



# PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Willis Tucker Park

6705 Puget Park Drive Snohomish Washington

Tuesday July 09, 2019 3:00pm – 5:00pm

## 10. Call to Order

10.1. Steve Yandl called the meeting to order since John Ewald was delayed in traffic but passed the gavel to John when he arrived 10 minutes into the meeting.

## 20. Roll Call

### 20.1. Voting Board Members –

John Dewhirst (pending) (Dist. 3)  
 David Divoky (At Large) (Notes)  
 John Ewald (At Large) (Chair)  
 Mike Farrell (At Large)  
 Brett Kinney (At Large)  
 Bob McCarty (Dist. 5) (Vice Chair)

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Darrell Olson (At Large)  
 Robert Putnam (Dist. 1)  
 Shawn Tobin (At Large)  
 Steve Yandl (Dist. 4) (Notes)  
 Vacant (Dist. 2)

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

20.3. Guests – Brian Nelson

## 30. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

30.1. Minutes of the June 2019 meeting were approved.

## 40. Public Hearings/Meetings

## 50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence

50.1. Brian Nelson is a resident of the Gold Bar area and a serious trail runner with an interest in development of land around Wallace Falls.

50.1.1. Emily Druschba responded to Brian’s inquiry on how to access minutes of this advisory board online.

50.1.2. Brian suggested that the property he has an interest in is commonly known as the ‘Lawson property’ presently but should have some official name. The response was that official naming should be put off until it was determined which actual entity acquired title (state parks, DNR ???) and then determine a name based on that entity’s protocols.

50.2. Briefly discussed a June 17 email exchange between Luke Britton and Tom Teigen that Tom had previously shared with board members. Luke and other concerned neighbors of Southwest County Park had attended a board meeting and been given assurances that measurers would be taken to mitigate unauthorized trail creation and excessive mountain bike use that was detrimental to the character and original plans for Southwest County Park. Luke expressed disappointment with what he perceives as inadequate enforcement of those measures.

## 60. General Business

60.1. Parks, Recreation & Tourism Information Booth – Evergreen State Fair – Three-hour shifts filled by Parks Advisory Board members, Parks Planning and Admin Staff and Park Rangers. Friday, August 30; Saturday, August 31; Sunday, September 1, 10am to 7pm; Monday, September 2(Labor Day), 10am to 4pm. Updated sign-up sheet passed around.

60.2. Boards and Commission Training – Russ Bosanko indicated that he had not received word on any scheduled training sessions but believed they are working to make available an online training that will be more convenient for most board and commission members. Info to be made available when Russ gets it.

60.3. No meeting in August, just manning the Parks and Recreation booth at the Evergreen State Fair. Next meeting will be September 10.

## 70. Reports from the Staff/Status Reports

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

#### 70.1.1. Kayak Point Golf Course Property Update.

70.1.1.1. Russ Bosanko indicated that the Parks Advisory Board as well as the general public could access the latest information from links on the county web site ( Kayak Point Golf Course), including the recent Everett Herald article on the decision to look at opportunities for other recreational use other than a public golf course and the Kemper Sports site visit report on the property.

70.1.1.2. Tom Teigen provided more updated info in his 'Park Director's time'

70.1.1.3. The closing for the latest RFP is July 23. Shawn Tobin, Brett Kinney and Mike Farrell indicated that they wished to participate in the RFP evaluation process.

#### 70.1.2. Wyatt and Sunset County Park Update

70.1.2.1. Russ continues to work with Lake Stevens.

#### 70.1.3. Whitehorse Trail – update and pictures provided.

70.1.3.1. Maps were shared and progress report on the different portions of trail. The challenges of contending with the most recent slide and the anticipated potential for future slides make this a particularly challenging project.

#### 70.1.4. Whitehorse Community Park – basic design shared.

70.1.4.1. Russ has 7pm meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> with town of Darrington to discuss trail connections, current plans for Whitehorse Community Park, etc.

#### 70.1.5. Possible County-wide Trail Bond looking at 2022 as a possible date

70.1.5.1. Observing and taking lessons from the East County Park District bond measure.

70.1.5.2. Russ explained the need to have some agency, blue ribbon task force, oversight committee, etc., outside the County as an intermediary to champion the bond measure once the commitment is made to place the bond on a ballot. For example, the Centennial Trail Coalition of Snohomish County could be involved.

#### 70.1.6. Martha Lake Airport Fencing Project –

#### 70.1.7. Esperance County Park Construction – pictures provided

70.1.7.1. Lots of earth moving activities. Area is fenced off during construction.

#### 70.1.8. Cavalero Park

70.1.8.1. Portions closed during construction activities. Trying to keep off leash dog area open.

### 70.2. Events – Emily Druschba

#### 70.2.1. Movie and New Music Series info shared – Emily Druschba

70.2.1.1. Informational post cards were mailed to nearby communities.

70.2.1.2. Weather didn't help attendance at the initial concert event, but the lineup for Tuesdays looks good and should be a great series, particularly for residents close enough to walk to the concerts.

#### 70.2.2. National Night Out – upcoming at Willis Tucker Park.

70.2.3. Summer camps and swim lessons fully booked. Emily reminded the board that there was help available by contacting her should any children with financial need want to participate in camp or swim lessons.

70.2.4. Concert series for Evergreen State Fair lined up. Distributed informational post cards.

70.2.5. Campworthy – REI co-op journal with episodes presented on YouTube.

70.2.5.1. REI initiated contact for filming some Campworthy videos at flowing lake.

70.2.5.2. Emily shared portions of several Campworthy videos.

70.2.6. More music events are being scheduled after completion of the Movies/Music series scheduled for summer at Willis Tucker Park.

70.2.7. Longboarding event on Centennial Trail.

70.2.8. RC boat races at Twin Lakes – Emily shared some video.

70.2.9. Overall, there are already more than 100 events scheduled.

70.2.10. Festival of the River – 30<sup>th</sup> year held at River Meadows County Park, 5,000+ attend each day.

70.2.10.1. Russ Bosanko handles the paperwork for this event.

70.2.10.2. Snohomish Tribe of Indians Powwow, music performances, arts and craft booths, food vendors, etc., event to be held at River Meadows Park, August 10 and 11.

70.2.10.3. Concert to be free this year (last year that performances will be held at the park). Food expected to be at bargain prices. Promises to be a great event. Pictures of past events shared.

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

80.1. Construction work is underway at Esperance and Cavalero parks.

80.2. Property owner has an interest in donating his approximately 3.5 acres located between Mill Creek and Bothell to County Parks. The owner does have some preferences and stipulations on how the park is developed. The conditions seem reasonable for the acquisition of a desirable parcel.

80.3. There are some upcoming changes for Tourism Bureau that include personnel changes, alterations in funding and changes in media usage.

80.4. Evolution of the decision to discontinue golf at Kayak Point golf course and find some other recreational use for the land.

80.4.1. Tom shared some of the inquiries received from neighbors who are understandably wanting to retain the tranquility they've grown accustomed to as well as preserve property values.

80.4.1.1. Info requested via more formal public records requests will be made available on the Kayak Point Golf Course county website. New website also will have updated info on progress and currently has links to recent Everett Herald story as well as the Kemper on-site visit report.

80.4.1.2. Some have questioned why the land couldn't be turned over to the Tribes to be run as a golf course. Conditions on the deed and other factors make that option problematic.

80.4.2. Third RFP going out. It's anticipated there will be some proposals from entities who opted to not participate in the first two RFPs now that the decision has been made to not have an 18 hole public golf course as an option.

80.4.3. Tom shared some of the insights provided by Kemper Sports after their visit to the property.

80.5. Mike Farrell shared information on the East County Parks District bond measure and asked Tom who he should use as a contact while Tom is anticipated to be out of the area. The initial response was to contact Russ Bosanko.

90. Messages from the Board. Around the Table

90.1. John Dewhirst

90.2. David Divoky

90.3. Tammy Dunn

90.4. John Ewald

90.5. Mike Farrell

90.6. Brett Kinney

90.6.1. Brett suggested that we have more visual display material for our booth at the fair this year.

90.6.2. He also suggested better anchors for displays that could blow over with strong wind gusts as that had been problematic last year while he was working the booth.

90.7. Bob McCarty

90.8. Darrell Olson

90.8.1. Darrel had recently gone on a bike ride with his wife in the vicinity of Lake Cassidy. The ride was excellent and scenery great, but they observed obvious problems on asphalt trail caused by roots. Russ explained the challenges of paved trails in areas with trees, particularly when there are cottonwood trees or other trees with shallow quick growing root systems. County Parks has had contractor fix and repair a majority of those areas of concern and will add those around Lake Cassidy and other areas in next year's scheduled repairs as well.

90.9. Robert Putnam

90.9.1. Had recently gone on a bike excursion (tandem bicycle) with a granddaughter.

90.10. Shawn Tobin

90.11. Steve Yandl

100. Adjournment

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