

## PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Willis Tucker Park

6705 Puget Park Drive, Snohomish Washington

Tuesday, January 12, 2016 - 3:00pm – 4:30pm

10. Call to Order

20. Roll Call

Steve Yandl (chair, note taker), Rob Putnam, John Briney, Valerie Stevens, Molly Deardorff, Debbie Copple, Robert McCarty, Melissa Marzolf, John Ewald, Tammy Dunn, Russ Bosanko, Tom Teigen, Geoffrey Thomas, Julie Langabeer (potential advisory board member out of Everett area).

30. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Corrected to reflect attendance by Melissa Marzolf. Unanimously approved.

40. Public Hearings/Meetings

None reported on.

50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence

50.1. Correspondence and Citizen Interaction

None reported on

60. General Business

60.1. Nomination and Election of New Parks Board Chair and Vice-Chair. Volunteer to be recording secretary?

60.1.1. Molly Deardorff accepted her nomination as Chair and was unanimously approved.

60.1.2. Rob Putnam accepted his nomination as Vice-Chair and was unanimously approved.

60.1.3. Tammy Dunn and Steve Yandl volunteered to share the job of recording secretary. There were no objections.

60.2. Carousel Ranch – Everett Herald Article

60.3. Esperance Park – Everett Herald Article

60.4. Polar Bear Plunge – Martha Lake Park, January 1 – Everett Herald Article

60.4.1. Molly Deardorff participated.

60.5. Forterra purchase Wallace River salmon habitat – County contribution – Everett Herald Article

60.6. Western Heritage Museum – Tractors, Pumpkins and Scarecrow – Jerry Senner – Everett Herald Article

60.7. North Creek County Park Boardwalk – Everett Herald Article

60.8. McCollum Park – Adopt a Stream Boardwalk – Everett Herald Article

60.9. WRPA Conference – Everett – Xfinity Arena – May 4 – 5, 2016 – We have tentatively reserved 5 spots for park advisory board members who are:

60.9.1. Molly Deardorff

60.9.2. Rob Putnam

60.9.3. Bob McCarty

60.9.4. John Ewald

60.9.5. Tammy Dunn

70. Reports from the Staff/Status Reports.

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

70.1.1. New Planning Positions – Status – Senior Planner Chris Mueller accepted a job with Seattle Parks (5 miles from his house) and there was a new Senior Planner position added to 2016 budget. Both positions are paid out of REET (Real Estate Excise Tax).

70.1.1.1 Interviewed 6 candidates, so far one offer had been made and accepted.

70.1.1.2 John Ewald participated. He commented that the process was comprehensive and well designed.

70.1.2. Whitehorse Trail Bridges – Bridges # 715 completed. Pictures provided. Three (3) bridges needing in water work, i.e. new pilings which need to be completed in “fish window” July – mid September. Bridge # 714 needs only wing wall railing to be completed as it already has a concrete deck.

70.1.3. Kayak County Golf Course Improvements – base bid came in at \$228,000 and contract was awarded to Pacific West Construction to complete pro shop improvements, and outside decking beginning January 13, 2016. Should be a 12 week project. The restroom additive bid will not be completed in this contract

70.1.4. 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. Contractor in mid-December de-mobilized and hopes to re-start beginning of January as they have 12 weeks of work left to complete

VBC Volleyball Agreement signed and start June 1 versus March 1 with the delay of the construction

70.1.5. Copies of DRAFT December 2015 Parks Planning Bi-Monthly Capital Project Status Report made available

70.1.6. 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

70.1.7. 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>

70.1.8. 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. Foundation was awarded a \$10,000 small capital improvement reimbursement grant to complete irrigation system via Council member’s Terry Ryan’s office.

70.1.9. 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.....Railroad trestle option was estimated at \$12 – 15 million, a pedestrian overpass is estimated to be in the \$9 million dollar range that would be somewhat similar to the Picnic Point pedestrian

70.1.10. 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

70.1.11. WRPA (Washington Recreation Park Association) Conference held in Everett on May 4 – 5, 2016. County Parks will be presenting “Whitehorse Trail – 2 years later...” session along public works, WSDOT, DEM, etc

70.1.12. Great Northwest Glass Quest – February 12-21, 2016 – Kayak Point, Wenberg, Lake Goodwin County Parks, and the Kayak Golf Course, handouts provided

70.1.13. 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.

- 70.1.14. 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
- 70.1.15. 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
  - 70.1.15.1 Multiple comments that materials produced so far have been excellent
- 70.1.16. Comcast Cares Day – Whitehorse Trail – Saturday, April 30, 2016, 9am – 1pm
- 70.1.17. Meeting just prior to Parks Advisory Board meeting to review batch of 4 responses to RFP for public private partnership opportunities.
- 70.2. Park Director’s Time (Tom Teigen with help from Russ Bosanko).
  - 70.2.1. Summarized recent changes in staffing between Executive and Legislative groups that happened after Councilmember Dave Somers was elected County Executive.
  - 70.2.2. Overview of how parks is functioning with an extremely tight budget relative to previous years.
  - 70.2.3. Provided highlights of recent department milestones, including the completion of a barn roof replacement at Evergreen State Fairgrounds.
- 80. Message from the Board. Around the Table
  - 80.1. Rob Putnam
    - 80.1.1. Walked some of the Whitehorse Trail. He notes there is a fair amount of discarded junk from transients’ camps.
  - 80.2. Robert McCarty
    - 80.2.1. Commented on progress made on water trails and noted participation by representatives from Marysville and Everett at a recent meeting.
  - 80.3. Melissa Marzolf
    - 80.3.1. Plans to place more content on the web page.
  - 80.4. John Ewald
    - 80.4.1. Comments made earlier regarding the interview process for new planners.
  - 80.5. John Briney
    - 80.5.1. Pleased with County commitment to purchase land needed to progress on Esperance Park
  - 80.6. Valerie Stevens
    - 80.6.1. No comment this month.
  - 80.7. Steve Yandl
    - 80.7.1. No comment this month
  - 80.8. Debbie Copple
    - 80.8.1. Distributed and briefly discussed new Osprey Park newsletter
    - 80.8.2. Commented on the magnitude of the water trails map (Skykomish waterway, spans from Skykomish to Port Gardner). This will probably be an 18 month project even with grant support (specialist from National Parks).
  - 80.9. Molly Deardorf
    - 80.9.1. Participated in polar plunge at Martha Lake. Commented that breaking ice was a bit of a challenge and a slight hazard for participants.
  - 80.10. Tammy Dunn
    - 80.10.1. Tammy’s agency has 3 positions open after the recent departure of their sales manager.
    - 80.10.2. Upcoming meeting with director of an orienteering organization. Will review Lord Hill Park and several other sites with potential for orienteering.

80.11. Geoffrey Thomas

80.11.1. Speaking as Monroe Mayor, Geoffrey took the opportunity to invite Board members to attend a Seahawks rally on Friday at Lake Tye.

80.11.2. Commented that with personnel shifts we could end up with a new liaison from County Council but for the short term he was still the staffer to be working with us.

90. Adjournment

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