Russ Bosanko responded that it was intended to provide access to a private land owner to access his timber (mostly alders and cottonwood trees). Rob also asked about and discussion was held regarding grant monies awarded for the Whitehorse Trail.

**Robert McCarty** – n/a

**Melissa Marzolf** – Melissa shared about her recent walks along the CT and Whitehorse Trail and family hikes through Lord Hill County Park.

**John Ewald** – n/a

**John Briney** – n/a

**Valerie Stevens** – n/a

**Steve Yandl** – n/a

**Debbie Carlson – Gould** – n/a

**Tammy Dunn**—Tammy mentioned that there has been interest in a marathon along the Whitehorse Trail in the next couple years, but nothing specific has been planned yet. She also shared that the CT was recently used for the Arlington Skate Festival and 5K, and there is interest in putting on this event again in future years. She also passed out fliers for The First Annual Youth Sports Performance Conference.

**Debbie Copple** –Debbie asked for an update on the Heybrook Trailhead and another US Forest Service property in Index. Director Teigen explained that discussions are being held regarding recreation (ie: camping) in Index by various agencies.

**Molly Deardorff** – n/a

**90. Adjournment, 5:00 pm**

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