



# PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Willis Tucker Park

6705 Puget Park Drive Snohomish Washington

Tuesday January 8, 2019 3:00pm – 5:00pm

10. Call to Order

20. Roll Call

20.1. Voting Board Members –

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

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

20.3. Guests – Heidi Beazizo, County Council Legislative Analyst for Operations

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

40. Public Hearings/Meetings – None.

50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence

60. General Business

60.1 Elect new 2019 Chair and Vice- Chair

60.1.1. John Ewald was elected Chair.

60.1.2. Bob McCarty was elected Vice-Chair.

60.2 Hand out current Park Board terms and contact info

60.2.1 John Briney, whose third term is expiring, will be leaving the Board.

60.2.2. Julie Langabeer, whose term is also expiring, announced that she plans to leave the Board.

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. This session was canceled.

60.3.1.2. Catherine Collins had planned to attend that one, but will have to attend whenever they are next scheduled.

60.4 RFP – Kayak Point Golf Course Property – Oral presentations from 12pm- 2pm, Tuesday, January 8 to the RFP Evaluation Committee.

60.4.1. The two most promising proposals were for disc golf and for equestrian activities. More work will have to be done to determine if these could coexist at Kayak Point.

60.1. Annual Public Private Partnership RFP closed December 27, 2018.

60.1.1. There was a proposal for a partnership with the Youth Athletic Association for a partnership at Whitehorse Park in Darrington.

60.1.2. There was discussion of holding the Darrington Music Festival at Whitehorse Community Park.

60.1.3. A couple members are needed to serve on the Evaluation Committee.

60.1.3.1. Bob McCarty and Tammy Dunn (ex-officio) volunteered.

60.2. 2015-2016 RFP Update

60.2.1. 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.

70. Reports from the Staff/Status Reports

70.1. Planning/Engineering/Design/Construction Projects

70.1.1. Wenberg Boat launch and waterfront project near completion as well. Hope to schedule ribbon cutting ceremony sometime in Spring 2019.

70.1.1.1. Russ Bosanko reported that the contractor did a great job.

70.1.2. There was a nice front page article in the Herald about Wenberg reopening.

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

70.1.2.1. The areas between the two Highway 530 crossings are being paved.

70.1.2.2. Brett Kinney commented that equestrians don't like paved trails.

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.

70.1.3.1. Bob McCarty said he has talked with Tom Eksten regarding trail plans in Sultan.

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

70.1.4.1. The fencing is needed to keep vehicles off the fields.

70.1.5. Park and Trail paving and repair for 2019 projects will be sent out with work hopefully starting Spring 2019.

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

70.1.6.1. It is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend.

70.1.6.2. John Ewald reported that the community is 100% behind this project.

70.1.6.3. The Fairgrounds will be used for staging and for preliminary work.

70.1.6.4. A “kids build” project will be included. There will be materials and supervision for kids to help build picnic tables for the shelter.

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

70.1.7. There have been some delays.

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

70.1.8.1. The skateboard company is doing the engineering.

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

70.1.10. Flowing Lake – New playground starts October 2, 2018 with completion November 2018. See pictures and video!

70.1.10.1. The Google Backpack has been used here. It is carried in a backpack while a person walks the trails, and it produces a map of the trails.

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.

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

80.1.1. Tom discussed issues regarding the County Budget.

80.1.1.1. Concern that the 0% tax increase is unsustainable with courts, law enforcement, jail, etc., now accounting for 82% of the county's general fund dollars.

80.1.1.2. This year and in 2020 Parks has had a \$1 million reduction in its capital budget in order to help Surface Water Management while they develop a new rate structure.

80.1.1.3. Because Parks brings in a lot of revenue, its net cost to the County's general fund is just \$3 million.

90. Messages from the Board. Around the Table

90.1. John Briney

90.2. Catherine Collins

90.2.1. Catherine is working with a group on the creation of a Snohomish County Parks Foundation with the goal to insure that parks continue to be funded.

90.3. David Divoky

90.4. Tammy Dunn

90.4.1. Tammy reported that there are 16 different boards tied with tourism and that \$2.1 to \$2.2 billion comes to the County from tourism.

90.4.2. The TPA Board wants to assess another \$1 per hotel room to raise \$1.2 to \$1.4 million for capital projects.

90.4.3. A bench on the Centennial Trail is to honor Dan O'Donnell.

90.5. John Ewald

90.5.1. John said Tom Hartzell is doing a great job.

90.5.2. He asked what we can do to advance the Sky Valley Shooting Range; there is a great deal of local interest in this project.

90.5.2.1. Tom Teigen said a wetland reconnaissance is planned on the Shooting Range site.

90.6. Brett Kinney

90.6.1. Brett was concerned about the Lord Hill planning meeting scheduled for Friday Jan. 11 because Amy Lucas probably won't be available to conduct the meeting. The meeting might have to be canceled, but no decision was made at that point. ( Russ' note) The meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for a later date and time.

90.7. Julie Langabeer

90.7.1. Julie was checking out the parks in Cuba while on a birding trip in December.

90.8. Bob McCarty

90.8.1. Bob reported that bids are going out for the Sultan River Bridge.

90.8.2. There is a plan for an eventual Centennial Trail connection near or adjacent to the City of Sultan.

90.8.3. Steelhead is now a County park, and will be for seasonal use because it is in the floodway. The County began buying up lots there 28 years ago, and there are now only three left which don't belong to the County.

90.8.3.1. Homeless people camping at the park have been a problem.

90.8.3.2. Invasive plants are another challenge, particularly knotweed. Forterra will work on them, but they will need money.

90.8.4. Bob said the search for lot(s) suitable for a kayak takeout continues.

90.9. Darrell Olson

90.10. Robert Putnam

90.10.1. Commended the maintenance in the parks.

90.11. Shawn Tobin

90.12. Steve Yandl

90.12.1. Steve shared that he had checked out the County Website, which has been changed, and was a little hard to navigate. The Parks part, however was good.

100. Adjournment

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