

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Willis Tucker Park

6705 Puget Park Drive, 6705 Puget Park Drive, Snohomish

Tuesday, November 10, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

10. Call to Order

20. Roll Call – Steve Yandl (chair, note), Rob Putnam, John Briney, Valerie Stevens, Molly Deardorff, Debbie Copple, Melissa Marzolf, Russ Bosanko, Tom Teigen (early departure for Northshore School Board meeting), Aaron Wilson (Snohomish Sports Commission)

30. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – Approved unanimously with no changes.

40. Public Hearings/Meetings – None discussed.

50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence –

50.1 Correspondence and Citizen Interaction-

- Molly Deardorff heard concerns regarding gravel along the side edges of portions of the Centennial Trail near the city of Snohomish.
- Molly also heard concerns from a park user at Lake Roesiger about a lack of appropriate launch areas for kayaks and paddle boards. Valerie Stevens commented that there is in fact a boat launch nearby. The issue is erosion of beach area if it is used for launching small boats instead of the boat launch.
- Steve Yandl shared a web discussion from NextDoor.com regarding media reports of a possible sale of Wellington Hills property to Northshore School District and Parks purchase of Carousel Ranch.

60. General Business

- Ranger Nick Gero made an appearance to inquire if there were questions or concerns about the planned temporary removal of Sani cans from low volume parks (such as Esperance) until the busy season beginning roughly March 2016. There were no objections to the plan.

60.1 Wellington Hills –Carousel Ranch –

- After discussion, the motion was made and seconded that *“In light of the fact that Snohomish County has acquired the Carousel Ranch property for an active park, the Wellington Hills property should be considered surplus and County Council should consider a sale of the Wellington Hills property to some other public agency”*. The motion passed unanimously.

70. Reports from the Staff/Status Reports

70.1 Planning/Engineering/Design/Construction Projects

1. Whitehorse Trail Bridges – Bridges # 709 and # 711 completed. Next up is #710, #712, #713. Pictures provided.
2. Kayak County Golf Course Improvements RFP sent out late October. The lowest bid came in more than 10% above our engineers estimate so we need to go out to bid again.....

3. Everett News Article on River Trail Grant. 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.
4. North Creek Boardwalk Trail – Everett Herald News Article
5. Willis Tucker Park Construction Project – Project will 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... Heavy rains this past weekend put back the possible paving work the week of November 19.
VBC Volleyball Agreement signed and start April 1 versus March 1 with the delay of the construction.
6. Copies of DRAFT October 2015 Parks Planning Bi-Monthly Capital Project Status Report made available. Also copy of our 2016 Department highlights provided.
7. Esperance Park Update – Preliminary appraisal came in at \$1.9 million which the Parks Department was successful in negotiating that price for the school district property!
8. Farmer Frog – Paradise Valley Conservation Area – Lloyd Farmstead – Sent in version #3 of Farmer Frog Lease Agreement to be reviewed by our lawyer and risk management.
9. 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 128th.
10. 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.
11. Meadowdale Beach Improvements – Update – looking at closing the interior tunnel gates as parks has received several concerns related to the tunnel being used by humans while the fish are trying to swim upstream.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. Great Northwest Glass Quest – February 12-21, 2016 – Kayak Point, Wenberg, Lake Goodwin County Parks, and the Kayak Golf Course, handouts provided.
16. 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.

17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 2nd Review of proposed 2016 Park Fees –
 - The suggestion was made that in the case of boat launch fees we should consider reducing the annual fee so that it was closer to triple the single use fee which is how the state handles their fee structure. It was also suggested that we consider a second and third free day in addition to January 1, Veteran’s Day being offered as an example and Earth Day April 22. Other than those two suggested changes, there was unanimous agreement with the proposed 2016 Park Fees.
20. Lake Stevens Community Park – Partnership Agreement (s) versus hourly rental fee
21. Community Transit Partnership – Bike to Work Day, Bike Bash, Flyers/Posters on/at bus stops, re-print of county park and trail guide, outdoor movie sponsorship
22. Comcast Cares Day – Whitehorse Trail – Saturday, April 30, 2016, 9am – 1pm
23. Port Susan Recreation Area – Branding Guide was handed out and Russ asked for feedback.

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

- Director Teigen provided a brief synopsis of recent activities but had to depart the meeting early in order to attend another meeting.
- The question was raised on whether or not we should hold a monthly meeting in December. Prior to December 8, Russ Bosanko will poll members to determine if we could have a quorum and make the decision based on that information.

80. Message from the Board - Around the Table

Rob Putnam – No comments this month.

Robert McCarty – Absent.

Melissa Marzolf – No comments this month.

John Ewald – Absent.

John Briney – John shared that he would need to establish some new working relationships for moving forward at Esperance Park as a result of the departure of Senior Planner Chris Mueller. He also suggested that this board might consider a thank you letter to the anonymous donors supporting reconstruction of Whitehorse Trail bridges.

Valerie Stevens – Valerie shared that Sno-Isle library system had recently hosted a TEDx conference in Edmonds. It included a variety of entertainment and a number of informative presentations including one on issues surrounding coffee as a commodity that she found particularly interesting.

Steve Yandl – Steve shared that he had done an interview with Q13 Fox News regarding the theft of copper wire that resulted in the recent outage of streetlights along the south edge of Willis Tucker Park and along Cathcart Way.

Debbie Carlson – Gould – Absent.

Debbie Cople – Debbie shared that she has been participating in the creation of a Water Trail System / Streams map for stream tributaries along the Skykomish river that would include information such as access points for water recreation. Assistance is being provided by a grant from National Parks in the form of a technical staff expert.

Molly Deardorff – Molly has been participating in job related training that's interesting but kept her from attending the previous two meetings of the Parks Board.

90. Adjournment

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