



PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Willis Tucker Park

6705 Puget Park Drive Snohomish Washington

Tuesday April 9, 2019 3:00pm – 5:00pm

10. Call to Order

20. Roll Call

20.1. Voting Board Members –

David Divoky (At Large) (Notes)	x	Shawn Tobin (At Large)	x
John Ewald (At Large) (Chair)		Steve Yandl (Dist. 4) (Notes)	x
Brett Kinney (At Large)	x	Vacant (Dist. 2)	
Bob McCarty (Dist. 5) (Vice Chair)	x	Vacant (Dist. 3)	
Darrell Olson (At Large)	x	Vacant (At Large)	
Robert Putnam (Dist. 1)	x		

20.2. Staff (Parks and other County Departments or agencies) – Tom Teigen, Russ Bosanko.

20.3. Guests –

20.4. Bob McCarty chaired the meeting.

30. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – The minutes of the March 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

40. Public Hearings/Meetings

50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence

60. General Business

60.1. Spring Field Trip - Scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2pm to 5:30pm. We will be visiting Wenberg County Park, Kayak Point Golf Course and if time allows, Kayak Point County Park. At this point in time, the official ribbon cutting at Wenberg looks like it may be Tuesday, May 2, not May 14 so it will not correspond with our spring field trip.

60.2. RFP – Kayak Point Golf Course Property – The Parks Director wasn't convinced that either proposal was financially sustainable, so Russ is working with County Purchasing Department to send out a Public – Private RFP soliciting proposals for Kayak Golf Course property operations, along with other opportunities at various county park properties that hopefully goes out in February 2019. The RFP was released on March 5, 2019 and closes April 5, 2019. Rob Putnam from the Board offered to serve on the RFP Evaluation Committee.

60.3. David Divoky volunteered to be the second note taker along with Steve Yandl.

60.4. Annual Public Private Partnership RFP closed December 27, 2018. Five (5) proposals were received.

60.4.1. Met with Cycle Cybernetics onsite at Machias Station on the Centennial Trail and sent out a draft Concessionaire License agreement for his review and comments.

60.4.2. Discussed with Vince of Kona Kai Ice Cream his proposal and sent him draft concessionaire license agreement for his review and comment.

60.4.3. . Discussed with Teresa (Smart Dogs) her dog walking proposal and sent Teresa a draft concessionaire license agreement that she has signed as well as the Parks Director.

60.4.4. Discussed with Josh his proposal to use Whitehorse Community Park in Darrington for a music festival but there are questions about motor vehicle parking, county noise ordinance, etc., that we will need to answer before we possibly move forward with his proposal.

60.4.4.1. Since they charge a high entrance fee, they want to control access to the site, but this is problematic since Whitehorse trail runs through the site and public passage along the trail needs to be unobstructed.

60.4.4.2. Music during the festival can continue until past midnight, but county noise ordinance requires quiet after 10pm.

60.4.4.3. Darrington has run water to the site; annexation by Darrington might resolve some of the issues and be a benefit to Darrington.

60.5. 2015-2016 RFP Update

60.5.1. North Cascades Crew – Permanent row boat storage structure – Wyatt County Park – Lake Stevens – Both parties agreed to a 10-year lease. Looking at a possible ribbon cutting/grand opening ceremony in April or May 2019. Discussions between City of Lake Stevens and Snohomish County about a possible Interlocal agreement authorizing the city to manage and operate Wyatt County Park, along with Sunset County Park.

60.6. Discussions have started around a possible parks bond/levy in 2019 or 2020 supported by East County Parks and Recreation District, City of Monroe, and Snohomish County for those voters and park(s) residing within the Monroe School District.

70. Reports from the Staff/Status Reports

70.1. Planning/Engineering/Design/Construction Projects

70.1.1. Wenberg Boat launch and waterfront project has been completed. There are a few punch list items that the contractor is wrapping up, but the park is open to the public. Hope to schedule ribbon cutting ceremony sometime in Spring 2019. Ribbon cutting may be May 2; Russ will email us to alert when the ceremony is.

70.1.2. Whitehorse Trail - \$4.5 million-dollar bid went out from county purchasing the week of February 11 to gravel and pack the gravel along the trail from Cicero Ponds to Swede Haven, providing the public 20 of the 28 miles of trail open in late 2019. Contract was awarded but not fully executed now.

70.1.3. 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.

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

70.1.5. Park and Trail paving and repair for 2019 projects will be sent out with work hopefully starting Spring 2019. Centennial Trail paving complete for 2019. Russ handed out pictures.

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

70.1.7. Esperance County Park – Skateboard Park will be out to bid by the end of February with construction happening spring and summer 2019.

70.1.8. Cavelero County Park – Skateboard park out to bid Fall 2019.

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

70.1.10. “Barn Quilt” project – Russ explained the barn quilt concept and distributed pictures and information sheets. The project is part of Heritage Grant with locations identified along the Stillaguamish River Valley at Nakashima (Centennial Trail North), Trafton (Whitehorse Trail), and River Meadows County Park.

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).

80.1. Tom spoke regarding the Kayak Point golf course property and the considerations being made in deciding the best future use for the land. *Note: See Section 60.2.*

80.1.1. The percentage of golfers owning properties adjacent to the land is low (between 10% and 20%), but most neighbors would like to see it remain a golf course or some other option that maintained tranquility. They don’t want a housing development, nor do they want camping. They want the county to maintain enough control to prevent camping by the homeless.

80.1.2. The property is 272 acres. As a golf course it serves fewer people than past years when golf was a more prevalent sport. Parks isn’t opposed to golf but as stewards of public land consideration will be given to the best possible use to provide recreation to the most citizens.

80.1.3. Tom has been reaching out to adjacent HOAs to gauge if homeowners have the will to participate financially in maintaining the property as a golf course or supporting some other use.

80.1.4. The evaluation criteria fall into three primary considerations.

80.1.4.1. Environmental

80.1.4.2. Fiscal

80.1.4.3. Societal

90. Messages from the Board. Around the Table

90.1. David Divoky

90.1.1. David asked about the honey bucket at the dog park area within Willis Tucker and if there were any plans regarding comfort issues for visiting dog owners.

90.2. Tammy Dunn

90.3. John Ewald

90.4. Brett Kinney

90.4.1. Brett asked if there was yet any feedback regarding a study group meeting for Lord Hill Park that had been scheduled for the previous Friday. Russ indicated he hadn’t heard anything but would check with Amy Lucas.

90.5. Bob McCarty

90.5.1. Bob had attended the most recent Council meeting in Startup. He continues to look for support in acquiring small parcels of land along the river to provide more complete access over entire trail system. He has spotted a small parcel that would be a help that is appraised at only around \$500 but the owner would probably seek more to agree to sell.

90.6. Darrell Olson

90.7. Robert Putnam

90.7.1. Robert shared info on a ‘Bike Overnight’ weened organized bike ride he would be participating in on June 1 and 2. Ride starts at Hyak Park and concludes in Cle Elum.

90.8. Shawn Tobin

90.8.1. Shawn inquired if there were plans to extend trail at Heybrook Ridge.

90.9. Steve Yandl

90.9.1. Steve asked about an apparent rebuild being done on the pumps for the baseball field irrigation system at Willis Tucker Park. Russ knew it was being worked on but didn't have details.

100. Adjournment

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