

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Willis Tucker Park

6705 Puget Park Drive Snohomish Washington

Tuesday June 14, 2016 3:00pm - 4:30pm

10. Call to Order

20. Roll Call

20.1. Voting Board Members –

John Briney (District 3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Melissa Marzolf (At Large)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Catherine Collins (At Large)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob McCarty (District 5)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Debbie Copple (At Large)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Putnam (District 1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Molly Deardorff (At Large) (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vacant (At Large)	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Ewald (At Large)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Yandl (District 4) (Notes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Julie Langabeer *** (District 2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

20.2. Staff (Parks and other County Departments or agencies) -

Russ Bosanko, Tammy Dunn (Snohomish County Sports Commission), Tom Teigen, Presentations from; Annique Bennett, Kevin Teague, Sharon Swan, Thomas Hartzell.

20.3. Guests -

30. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of May 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

40. Public Hearings/Meetings

50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence

60. General Business

60.1. Park Fair Information Booth, Friday, September 2 – Monday, September 5, 2016, three (3) hour shifts for Park Planning Staff, Park Rangers, Park Advisory Board, Sports Commission, Trail Coalition. Signup sheet passed around.

60.2. Russ asked for ideas for a Fall field trip

60.2.1. Rob Putman suggested the Sultan area so we could see potential shooting range and visit sites along the Sky to Sound water trail.

70. Reports from the Staff/Status Reports

70.1. Combined Training/Team Building Opportunity with Park Planners, Admin staff, and Park Rangers... w North Cascades Crew – Lake Stevens/Wyatt County Park.... Pictures provided

70.2. Planning/Engineering/Design/Construction Projects

70.2.1. Esperance Park – Esperance Park – Thomas Hartzell update, grant opportunities, etc.

70.2.1.1. Talked about re-orientation of sports field.

70.2.1.2. New parking.

70.2.1.3. Potential for placing playground in the center of wooded area so that it's appearance would be an integrated element in the woods while still presenting playground equipment that kids enjoy.

- 70.2.2. Thomas Hartzell also updated on Lake Stickney – New gates and new parking planned.
- 70.2.3. Cavalero County Park - Cavalero County Park – Kevin Teague update.
- 70.2.3.1. Team effort with city of Lake Stevens.
 - 70.2.3.2. Phase 1 – entrance road, skate park, some parking, sport court.
 - 70.2.3.3. Phase 2 – playground.
- 70.2.4. Whitehorse Trail Bridges – Whitehorse Trail Bridges – Still work with/through WSDOT to gain approval of at grade trail crossings over Highway 530 which would be a great cost savings to open up the trail! #715 working on acquiring permit. Bridges # 710, #712, and # 713 in water work replacing pilings so work needs to be done July 15 – September 15 (Fish Window). Update from County Public Works on Bridge #713 that they are recommending a steel bridge at a cost of \$350,000. Donors have agreed to increase their overall contribution of \$301,000 to \$307,000 to accommodate the new, steel bridge.
- 70.2.5. Kayak County Golf Course Improvements – Other infrastructure needs have been identified. Parks and Access Golf will identify who(m) will be responsible for what body of work.
- 70.2.6. Willis Tucker Park Construction Project – 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. Pictures provided.
VBC Volleyball Agreement signed and start July 5 versus June 1 with the delay of the construction due to record amount of rain. Updated Construction pictures handed out.
- 70.2.7. Sharon Swan shared information on SCC 30.66A Stakeholder Meeting, Tuesday, June 21, 10am – 12pm, Willis Tucker Park – Park Mitigation Fees. Would like one or two Park Advisory Board members to attend. Mitigation fees are an important funding source that are not as limited in use as funds from real estate excise tax for example.
- 70.2.8. Farmer Frog – Paradise Valley Conservation Area – Lloyd Farmstead – Meeting with Farmer Frog on June 20 to determine alternative language they are suggesting for version #4 of Farmer Frog Lease Agreement. Planning staff is also working with Snohomish PUD to install a photo-voltaic system near the farmhouse to power the aquaponics hoop house that is currently under construction. The solar panels are designed to be able to connect additional panels at a later date to power additional improvements as they happen. Planning staff is also working with a Farmer Frog volunteer for an Eagle Scout project to reconstruct the small Milk Barn which has detached from its foundation.
Picture provided of recent Volunteer Thankyou potluck.
- 70.2.9. Grants applied for and presentations made:
- 70.2.9.1. Whitehorse Trail – Parks has applied for a \$1.1 million RCO grant to complete the grading and re-surfacing of the remaining unimproved sections of the Whitehorse Trail. Senior Park Planner Amy Lucas presented to the RCO WWRP Trails Technical Review committee on May 18th in Olympia to showcase the project in detail and emphasize the public need of the project. Improvement of these sections is part of Phase II of the larger Whitehorse Trail project, and once completed, the entire trail can be open to the public, pending the Phase I approval of the SR 530 crossings by WSDOT.
 - 70.2.9.2. Esperance Park – The adjacent property was purchased from Edmonds School District with the help of RCO Acquisition funds. That Grant has been completed and closed out. The added 2.55 acres provides Esperance Park with immediate off-street parking as well as additional space for Off-Leash Dog Area, Sport Court, Community Garden and Relocation of a conventional Playground
- 70.2.10. 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.

70.2.11. 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.

70.2.12. 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. Meetings have been well attended with typical attendance of several dozens. Next meeting in Oso with emphasis on bicycle tourism.

70.2.13. Community Transit Partnership – Bike to Work Day, (Bike Everywhere Day.... Melissa, John Ewald... Friday, May 20, 6am – 9am, 2nd and Lincoln in Snohomish.....report..... Bike Bash, Flyers/Posters on/at bus stops, re-print of county park and trail guide, outdoor movie sponsorship.

70.2.14. RFP {2015 – 2016} update

70.2.14.1. Disc Golf – Instructed vendor to continue to work with/through Senior Planner Kevin Teague on questions rising from the RFP evaluation process related to the area flooding, long term feasibility of the proposal, and how best to incorporate all members of the public access to the river and park lands Now has expressed an interest in the new 140 acres parks purchased north and adjacent to Flowing Lake County Park...

70.2.14.2. North Cascades Crew - Permanent Row Boat Storage Structure – Wyatt County Park – Lake Stevens - Discussed concerns with vendor and instructed them to move forward with the City of Lake Stevens on acquiring needed building permits.

70.2.14.3. Glacier Peak – Biological Field Station possibilities at Whitehorse Community Park, Fortson Mill, Squire Creek, Darrington Archer Range, etc.... directed them to continue to meet with partners Seattle U, WSU, Glacier Peak Institute, Town of Darrington, etc., to apply for grants, acquire funds, etc., to narrow and identify best location for Field Station location, etc. Have had conversations with Evergreen Bike Alliance about parking for their venue, cyclo-cross promoter, summer meltdown staff, etc.

70.2.14.4. Centennial Trail Park at intersection of Centennial Trail and Whitehorse Trail with Cemex...also met with City of Arlington about erosion and possible ramp/fencing along CT and Haller Park.

70.3. Annique Bennett, new ‘Strategic Tourism Coordinator’ presented on her role and provided info on Stilly Valley and Sky Valley Recreation Corridor Meetings.

70.3.1. Annique Bennett has worked for nearly 10 years in Snohomish County in various economic development departments and organizations including Tourism and Marketing Coordinator for the City of Bothell, Cultural Arts Coordinator for the City of Everett and Executive Director of the Monroe Chamber of Commerce.

70.3.2. As the Strategic Tourism Plan(STP) Coordinator, Annique implements broad stakeholder and infrastructure priorities set forth in the STP by leveraging public and private investments to boost visitor spending and improve quality of life for Snohomish County residents.

70.3.3. New collaborations for economic development between local, state and federal recreation and conservation organizations (National Parks Service, Washington Trails Association, American Whitewater, Pew Charitable Trust), area business leagues, local governments and the County are now formed on several key sustainable tourism projects where outdoor recreation is a major draw.

70.3.4. The Sky to Sound Water Trail: Water trail planning and inventory of water access sites along 84 river-miles between the Wild Sky Wilderness and Puget Sound. Project involves 10 distinct communities; 35 representatives of local, state, federal entities form the Sky to Sound Water Trail Coalition.

70.3.5. Rural Tourism Development for Trail Towns: Action teams from 15 communities in the Stillaguamish-Sauk and Skykomish-Snohomish River Valleys are supported with training to assess strengths, weaknesses, gaps and opportunities for their communities to capture and develop rural tourism associated with the long distance regional trails.

70.3.6. Paine Field Aviation Attractions: Developing new business and event partnerships between the aviation attractions and area lodging and small businesses; roundtables to increase awareness and connectivity of attractions to local communities and wayfinding projects.

70.4. Park Director's Time (Tom Teigen with help from Russ Bosanko).

70.4.1. Tom said matter of 'Meadowdale Beach Improvements' was up for County Council review.

70.4.2. Re-up of contractor, Bruce Dees, to handle master planning for Carousel Ranch as they had previously done with Wellington, also up for review by County Council. At this point, the extent of what they are doing is master planning.

70.4.3. Tom shared the concept of the new economic development initiative with nine new sector leads appointed. This should facilitate acquiring additional Federal and State monies to enhance key elements of economic development for Snohomish County.

70.4.4. Tom shared that the recent bike bash went very well.

70.4.5. Summarized Parks accomplishments in 2015.

80. Messages from the Board. Around the Table

80.1. John Briney

80.1.1. John inquired about new artwork created in the tunnel access to fairgrounds. He suggested there was also a need for some artwork at Esperence Park.

80.2. Catherine Collins

80.2.1. Catherine reminded us of her continued interest and willingness to facilitate creation of archival film records documenting park lands and the persons who were instrumental in making those lands significant or preserving them for parks.

80.3. Debbie Copple

80.3.1. Debbie talked a bit about the focus of those working on the Sky to Sound water trail emphasizing safety and education. The value of signage along the waterway was brought up.

80.3.2. Debbie distributed the latest Sky Valley Event guide and recent notes from the Sky Valley Recreation & Planning Group Meeting.

80.3.3. She also shared a brand new 'bouldering' book that generated plenty of committee interest. Book would be available for purchase June 15.

80.4. Molly Deardorff

80.5. Tammy Dunn

80.5.1. Tammy just commented that it was a very busy time for her agency.

80.6. John Ewald

80.7. Julie Langabeer

80.7.1. Julie shared a recent Everett Herald article on the pending departure of a food truck serving Centennial Trail in the Machias vicinity. A new parking area location that should satisfy health department requirements and keep the truck available along the trail might result in a workable solution.

80.8. Melissa Marzolf

80.9. Bob McCarty

80.9.1. Bob asked Russ Bosanko if he could make some inquiries with County Risk Management regarding a planned tie down system being considered for watercraft along the Skykomish.

80.10. Robert Putnam

80.10.1. Shared highlights of his recent vacation biking in rural New York with his wife and train trip home.

80.10.2. Many on the board were interested in seeing a book and set of maps Rob had gotten on the trip that highlighted historical and other features of villages and areas they were biking through.

80.11. Steve Yandl

80.11.1. Shared that neighbors were disappointed that the farmers market wasn't returning to Willis Tucker Park this summer. Apparently an erroneous web entry suggested the market might be back but that didn't turn out to be the case.

90. Adjournment

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