



PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Willis Tucker Park

6705 Puget Park Drive Snohomish Washington  
Tuesday July 11, 2017 3:00pm - 4:30pm

10. Call to Order

20. Roll Call

20.1. Voting Board Members –

John Briney (District 3 – Vice Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Darrell Olson (At Large)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Catherine Collins (At Large)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob McCarty (District 5)	X
Debbie Copple (At Large)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Putnam (District 1-Chair)	X
Dave Divoky (At Large)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brett Kinney – At Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
John Ewald (At Large)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Yandl (District 4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Julie Langabeer (District 2) (Notes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Notes)	

20.2. Staff (Parks and other County Departments or agencies) - Russ Bosanko, Tim Teigen, Tammy Dunn, Presentations from: Sharon Swan, Kevin Teague, Thomas Hartzell.

20.3. Guests

30. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the June 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

40. Public Hearings/Meetings

50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence

60. General Business

60.1 Evergreen State Fair, Park Information Booth – Friday, September 1 – Monday, September 4, 10am- 4pm – Information and Sign-up Sheets passed out at last month’s meeting. We have copies of the sign-up sheet. There will be no Parks Advisory Board meeting in August due to our participation in the Fair.

**60.2 - Fall Field Trip October 10 - 2pm – 630pm ( Willis Tucker Park) Field trip to October 10 – 2pm – 630pm – Resilience Arch, Fortson Mill, Cicero, Squire Creek, Whitehorse Trail,**

60.3. 2018 Budget Requirement – a reduction of \$ 87, 925.00. In place of taking a cut, County Parks is looking into raising the \$87,000 partly by new revenue from High Trek Aerial Park, Willis Tucker Park Space Rental for Tourism Bureau, Picnic Shelters at Miner’s Corner and McCollum Park, expanding camping at Flowing Lake, Kayak Point, etc. and Willis Tucker Special Event Parks and Spray Park parking, at the main lot only, prime season, June 25 – Labor Day.

60.3.1. Steve Yandl reported that there had been complaints in his neighborhood about overflow parking from Willis Tucker. It was agreed that the public needs to be made aware of the underutilized parking near the sand volleyball courts.

60.4. Russ reminded us of the schedule for the training sessions which are required for members of County boards and commissions.

## 70. Reports from the Staff/Status Reports

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

#### 70.1.1. Wenberg County Park Project Update -

Kevin Teague reported on plans to upgrade the waterfront for accessibility and to reduce lineups for boat launching. This is the only boat launch on Lake Goodwin and is heavily used. There will be two docks for boat launching, a pedestrian walkway over the water and transient boat moorage. There will not be added capacity for boat trailers; the neighbors don’t want too many boats on the lake. A reservation system for boat launching will be considered. The two bids which came in today are higher than expected and more than what was in the budget.

#### 70.1.2. Lord Hill Park Public Meetings Update-

There was considerable discussion about misinformation on the internet about the Lord Hill planning process. Catherine Collins said there was a petition at the local feed store, and that we should look into who is behind it. Brett Kinney thought we should get the actual leadership of the interest groups to speak for them (rather than a few disgruntled individuals). We agreed that we need to look for more effective ways to present the facts to counteract social media rumors. Russ reported that there are plans to hire a public relations/communications person to do just that. It was suggested that Advisory Board members assess information on the Parks website for clarity.

70.1.3. Kayak Point Public Meetings – Campground Improvements – Sharon Swan -

70.1.3.1. The draft preferred plan was presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> public meeting.

70.1.3.2. The plan contains 4 zones. Zone A north of the parking will have additional camping and a community center. Zone B, the south portion on the other side of the road, will have a nature interpretive center and trails. Zone C is for overflow parking and a new campground loop. Zone D, the northern part on the east side of the road, will have trails around wetlands.

70.1.3.3. There should be a final preferred plan by the end of summer.

70.1.3.4. Public Works will determine safety issues regarding the crossing on Marine Drive.

70.1.3.5. Just finished water and power upgrades to current campground.

70.1.4. Flowing Lake Campground Improvements – Ten new campsites.

70.1.5. Esperance Park Update – Tom Hartzell showed the current plan, which will probably have some more changes. There are some drainage issues. The surface for the off-leash dog park was discussed. Hope to have a final plan by the end of September.

70.1.6. Lake Stickney – Tom Hartzell

The bid was \$1,900,000. We are ready to begin Phase 1 which includes a nature play area, the off-leash dog area and a mound to view the lake.

70.1.7. Logan Park Updates – Out for bid, due in a week.

70.1.8. Lake Roesiger – The beach sand has been replenished.

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

70.2.1. Action Item: A motion was made and passed to consider charging for parking at Willis Tucker Park, main lot only, during the prime season, June 15 to Labor Day.

70.2.1. There was considerably more discussion about dealing with misinformation on social media.

71. Messages from the Board. Around the Table

71.1 John Briney

71.1.1. He met someone who lived close to Carousel and didn't know it was going to be a park. He wondered how many other people didn't know about it.

71.2 Catherine Collins

71.2.1. She attended the goat event at Evergreen State Fairgrounds.

71.3 Debbie Copple

71.4 Dave Divoky

71.5 John Ewald

71.6 Julie Langabeer

71.7 Darrell Olson

71.8 Bob McCarty

71.8.1. Attended the Arabian Horse Show at the Fairgrounds.

71.9 Robert Putnam

71.9.1. He said bicyclists need places to camp because they are riding long distances. He let some camp in his yard.

71.10 Brett Kinney

71.10. He said he could talk to the Backcountry Horsemen about the Lord Hill planning process.

71.11 Steve Yandl

71.11.1. Steve put the word out on social media that fireworks are not allowed at Willis Tucker.

71.12 Tammy Dunn

71.12.1. Tammy said we need a sign at Willis Tucker directing people to the new parking and informing them how far it is to walk from there to park facilities.

71.12.2. She inquired about Cavalero and was informed that it is behind schedule because the City of Lake Stevens has lost staff and has been unable to keep up with its part of the park development.

71.12.3. Said a member of the public had expressed interest in the proposed archery facilities at the shooting range.

## 72 Adjournment

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