



PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Willis Tucker Park

6705 Puget Park Drive Snohomish Washington

Tuesday November 14, 2017 3:00pm - 4:30pm

10. Call to Order

20. Roll Call

20.1. Voting Board Members –

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

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

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

20.3. Guests

30. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

40. Public Hearings/Meetings

50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence

60. General Business

60.1. Discussion of the field trip in October to the Whitehorse Trail vicinity. There was praise for Sharon Swan and Amy Lucas for the job they did providing background information. The board was unanimously enthused about the opportunity to see Park’s projects and potential.

60.2. Typically, the board doesn’t have a meeting in December. There was a brief discussion to make sure there were no compelling reasons to do so this year. After discussion, unanimous agreement to not have a meeting in December (next meeting will be January 9, 2018).

60.3. Russ Bosanko reminded us that we will elect a new chair and vice chair at the January meeting.

60.4. Boards and Commission Training – Mediocre attendance so far at a required training session on the open meeting laws, management of County emails and additional H/R information. Meetings scheduled for the remainder of 2017 and 2018 below.

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, December 13, 2017	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	County Campus, Public Meeting Rooms
Wednesday, March 14, 2018	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	County Campus, Public Meeting Rooms
Wednesday, June 13, 2018	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	County Campus, Public Meeting Rooms
Wednesday, September 12, 2018	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	County Campus, Public Meeting Rooms
Wednesday, December 12, 2018	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	County Campus, Public Meeting Rooms

60.4.1. Snohomish County campus address is 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201.

60.5. Budget Update.

60.5.1. Tom Teigen commented that there was unprecedented collaboration between Executive's staff and County Council but challenging budget decisions to be made regarding a very tight budget.

60.5.2. Parks and Tourism fared well but in an improved economy the labor costs associated with projects like expansion of trails has increased drastically so successful completion of products will require a phased approach.

60.6. Proposed changes to park fees

60.6.1. Russ Bosanko had distributed copies of existing fees and proposed changes to those fees. Additional copies were passed around at the meeting.

60.6.2. There was a new fee for Glacier Peak student parking at Willis Tucker Park as well as several modest increases to some existing fees. The board felt all proposed changes were reasonable and appropriate and unanimously endorsed the proposed changes and all fees for 2018.

60.7. U.S. Forest Service Concession Proposal - Mountain Loop Highway. The Parks Department reviewed financial information provided by the Forest Service and the Department determined that it did not pencil out or break even at this point in time so the Department did not submit a proposal.

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. Donation from backcountry horsemen.

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

70.1.4. Kayak Point public meetings

70.1.4.1. Sharon Swan provided an update. Day use improvements are ongoing. Revisions made to the 'preferred plan' to accommodate neighbor's wishes that trails don't extend to portions north of the gold course.

70.1.4.2. Russ Bosanko spoke about amendments to the agreement between gold course operator and the county that would keep the course viable for several additional years despite the downturn in usage.

70.1.5. Flowing Lake Campground Improvements.

70.1.6. Esperence Park update

70.1.6.1. Tom Hartzell shared pictures and maps.

70.1.6.2. Tom explained adjustments to plans in response to budgetary limits. In particular, the forested playground concept is more limited than the initial vision.

70.1.7. Lake Stickney

70.1.7.1. Tom Hartzell shared construction updates and photos.

70.1.8. Logan Park updates

70.1.8.1. Tom Hartzell shared pictures of playground landscaping.

70.1.8.2. Playground is complete, and shrubs are now being planted.

70.1.8.3. New type tile surface is scheduled to be installed soon.

70.1.9. Heybrook Ridge County Park grand opening ceremony.

70.1.9.1. Pictures of the ceremony were distributed.

70.1.10. Centennial Trail updates

70.1.10.1. Snoqualmie to Woodinville

70.1.10.2. Snohomish to Monroe

70.1.10.3. Monroe to Snoqualmie Valley into King County

70.1.10.4. Tom Teigen and Russ Bosanko discussed potential, obstacles to progress and high costs of proceeding with different portions of trail expansion.

70.1.11. WTA – Washington Trails Association

70.1.11.1. Work on stairs at Willis Tucker Park linking new parking area to an area near Glacier Peak HS, Pictures shared.

70.1.12. WCC – Washington Conservation Crew

70.1.12.1. Partnered with City of Everett to provide crew work on Logan, Paradise Valley Conservation area and other locations. Pictures were distributed.

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.

70.3. 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 30 with a closing date of November 30, 2017. 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.

70.4.1. Sharon Swan and Tammy Dunn were willing to participate in the review.

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

70.5.1. Provided insights into the process for the current budget negotiations.

70.5.2. Shared comments from Councilman Sam Low that despite his opposition to the sale of Wellington Hills property to Northshore School District, he was supportive of actions recommended by this board and being carried out by Parks regarding development of Carousel Ranch.

80. Messages from the Board. Around the Table

80.1. John Briney

80.2. Catherine Collins

80.2.1. Catherine expressed the need for an additional horse park with arena in the area.

80.2.2. Expressed interest in the board being able to do a field trip by locomotive on proposed trail link.

80.3. Debbie Copple

80.4. David Divoky

80.5. Tammy Dunn

80.5.1. Shared a success story about longboard skateboarding event recently held in the vicinity of Haller Park.

80.5.2. Snohomish River Run utilized a portion of Centennial Trail.

80.5.3. New Sports Sales manager hired and scheduled to be on board in 2 weeks.

80.5.4. Discussed badminton event.

80.5.5. Discussed mountain bike event being planned for Lord Hill Park.

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

80.6. John Ewald

80.7. Brett Kinney

80.8. Julie Langabeer

80.9. Bob McCarty

80.9.1. Bob attended Heybrook Ridge opening ceremony.

80.10. Darrell Olson

80.10.1. Darrell revisited many of the areas we toured on our October field trip. He was surprised at the number of homeless encampments were in the wooded areas.

80.11. Robert Putnam

80.12. Steve Yandl

80.12.1. Paraphrased some of the social media comments regarding the sale of Wellington Hills property to the Northshore School District.

90. Adjournment

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