

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Willis Tucker Park

6705 Puget Park Drive Snohomish Washington

Tuesday September 12, 2017 3:00pm - 4:30pm

10. Call to Order

20. Roll Call

20.1. Voting Board Members –

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

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

Russ Bosanko, Tammy Dunn(ex officio), Kye Iris; Presentations from; Sharon Swan, Thomas Hartzell.

20.2.1. Russ Bosanko introduced Kye Iris who previously worked for Fish and Wildlife who is now the property administrator for Parks and Recreation. Dianne Baily remains with Parks and Rec on a part time basis providing expertise and continuity.

20.3. Guests

30. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

40. Public Hearings/Meetings

40.1. Sharon Swan shared a progress report on interactions with stakeholders impacted by the Oso landslide in formulating and revising plans for a memorial in the area that would be steered by the sensitivities of those traumatized.

50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence

50.1. Tammy Dunn shared some input received at her Tourism booth and the Parks and Recreation booth during the fair.

50.1.1. One individual was frustrated by the fact that reservations were required at all campground facilities.

50.1.2. A second set of inquiries came from a young family who recently moved to the Wellington Hills area and wanted to verify what actual plans were for the site and the Carousel Ranch property.

60. General Business

60.1. Evergreen State Fair, Park Information Booth – Suggestions –

60.1.1. Suggestion was made to locate the booth farther from the nearby radio station booth to reduce background volume and facilitate discussions with booth visitors.

60.1.2. Provide one or more easels to display parks maps, trail maps or other large pieces that won't reliably adhere to the curved backboards using just Velcro fasteners.

60.2. Fall Field Trip – **October 10 – 2pm-6:30pm starting at Willis Tucker Park.** – Field trip to Resilience Arch, Fortson Mill, Cicero, Squire Creek, Whitehorse Trail.

60.2.1. Suggestions was made to make the first visit on the field trip to Fortson Mill since we visited Resilience Arch on the previous field trip that had to be aborted early because of bus mechanical issues.

60.3. Budget Update.

60.3.1. While significantly more was requested in support of the Trails Connection project(s) it appears likely the final budget amount will remain the same at approximately \$7M which limits how aggressively Parks can further addition al trail and park projects.

60.3.2. Sharon Swan provided a reminder on how new methodology for calculation of mitigation fees on new construction where parks and trails were treated as regional rather than local assets should ultimately provide increased funding.

60.3.3. Failure of State construction budget is having an impact on projects but County still has numerous park projects to keep park planning staff busy.

60.4. U.S. Forest Service Concession Proposal - Mountain Loop Highway. Is there anyone with the Park Advisory Board interested in reviewing and creating the business case with park staff why it makes sense for county parks to turn in a proposal to manage and operate the U.S. Forest Service campgrounds that are in Snohomish County?

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/mbs/home/?cid=FSEPRD557580>

60.4.1. John Ewald and John Briney expressed interest in participating.

60.5. Fee collection for permits to accommodate overflow parking from Glacier Peak High School at Willis Tucker Park.

60.5.1. Russ Bosanko shared the situation history and stats on how many students simply park vehicles at Willis Tucker Park. The school charges students \$50 for parking privilege at the school but there are insufficient spots for students wanting to drive to school.

60.5.2. By unanimous vote the board approved the plan to charge students \$50 to allow parking during school hours for that school year.

70. Reports from the Staff/Status Reports

70.1. Planning/Engineering/Design/Construction Projects

70.1.1. Whitehorse Trail update.

70.1.2. Lord Hill Park public meetings update.

70.1.2.1. Brett Kinney indicated that Amy Lucas had done a great job at a public meeting to ease tensions between the groups competing for their own visions for the park; hikers, bikers, and horseback riders.

70.1.2.2. Brett also indicated an interest by the backcountry horseman group to do fundraising toward a goal of increased signage within the park, both educational and location signs. Brett mentioned between \$3,000 - \$7,000 may be available from the horse group.

70.1.3. Paradise Valley Conservation Area – Farmer Frog – NAOIP (Contractors, Engineers, Architects. Etc.)

70.1.4. Lord Hill Park

70.1.5. Paradise Valley Conservation Area – Farmer Frog

70.1.5.1. Handouts provided regarding the crucial support being provided in support of this Farmer Frog project by 'NAIOP' the commercial real estate development association.

70.1.6. Kayak Point public meetings

70.1.6.1. Sharon Swan recapped a recent meeting between area HOA members and their councilmember to discuss park plans. HOA members were interested in limiting change.

70.1.7. Flowing Lake Campground Improvements.

70.1.8. Esperence Park update

70.1.9. Lake Stickney

70.1.9.1. Permits complete, work is out to bid.

70.1.10. Logan Park updates

70.1.10.1. Tom Hartzell shared pictures of playground landscaping.

70.1.11. Heybrook Ridge County Park grand opening ceremony.

70.1.11.1. Ceremony October 21 at 2:00pm

70.1.11.2. Flyers distributed. Following grand opening, 'Friends of Heybrook Ridge' and Town of Index having a 'Hoedown celebration and auction at River House Restaurant in Index.

70.1.12. Centennial Trail updates

70.2. Historical Video Project – Catherine Collins – Carousel Horse Community Park, Nakashima Barn/Trailhead, Flowing (Leckies) Lake County Park, Bob Heirman/Thomas Eddy, Rhody Ridge Arboretum, Kayak Point County Park, etc.

70.2.1. Kye Iris indicated she had worked with the family of Bob Heirman and would be able to reach out to members to see if videos and additional pictures of Bob were available to be utilized in a historical video.

70.3. RFP Updates through 2017

70.3.1. Disc Golf – New proposal for North Flowing Lake property submitted. Vendor to continue to work with/through Senior Planner Kevin Teague on basic design, etc.

70.3.2. North Cascades Crew – Permanent row boat storage structure – Wyatt County Park, Lake Stevens – Sent letter of support for the event to the City of Lake Stevens – Working on draft language for a long-term lease.

70.4. RFPs 2018 – Annual Parks Public/Private RFP is set to go out to the public October 19 with a closing date of December 14. Typically, we form an RFP Evaluation Committee to review on the Tuesday in January immediately prior to the January advisory board meeting. Russ Bosanko asked if any advisory board members would be willing to participate this year for a session that would-be January 9, 2018 from 1:30pm to 3pm.

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

80. Messages from the Board. Around the Table

80.1. John Briney

80.1.1. Inquired regarding any contact with the family of Bob Heirman.

80.2. Catherine Collins

80.3. Debbie Copple

80.3.1. Distributed flyers for 'Return of the Salmon Celebration' September 23 in Sultan.

80.3.2. Reported that earlier in the day she had attended a Fortera fundraising meeting in Everett.

80.3.3. Shared that an educational jamboree was scheduled at the HS.

80.4. David Divoky

80.4.1. Asked who should get maintenance requests when advisory board members spot maintenance concerns, specifically in this case near the off-leash dog area at Willis Tucker Park. Russ Bosanko responded that he should be the contact.

80.5. Tammy Dunn

80.5.1. Distributed flyers for 'Snohomish County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet to be held September 27..

80.5.2. Spoke about the scheduled Paradise Valley trail run.

80.5.3. Snohomish County had been nominated for top outdoor adventure site and Tammy had submitted pictures and information to support consideration of that award. Ultimately we came in 8th place.

80.5.4. She will be hiring a new sports sales manager.

80.5.5. Tammy and her Tourism staff will soon be moving offices into Parks and Recreation facility at Willis Tucker park.

80.6. John Ewald

80.6.1. Recently learned that camping accommodations were available at Evergreen State Fairgrounds. John suggestion the camping area had potential as a launch point for County visitors looking to engage in other recreation in the County.

80.7. Brett Kinney

80.7.1. Talked about hearsay information suggesting that at least one individual was fairly active in constructing unapproved bike trails within Lord Hill park.

80.7.2. Shared that backcountry horseman want to contribute money to assist with signage at Lord Hill Park and asked Russ Bosanko about the standards for any such signs. Proposed signs would be on park etiquette as well as directional/information signs.

80.8. Julie Langabeer

80.8.1. Made a recent visit to Miners Corner park and found it quite busy.

80.9. Bob McCarty

80.9.1. Expressed concerns about needed maintenance at Evergreen State Fairgrounds and that he was asked to send a list and pictures if possible to Russ so he could forward to the interim Maintenance Supervisor.

80.10. Darrell Olson

80.11. Robert Putnam

80.12. Steve Yandl

80.12.1. Shared that new signage at Willis Tucker park letting visitors know about the new additional parking appeared to be having an impact in reducing illegal parking in adjacent neighborhoods during large events at the park.

90. Adjournment

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