

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Willis Tucker Park

6705 Puget Park Drive, Snohomish Washington

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 3:00pm – 4:30pm

10. Call to Order

20. Roll Call

Rob Putnam, Robert McCarty, Melissa Marzolf, John Ewald, John Briney, Valerie Stevens, Steve Yandl (note taker), Catherine Collins, Molly Deardorff (chair), Julie Langabeer (potential advisory board member out of Everett area), TomTeigen, Russ Bosanko, Debbie Carlson-Gould (former advisory board member).

30. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Unanimously approved

40. Public Hearings/Meetings

40.1. Upcoming Saturday 27, 10:30am regarding Esperance Park.

50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence

50.1. Introduction of new Park Advisory Board Member Catherine Collins

50.2. Expanded/Additional Duties of Park Advisory Board Members – (Principal Planner – Sharon Swan) – “man on the street” surveys, etc. – Bike to Work Day, Parks Information Booth – 4 days in August – State Fair, attend Park Ribbon Cutting/Park Dedication Ceremonies, attend master plan park meetings/provide feedback/input, etc.

50.2.1. Catherine Collins suggested that in addition to hard copies of the man in the street surveys it might be helpful to have a form that could be accessed on smart phone.

50.3. Correspondence and Citizen Interaction- The Parks Department received several reports of suspected dog poisonings at several of our Off Leash Dog Areas. Several of the local TV and radio broadcasts covered these reports but the Parks Department after checking with local veterinarian clinics, etc., were unable to conclusively determine any poisonings had actually occurred at the Off Leash Dog Areas.

60. General Business

60.1. Park Advisory Board Field Trip – April 12 or May 10? Parks to visit:

60.1.1. Carousel Ranch Property

60.1.2. Heirman Wildlife Preserve at Thomas' Eddy

60.2. Thomas' Eddy – Everett Herald Article

60.3. Cavelero County Park – Everett Herald Article

60.4. WRPA Conference – Everett – Xfinity Arena – May 4 – 5, 2016 – We have reserved 5 spots for park advisory board members who are: 1. Molly Deardorff 2. John Ewald, 3. Rob Putnam 4. Bob McCarty 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 Tom Hartzell started Monday, February 1 and will take over some of Chris Mueller’s park projects (i.e. Esperance Park, Lake Stickney, etc.). Amy Lucas will start February 12 and will initially take over Lord Hill Park Master Plan, Whitehorse Trail/530 corridor projects, Paradise Valley Conservation Area – Farmer Frog improvements, etc.

70.1.1.1 Tom Hartzell made an appearance to introduce himself. John Briney arranged to meet with Tom to discuss Esperance Park.

70.1.2. Whitehorse Trail Bridges – Work on bridges has progressed where it’s down to the final 4 of 14 to be restored.

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; shooting for the end of March, 2016 for completion. Parks was able to move unspent money from another park project and 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 demobilized and hopes to restart beginning of February(??) as they have 12 weeks of work 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 128th

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.

70.1.8.1 Debbie Carlson-Gould shared that she is now involved with the foundation.

70.1.8.2 Russ Bosanko to copy Debbie on email exchanges with Terry Ryan’s office to verify availability of the approved funding.

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 – Proposal made top 15 cities with an opportunity to make the top 8 where they would receive \$100,000. 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. Article handed out.
- 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
- 70.2. Park Director's Time (Tom Teigen with help from Russ Bosanko).
 - 70.2.1. Responded to an inquiry from Molly Deardorff on the scope and nature of public records requests.
 - 70.2.2. Specifics of potential acquisitions were not shared but Tom indicated that if and when any such acquisitions came to fruition members of the board were invited to any celebratory events.
 - 70.2.3. Brief recap provided regarding working with state government in the context of the recent dismissal of the head of State DOT
 - 70.2.4. Responded to an inquiry from Catherine Collins on options for providing additional opportunities for equestrians, particularly covered riding areas
 - 70.2.5. Spoke a bit on the heritage of the newly acquired Carousel Ranch property and ideas for developing the property with appropriate attention paid to that heritage.
 - 70.2.5.1 Catherine Collins expressed an interest in producing a film to document the history of the property and dynamics of turning it into a park. Tom was enthused and provided some initial contact information.
- 80. Message from the Board. Around the Table
 - 80.1. Rob Putnam
 - 80.1.1. No comment this month.
 - 80.2. Robert McCarty
 - 80.2.1. Commented on his ongoing quest to place more informational signage along the Sky Valley river trail system.
 - 80.2.2. Interested in getting more input from equestrian interests regarding development of the trail system.
 - 80.3. Melissa Marzolf
 - 80.3.1. Updating Parks Board facebook page on current status of off leash area dog poisoning stories that were never able to be confirmed.
 - 80.4. John Ewald
 - 80.4.1. No comment, had to rush to another commitment.
 - 80.5. John Briney
 - 80.5.1. Suggested inviting Marylyn Chase to Esperance meeting.
 - 80.6. Valerie Stevens
 - 80.6.1. No comment this month.
 - 80.7. Steve Yandl
 - 80.7.1. No comment this month
 - 80.8. Catherine Collins
 - 80.8.1. Committed to ride her horse in every park that allows horseback riding and report back on the experience.
 - 80.9. Debbie Cople

80.10. Molly Deardorf

80.10.1. Molly visited Narbeck and was pleased to report that bathrooms were now open. She also saw evidence that beavers were active in the park area.

90. Adjournment

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