



# PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Willis Tucker Park

6705 Puget Park Drive Snohomish Washington

Tuesday October 9, 2018 3:00pm – 5:00pm

10. Call to Order

20. Roll Call

20.1. Voting Board Members –

John Briney (Dist. 3)	X
Catherine Collins (At Large) (Chair)	X
David Divoky (At Large)	X
John Ewald (At Large) (Vice Chair)	X
Brett Kinney (At Large)	
Julie Langabeer (Dist. 2) (Notes)	X

Bob McCarty (Dist. 5)	X
Darrell Olson (At Large)	X
Robert Putnam (Dist. 1)	X
Shawn Tobin (At Large)	
Steve Yandl (Dist. 4) (Notes)	X

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

Tom Teigen, Parks Director, Russ Bosanko, Division Manager, Emily Druschba, Tony Trofimczuk, Recreation Supervisor, Amy Lucas, Tammy Dunn (ex officio).

20.3. Guests

30. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – The September, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

40. Public Hearings/Meetings

50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence

60. General Business

60.1. Parks, Recreation and Tourism – Back in June we had discussed an October 9 field trip to Esperance and Flowing Lake but after talking to project managers Sharon Swan and Thomas Hartzell it would make more sense to visit those two sites on May 14, 2019 as work will either be completed or at least in progress.

60.2. Discussion and review of proposed changes to the 2019 park fees – Event Specialist Emily Druschba and Recreation Supervisor Tony Trofimczuk.

60.2.1. A list of proposed fees for use of park facilities and for park programs, along with an overview of proposed 2019 fee adjustments were handed out.

60.2.2. Emily Druschba explained that Value Season fees are being eliminated in order to simplify the fee schedule and because it costs more to keep facilities going in the winter.

60.2.3. John Ewald asked how heavily the facilities are used. Staff said they are generally sold out all summer and on most weekends in the winter.

60.2.4. There were a number of questions from board members for clarification of various items.

60.2.5. It was noted that there were some inaccuracies in the printed copies we had. Therefore it was decided to wait until we had cleaned-up copies at our November meeting to complete the discussion.

### 60.3. Boards and Commissions Training.

60.3.1. The final training session for 2018 is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, County Campus Public Meeting Rooms (address is 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201).

60.3.1.1. Catherine Collins plans to attend the training session.

60.4. RFP – Kayak Point Golf Course. – Current operator, Access Golf, has written County Parks a termination letter indicating their last day of operating and managing the golf course will be October 21, 2018. Russ is working with County Purchasing to put out a specific RFP looking for someone to either operate the 270 acres Kayak Point Golf Course property as a public golf course, or perhaps re-purpose some or all the park for other activities or events. RFP was publicized September 17, 2018 with a closing date of November 1, 2018. and a site visit scheduled for October 10, 2018, 10am – 12pm for interested vendors. Park Board members Darrell Olson, Brett Kinney and Tammy Dunn (ex-officio) indicated they want to serve on the RFP Evaluation Committee.

60.5. With the RFP for Kayak Point Golf Course going out in early Fall to the public/private RFP would likely go out November 8, 2018 with a closing date of perhaps late December 2018.

60.5.1. Russ Bosanko said it must be kept as public parkland. It could be sold only if a comparable amount of land suitable for a park were to be purchased.

60.5.2. Tammy Dunn asked if there had been any interest in a land swap with the Tulalips. Russ didn't think so.

60.5.3. The county is hiring the golf groundskeeper through March 2019 to keep up the greens.

60.5.4. Russ Bosanko hopes there will be a proposal by November 1.

### 60.6. 2015-2016 RFP Update

60.6.1. North Cascades Crew – Permanent row boat storage structure – Wyatt County Park – Lake Stevens – Both parties agreed to a 10-year lease. Ground breaking ceremony scheduled for Friday, April 13 at 10am. Updated construction pictures to be shared.

## 70. Reports from the Staff/Status Reports

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

70.1.1. Wyatt Boathouse nearing completion. Hoping to schedule ribbon cutting ceremony hopefully in late October. Will be sure to invite Park Advisory Board members.

70.1.2. Wenberg Boat launch and waterfront project near completion as well. Hope to schedule ribbon cutting ceremony sometime in November.

70.1.2.1. Russ Bosanko reported that some equipment was vandalized when we tried to keep the boat launch open.

70.1.3. Whitehorse Trail – Paving crews are completing the Highway 530 at grade crossings with the slide area to be paved in mid-October.

70.1.3.1. Amy Lucas reported that the Highway 530 crossing has good sight lines, almost a 90 degree crossing.

70.1.3.2. The Oso slide area will be paved in the next two weeks.

70.1.3.3. The gravel section to be completed early next year.

70.1.3.4. No results yet on grant applications.

70.1.3.5. Signage is going in for both road and trails.

70.1.3.6. Hope to have funding in 2020 for the section between the Centennial Trail and Trafton.

70.1.4. “Horses Count” Survey – Update by Catherine, Brett and Sharon. County Council presentation.

70.1.4.1. Russ Bosanko reported on the County Council presentation by the Traildusters Chapter of the Backcountry Horsemen of \$5,000 for signs at Lord Hill Park.

70.1.4.2. Catherine Collins called our attention to the Herald article about the survey and the gift from the Backcountry Horsemen.

70.1.5. WTA (Washington Trails Association) is out at Heybrook Ridge Trails completing some trail work that the Friends of Heybrook Ridge helped pay for with a \$10,00 donation.

70.1.6. Trails – As mentioned by Tom Eksten during his review of our trail plan with various cities around Snohomish County, there is interest in going out for a county wide trail bond and the formation of a Trail Bond advocacy group, separate from the Parks Department that may be created in the future.

70.1.6.1. Russ Bosanko said city councils are concerned that they get a fair share of trails.

70.1.7. Invitation to bid for pavement repairs and seal coat on several trail and park projects has been sent out with bids due October 18, 2018.

70.1.8. Martha Lake Airport, north and south field fencing project out to bid in October.

70.1.9. Paving and repair for 2019 projects will be sent out with work hopefully starting Spring 2019.

70.1.10. Lake Roesiger Timber Framers Guild picnic shelter “barn raising” tentatively scheduled for May 2019.

70.1.10.1. The design calls for craftsman-type materials.

70.1.10.2. The “barn raising” would be a suitable subject for filming.

70.1.11. Esperance County Park – Out to bid October 2018 with construction completed Summer 2019.

70.1.12. Cavelero County Park – Skateboard park out to bid Fall 2018.

70.1.13. Smith Island Breach Diking Project – Potential turning over management of public parking lot to county parks.

70.1.14. Flowing Lake – New playground starts October 2, 2018 with completion November 2018.

70.2. Historical Video Project – Catherine Collins, Carousel Horse Community Park, Nakashima Barn/Trailhead, Flowing (Leckies) Lake County Park, Bob Heirman/Thomas’ Eddy (Completed), Rhody Ridge Arboretum (Completed), Kayak Point County Park (Completed), recently added to our webpage, Joe Rantz, 1936 Olympics, North Cascade Boathouse, Wyatt County Park. – Nothing new.

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

80.1. Tom reported that budget requests have been presented to the County Council. There have been some reductions in the 2019 parks department capital budget.

80.2. Nine cities have expressed a willingness to increase the \$1 per night stay to \$2 per night stay for the Tourism Promotion Area (TPA) tax to provide an additional \$1.2 – 1.5 million a year that perhaps can be used to bond against to cover the costs of an indoor facility that can attract more tourists to Snohomish county during non-peak times.

80.3. Re. the Evergreen State Fair:

80.3.1. Parking revenues may be reduced as some fair attendees are parking off-site.

80.3.2. Working to figure out a system where attendees can pay for everything in advance on line including parking and admission, and concerts as well.

90. Messages from the Board. Around the Table

90.1. John Briney

90.1.1. John reminded us about the free park day on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

90.2. Catherine Collins

90.3. David Divoky

90.4. Tammy Dunn

90.4.1. The consulting firm hired to assess the need for a sports facility in Snohomish County found there was such a need, particularly for an indoor facility and possibly outdoor facilities too. Indoor and outdoor facilities could be in the same place or possibly separate places. A location along the I-5 corridor would be best.

90.4.2. Phase 2 involves finding a site for a sports facility. They were shown Cavalero and the Fairgrounds as possible locations.

90.4.3. The cycle cross people want to use Kayak Golf Course property for an event on Nov. 11. They will use the driving range and stay off the fairways and greens.

90.5. John Ewald

90.6. Brett Kinney

90.7. Julie Langabeer

90.8. Bob McCarty

90.8.1. Bob discussed a number of issues re. the Fairgrounds with Hal Gausman.

90.8.1.1. The electrical system needs greater capacity.

90.8.1.2. Dormitories for 4-H kids are a good idea. Puyallup doesn't have the capacity to accommodate this use. Costs need to be figured out, as there will be need for additional monies besides what Snohomish County can provide.

90.8.2. Water trails should be included in the comp plan.

90.8.2.1. Grants are needed to purchase property for water access and a takeout in Gold Bar.

90.9. Darrell Olson

90.10. Robert Putnam

90.10.1. Has recently returned from a bicycle trip in Europe and has seen how trails benefit local businesses.

90.11. Shawn Tobin

90.12. Steve Yandl

100. Adjournment

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