

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Willis Tucker Park

6705 Puget Park Drive Snohomish Washington

Tuesday June 12, 2018 3:00pm - 4:30pm

10. Call to Order

20. Roll Call

20.1. Voting Board Members –

John Briney (Dist. 3)	☒	Bob McCarty (Dist. 5)	☒
Catherine Collins (At Large) (Chair)	☒	Darrell Olson (At Large)	☒
David Divoky (At Large)	☒	Robert Putnam (Dist. 1)	☒
John Ewald (At Large) (Vice Chair)	☒	Shawn Tobin (At Large)	☒
Brett Kinney (At Large)	☒	Steve Yandl (Dist. 4) (Notes)	☒
Julie Langabeer (Dist. 2) (Notes)	☒		

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

Tom Teigen, Parks Director; Russ Bosanko, Division Manager; Kevin Teague, Senior Parks Planner; Thomas Hartzell, Parks Planner.

20.3. Guests

30. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting - The May 8, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

40. Public Hearings/Meetings

40.1. Centennial Trail Coalition quarterly meeting is scheduled for 5:30pm in Weikel Room at Willis Tucker Park headquarters building, June 21, 2018.

50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence

60. General Business

60.1. As there was insufficient time during the spring field trip, visits to Esperance Park and Flowing Lake were not included as planned. Currently that plan is to include those visits for the Fall (October 9, 2018) meeting/field trip.

60.2. Dedications, opening ceremonies – recent or upcoming.

60.2.1. Lake Stickney Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Russ Bosanko shared pictures and described the event that occurred 1:30pm on June 6. This was essentially a second grand opening that was attended by 35 to 40 enthusiastic neighbors. The park is located at 13521 Manor Way in Lynnwood.

60.2.2. Logan County Park, 12:00pm, Tuesday, June 12 at 1414 Logan Road, Bothell.

60.2.3. Everett Memorial Field – prior to AquaSox baseball game, 6:30pm-7:30pm, Friday, June 15 at 3802 Broadway, Everett.

60.2.3.1. Significant improvements have been made to the field, aided in large part by approximately \$300k of REET money from parks.

60.2.3.2. New field is a significant benefit to Everett high school teams allowing home games and improved practice.

60.3. Parks, Recreation & Tourism Information Booth

60.3.1. Russ Bosanko passed around a sign-up sheet and information but advised there could be some revisions to plans for staffing the booth. Final decisions on any changes to be made and announced soon.

60.3.2. Three-hour shifts, Friday August 31 to Monday September 3. Staffing challenges with this being Labor Day weekend.

60.4. Boards and Commission Training – Russ Bosanko reminded those who have not yet attended the training that it was very important for all members to have received the training by the end of the year.

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, September 12, 2018	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Willis Tucker Park, 6705 Puget Park Drive, Vista Room, Snohomish WA.
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. RFP – 09-18. Opened 5/11/2018 and closed 6/1/2018. If anyone on the Park Advisory Board would like to serve on the RFP evaluation committee let Russ know. Likely meeting is Tuesday, July 10 at 2pm or possibly an earlier date to evaluate a small number of proposals.

60.5.1. John Ewald indicated a willingness to participate.

60.6. Snohomish Arts Commission – Invitation from Commissioner, Keith Gehrig (District 4) for our members to attend a meeting of their commission.

60.6.1. Julie Langabeer had attended a meeting. She indicated that most in that group were working artists and were quite engaged in the activities of their commission. They had discussed some issues of vandalism of art work at various parks.

60.7. Willis Tucker Park

60.7.1. The previously discussed and approved commercial vehicle parking pass costing \$10 will now be implemented.

60.7.2. Policy change for the summer movie series on Thursday evenings. Beginning this summer, children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. This change is to increase safety for the youngsters and other patrons.

60.7.3. Nearby Thomas Farms is starting an outdoor movie series also scheduled for Thursday evenings which may provide an alternate destination for some summer movie goers.

70. Reports from the Staff/Status Reports

70.1. Planning/Engineering/Design/Construction Projects

70.1.1. Whitehorse Trail update.

70.1.1.1. Portion of trail remains closed.

70.1.2. Lord Hill Park – trail signage update - Donation from Backcountry Horsemen.

70.1.2.1. Amy Lucas was awarded a NOVA grant.

70.1.2.2. New signs well received.

70.1.2.3. Catherine Collins has a photo op with horses and an Everett Herald reporter for Saturday.

70.1.3. Martha Lake Airport Park - Had neighborhood meeting on February 27, 21 neighbors showed up for the meeting with the overall consensus being that a walking trail connecting 143 Street to 146 Street be constructed, while an improved or new playground was a second option, and a possible community garden received some interest.

70.1.4. Horse Count

70.1.4.1. Catherine Collins shared recent press release.

70.1.4.2. So far, there has been an excellent response to information gathering program with approximately 750 responses. Catherine shared zip code breakdown for the responses thus far.

70.1.5. Centennial Trail Coalition Quarterly General Members Meeting.

70.1.6. Esperance Park update.

70.1.6.1. Thomas Hartzell indicated acquisition of a land disturbing activity permit. Issues related to requirements of surface water management based on current design will likely require alterations to current trail plans to avoid having to produce and monitor wells on the property.

70.1.6.2. Possibility for grants that would make possible playground construction that was part of the original plan for the park but temporarily set aside because of funding constraints.

70.1.6.3. Thomas distributed a written summary of the status just discussed.

70.1.7. Lake Stickney – Thomas Hartzell update

70.1.8. Wenberg Construction update from Kevin Teague.

70.1.8.1. Pictures of the project were shared.

70.1.8.2. Hydroseeding along paths complete and multiple areas ready for mowing.

70.1.8.3. Cofferdam and new ADA ramps plus other path and ramp construction shown.

70.1.8.4. Contractor with experience working with parks is doing well keeping to planned schedule.

70.1.9. Closure of a section of Whitehorse Trail Update.

70.1.10. 2015 – 2016 RFP Update

70.1.10.1. North Cascades Crew – Permanent Row Boat Storage Structure – Wyatt County Park – Lake Stevens – Both parties agreed to a 10-year lease.

70.1.10.2. Russ Bosanko distributed pictures of the seal coat treatment and discussed use of root barrier for path preservation and answered questions.

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

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

80.1. Shared some food for thought in maintaining levels of service through funding deficits.

80.1.1. Overview of funding from REET2 moneys vs. general fund vs. other sources.

80.1.2. Responded to questions on utilization percentage of existing camping spots and options for additional capacity.

80.1.3. Discussion on passes, county vs. state.

80.2. Responded to inquiry on where we are progressing toward a shooting park in the Sultan area.

80.3. Responded to inquiry on educating public regarding wildlife encounters in park areas.

80.4. Briefly talked about a push from hiking enthusiasts to restrict usage of Lord Hill Park by bikers.

80.5. Russ Bosanko talked generally about the future of Kayak Point.

90. Messages from the Board. Around the Table

90.1. John Briney

90.2. Catherine Collins

90.2.1. Considering recent news of an unfortunate encounter between bikers and a cougar, Catherine expressed hope that parks could do some education on the proper response during wilderness encounters with wildlife as a preferred alternative to lethal measures. Tom Teigen shared thoughts on why parks generally defers to fish and wildlife for public education on such encounters.

90.3. David Divoky

90.4. John Ewald

90.4.1. John and his wife would be attending the dedication of the newly refurbished Everett Memorial Field.

90.5. Brett Kinney

90.5.1. Planned to attend a meeting of the Lord Hill focus group at 2:30pm on Thursday.

90.5.2. Talked briefly about gate management at Lord Hill park, particularly the south entrance, in order to limit vandalism and other crime issues.

90.6. Julie Langabeer

90.6.1. Julie suggested we should find ways to increase involvement of individuals and groups from the public to engage in improvements and maintenance of park resources.

90.7. Bob McCarty

90.7.1. Bob was disappointed there were not yet any responses from the Sultan area to the horse count survey. He was taking some of the post cards to distribute.

90.7.2. He had worked at the folk life festival in May and thought it might be a great event to have take place at the fairgrounds in the future.

90.8. Darrell Olson

90.9. Robert Putnam

90.10. Shawn Tobin

90.10.1. Shawn provided an introduction since some board members were not at the last meeting which was his first. He is regional manager in the state parks system, lives in Gold Bar and his family are outdoor enthusiasts.

90.11. Steve Yandl

90.11.1. Reported that the recent gay pride event at Willis Tucker had not caused significant issues for the adjacent neighborhood. Parking and noise were well managed.

90.11.2. Shared some stories about bear sightings in the vicinity of Willis Tucker Park.

100. Adjournment

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