



# PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Willis Tucker Park

6705 Puget Park Drive Snohomish Washington

Tuesday November 13, 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)	Phone
David Divoky (At Large)	
John Ewald (At Large) (Vice Chair)	X
Brett Kinney (At Large)	X
Julie Langabeer (Dist. 2) (Notes)	X

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

20.2. Staff (Parks and other County Departments or agencies) – Russ Bosanko, Tammy Dunn (ex officio), Shannon Hays, Emily Druschba, Thomas Hartzell (brief attendance to answer questions).

20.3. Guests – Will Ibeshof (city administrator for Sultan, WA)

20.3.1. Mr. Ibeshof introduced himself and shared that he had an interest in collaborative efforts between Sultan and the County on parks and recreation, particularly opportunities to enhance various trails.

30. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – The minutes of the October 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

40. Public Hearings/Meetings

40.1. Russ Bosanko announced that the ‘Trails Coalition’ would be meeting at Willis Tucker Park admin building on the upcoming Thursday from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence

60. General Business

60.1. Reminder, no regular meeting in December. Next meeting will be January 8, 2019.

60.2. Parks, Recreation and Tourism – Several County Park Staff attended the Washington State Trails Coalition Conference held in Wenatchee as County Parks will be submitting a bid to host the event in Snohomish County in 2020. Shannon Hays (Communications Specialist) and Emily Druschba (Special Event Scheduler) provided a brief overview of the 2018 conference and some of the ideas we have in possibly hosting the event in 2020.

60.2.1. Parks asked that Snohomish County be considered as hosting site for a future conference and submitted an RFP for the 2020 conference.

60.2.2. This would be an opportunity to showcase the trails system and possibly the fairgrounds to the anticipated 200 to 225 attendees plus assorted vendors.

60.2.3. Positive feedback received on the possibilities. At this point research is being done to prepare a proposal with multiple options that would be mutually beneficial for Parks, County Tourism and the Trails Coalition.

60.3. Discussion and review of proposed changes to the 2019 park fees – Event Specialist, Emily Druschba distributed the revised fee schedule and responded to questions.

60.3.1. Responding to an inquiry, Emily stated that they looked at pricing for parks and amenities for the state as well as other counties such as Skagit in determining price levels. The features and amenities available at Parks are often unique so simple price comparisons are not always feasible.

60.3.2. In response to another question, Emily said we do honor state discounts for entitled disabled persons.

60.3.3. Using our current pricing, we don't fully recover costs in all circumstances, for example, it is typical that youth sports are charged less than adults even though they require just as much if not more maintenance than the similar adult sports.

60.3.4. Comments were shared regarding comments from the public on the disparity in cost where an annual fee for Kayak Point is higher than the state's annual park pass.

60.3.5. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to endorse the 2019 fee schedule as presented and urged the staff to present the schedule to the County Council.

#### 60.4. Boards and Commissions Training.

60.4.1. Catherine Collins committed to attend the training scheduled for Wednesday, December 12 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, County Campus Public Meeting Rooms (address is 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201).

60.5. RFP – Kayak Point Golf Course Property – Closed November 1, 2018. Park Board members Darrell Olson, Brett Kinney and Tammy Dunn (ex-officio) indicated they want to serve on the RFP Evaluation Committee along with Russ Bosanko and Sharon Swan.

60.5.1. The evaluation committee will meet Thursday after this meeting at Willis Tucker Park.

60.5.2. There are three proposals to be evaluated.

60.5.3. Darrell Olson inquired as to why the admissions tax collected at operations such as Kayak Point was directed to Evergreen State Fairgrounds rather than support for the golf course (support for the party that collects the tax). Russ provided background on the Council measure.

#### 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 early spring. 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. At this point, April or May is a more likely completion date.

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. Pictures were provided.

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

70.1.4.1. Discussed media coverage or lack thereof.

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. Meeting, Thursday, 5:30pm, Willis Tucker.

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.

70.1.7. 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. The costs for this type work are steadily increasing.

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. Russ shared challenges faced by planner, Thomas Hartzell, in moving this product forward. For example, there is an understandable reluctance for a government agency to jump into a sole source project, yet for something as unusual as “barn raising” there are very few groups with the skill set to compete for the work.

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

70.1.11.1. Thomas Hartzell shared that he had completed a pre-bid walkthrough earlier in the day with 8 potential bidders.

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 – 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. Shannon Hays is researching a conservation base video.

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

90. Messages from the Board. Around the Table

90.1. John Briney

90.1.1. John suggested that someone make a train video along the small local line out of Snohomish as part of the historic video project.

90.1.2. Recently visited Meadowdale Park. The actual visit was great, but parking remains too limited.

90.2. Catherine Collins

90.2.1. Along with Russ Bosanko, Catherine briefly discussed the creation of ‘Snohomish Parks Foundation’ as a 501(c)(3) and the hiring of Debbie Carlson-Gould.

90.3. David Divoky

90.4. Tammy Dunn

90.4.1. Tammy attended an ‘MFG Cyclocross’ event at Kayak Point. The group was very pleased with the site and interested in future use. As a guest, they were very creative in how they ran an exciting, challenging event while protecting the features of the golf course. The group will be hosting the Nationals later in Tacoma but could consider Kayak in the future as it has a lot going for it.

90.5. John Ewald

90.5.1. John spoke briefly on happenings at Lake Roesiger and progress made by Thomas Hartzell.

90.5.2. Spoke briefly on the economic impact of the Evergreen Speedway and how the breadth of such impact would likely surprise people.

90.6. Brett Kinney

90.6.1. Talked about Amy Lucas having sent a request for a Nova Grant for Lord Hill Park.

90.6.2. Spoke about the horse’s count final tabulation. He commented on the Back Country Horsemen and a recent Halloween ride at Pilchuck Tree Farm that drew around 200 rigs and 300 riders.

90.7. Julie Langabeer

90.8. Bob McCarty

90.8.1. Spoke about trail planning with emphasis in Skykomish Waterway area.

90.8.2. Working on two water trail systems.

90.8.3. Has an interest in getting Tom Ekstein out to speak to their development group.

90.8.4. Wants to get Kevin Teague out to look at a parcel with river access.

90.9. Darrell Olson

90.9.1. Darrell had visited the manager of the now closed Kayak Point Golf Course, Steve, prior to final closing to thank him for his heroic efforts to keep the operation going despite significant economic challenges.

90.10. Robert Putnam

90.11. Shawn Tobin

90.12. Steve Yandl

100. Adjournment

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