

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Willis Tucker Park

6705 Puget Park Drive Snohomish Washington

Tuesday May 10, 2016 3:00pm - 4:30pm

10. Call to Order

20. Roll Call

20.1. Voting Board Members –

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| John Briney (District 3) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Melissa Marzolf (At Large) | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> |
| Molly Deardorff (At Large) (Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Vacant (At Large) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| John Ewald (At Large) | <input checked="" 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

20.3. Guests -

30. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of both March 2016 and April 2016 were both unanimously approved.

40. Public Hearings/Meetings

40.1. Ribbon Cutting, Centennial Trail South Extension

40.2. WRPA Conference, several on parks board and county staff attended, individual comments later in minutes.

50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence

60. General Business

60.1. Park Advisory Board Field Trip – April 12. Parks visited: Carousel Ranch and Heirman Wildlife Preserve at Thomas' Eddy. No additional comments on the field trip last month.

60.2. Park Advisory Board Jackets and Hats – Several requests made for different sizes and colors.

60.3. WRPA Conference – Everett – Xfinity Arena – May 4 – 5, 2016 – Five of our board members attended the conference for various lengths of time: 1. Molly Deardorff 2. John Ewald, 3. Rob Putnam 4. Bob McCarty 5. Tammy Dunn. Consensus was that there was a large range in the caliber of various presentations the conference as a whole was a valuable experience for those who attended.

60.3.1. Molly Deardorff enjoyed presentation regarding the conflict between preserving natural spaces and recreational use by parks.

60.3.2. John Ewald commented on the excellent personal contacts he was able to establish.

60.3.3. Tammy Dunn felt some presentations could be more captivating but found the conference to be a valuable experience.

60.3.4. Bob McCarty enjoyed the conference but wished there had been some handouts to take home.

60.3.5. Tom Teigen, Russ Bosanko, Mayor Rankin, and US Rep Suzan DelBene along with WSDOT, DEM and others presented on recovery actions along Whitehorse trail after the Oso mudslide devastation.

60.4. Parks Advisory Board business cards were distributed last month. Russ Bosanko indicated more were available if any members needed more.

70. Reports from the Staff/Status Reports

70.1. Planning/Engineering/Design/Construction Projects

70.1.1. Esperance Park – Updated site plan was discussed. New plan adds more parking, revises off leash dog areas to include a shy dog area, includes a sports court area and a raised garden for the community.

70.1.2. Cavalero County Park – Possible move of McCoullum Park BMX moving operation over to Cavalero by June 2016 – Probable date of the move is pushed back to July.

70.1.3. Whitehorse Trail Bridges – Comcast Cares Day – 249 company and community volunteers! Great pictures were shared showing extensive weeding and the involvement of a large contingent of children. Bridge and trail work continues; #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.

70.1.4. Kayak County Golf Course Improvements – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held with County Councilmember Ken Klein, Parks Director Tom Teigen, Golf Course General Manager Steve Stensland. Pictures provided.

70.1.5. 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.

70.1.6. Copies of April 2016 Parks Planning Bi-Monthly Capital Project Status Report made available. Most listed items covered during this monthly meeting.

70.1.7. 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. The Farmer Frog group has a pro bono lawyer which has slowed the course of resolving some aspects of the project.

70.1.8. Interurban Trail – connection from McCollum Park – Parks hired part-time consultant to look at possible connections and work on Monroe to Snoqualmie Trail (Centennial Trail) connection along highway 203. Have had conversations with Community Transit about expansion of their swift bus service along 128th. Paving and slurry coating trail projects coming up soon.

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. 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.

70.1.12. 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.

70.1.13. RFP {2015 – 2016} update

70.1.13.1. Met with Ice Cream Mom at Wenberg County Park, looking at operating at Twin Lakes and perhaps Lake Goodwin County Park as well.

70.1.13.2. 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. Met with Keith (Disc Golf Vendor/Proposer), Senior Planner Kevin Teague and Keith will meet with County Planning and Development services to determine what type of improvements could be built on the property as most of the property falls within a flood zone. Now has expressed an interest in the new 140 acres parks purchased at Flowing Lake County Park...

70.1.13.3. 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. Russ Bosanko has a planned team building through rowing activity involving the department planners and the rangers.

70.1.13.4. Wash n’ Wag’n – Portable Dog Wash marketing/partnership strategy – Monday, Feb 8. Meeting went well they will send me several partnership opportunities with a Love your Dog event (i.e. pet photo’s, doggy espresso/doggy treats, portable/discounted dog services, county animal licensing, etc.).

70.1.13.5. 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.

70.1.13.6. 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.

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

70.2.1. Possibly as a consequence of the decision of Lands Commissioner, Peter Goldmark, to not run for re-election, DNR has shown enthusiasm over a land exchange between DNR and County Parks, to sell and/or swap multiple parcels. Summary details were shared with the board. The net result would be several significant benefits to Parks (and DNR) and multiple small issues remedied. The approximate exchange in discussions thus far would be a net transfer of 680 acres to park and 235 acres to DNR; many details remain to be discussed. Parks advisory board members expressed interest but voiced concerns about final short term and long term costs. More to follow.

70.2.2. Tom spoke briefly on recently acquired Lake Stickney parcel. Parcel included several houses and 5 large house trailers (about 25 acres). Short term the parcel will afford creating increased parking for off leash dog area users. Lead and asbestos abatement is causing a pause in progress of cleanup.

70.2.3. In response to comments regarding life jacket use by recreational users of rivers, Tom explained that the department considers rivers inherently dangerous (even for those wearing personal floatation devices, so we don’t have a life jacket loaner program like what exists for many lakes.

80. Messages from the Board. Around the Table

80.1. John Briney

80.2. Catherine Collins

80.2.1. Participated in “Ride to Rendezvous” in the Methow Valley.

80.2.2. Asked about opportunities for expanded equestrian use of available lands.

80.3. Debbie Copple

80.4. Molly Deardorff

80.4.1. Expressed appreciation the Parks funded attendance for her and the others at the WRPA conference.

80.5. Tammy Dunn

80.5.1. Attended meeting with City of Bothell regarding Wayne Golf Course; possibly developing a regional trail park.

80.5.2. Shared some recently acquired figures on dollar amounts (in the billions range) contributed to the region's economic development which sports, recreation and parks are all a key component of.

80.6. John Ewald

80.6.1. John commented that in his quest to have all aspects of his life interconnected (social, work, volunteer, etc.) that a necessary consequence was that he was always on the job.

80.6.2. John expressed his interest in the 'Give Big foundation' and how a similar concept might make available additional resources to parks. Tom Teigen responded that Parks was in fact looking at the idea of starting a foundation but there were a lot of considerations at this state of things.

80.7. Julie Langabeer

80.7.1. Julie inquired if there was a park map available for Willis Tucker Park.

80.7.2. She also recently explored North Creek Trail.

80.8. Melissa Marzolf

80.8.1. Still planning to build a playground for her preschool but she is finding that insurance and other requirements are more daunting than she initially anticipated.

80.8.2. Spending a good amount of time with her children enjoying Lord Hill park.

80.9. Bob McCarty

80.9.1. Bob talked about attending a recent water trails meeting where he had opportunity to interact with area first responders and discuss various personal and public safety issues.

80.10. Robert Putnam

80.11. Steve Yandl

80.11.1. Shared a summary of a story written for the HOA newsletter regarding the spread of false stories on dog poisoning (some at parks) and how social media exaggerates the issue of false rumors.

90. Adjournment

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