



PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Willis Tucker Park

6705 Puget Park Drive Snohomish Washington

Tuesday June 11, 2019 3:00pm – 5:00pm

10. Call to Order

20. Roll Call

20.1. Voting Board Members –

David Divoky (At Large) (Notes)

John Ewald (At Large) (Chair)

Mike Farrell (At Large)

Brett Kinney (At Large)

Bob McCarty (Dist. 5) (Vice Chair)

Darrell Olson (At Large)

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Robert Putnam (Dist. 1)

Shawn Tobin (At Large)

Steve Yandl (Dist. 4) (Notes)

Vacant (Dist. 2)

Vacant (Dist. 3)

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20.2. Staff (Parks and other County Departments or agencies) – Russ Bosanko, Tom Teigen, Thomas Hartzell (presenting reports), Sharon Swan (presenting reports).

20.2.1. Committee members and staff provided background summaries as an introduction to new member, Mike Farrell, who was attending his second meeting.

20.3. Guests –

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

40. Public Hearings/Meetings

50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence

60. General Business

60.1. Spring Field Trip – Comments were shared on the May meeting, field trip to Wenberg County Park, Kayak Point Golf Course and Kayak Point County Park.

60.1.1. Russ Bosanko shared information on possible decisions regarding the future of Kayak Point Golf Course as a public golf course and indicated he would probably be engaged in perhaps sending out a 3rd RFP soliciting new vendor proposals for partnerships that would provide the greatest recreation benefits for citizens at a county park.

60.1.2. Russ commented that Wenberg County Park with its recent improvements was experiencing maximum visitor capacity and appears to be providing excellent experience for visitors.

60.2. Parks, Recreation & Tourism Information Booth – Evergreen State Fair - The signup sheet was distributed for those who knew their schedule to commit to a time block. The time blocks are 3 hours, Friday, August 30 through Monday, September 2 (Labor Day) spanning from 10am to 4pm. The booth is staffed by board members, planning and admin staff and park rangers.

60.3. Boards and Commission Training – Required training session on the open meeting laws, management of County emails and additional H/R information. The next scheduled training is likely in July, but they are looking at implementing an online training session rather than having people attend at the County Campus public meeting rooms (3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA).

70. Reports from the Staff/Status Reports

70.1. Planning/Engineering/Design/Construction Projects

70.1.1. Thomas Hartzell played a video of the Lake Roesiger Timber Framers Guild Project.

70.1.1.1. Video was an impressive time lapse of the structure being erected, largely shot by drone handled by Rich Patton (also did video editing). The Timber Framers Guild consists of volunteer craftsmen and women from around the country and the world.

70.1.1.2. Thomas shared that the video showed the precision fit of all components but didn't include the extensive hand crafting of the timber at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds the week prior to the raising.

70.1.1.3. Timber for the project was milled 'in house' using trees that largely came from Squire Creek campground that had been previously felled for thinning that was necessary for safety and forest health. Wood used was primarily Douglas fir.

70.1.1.4. The project was a success and staff are working to do similar partnership projects with the Guild in the future (one option being the new Whitehorse Trail picnic shelter). Thomas fielded questions from the board on how he was able to work through permitting so quickly when the structure was along a shoreline. In part, he used a previously approved project as a template but also had the benefit of putting the building up where there had been parking spots (so the building didn't create new impermeable surface near the shore).

70.1.1.5. One challenge that was bigger than anticipated was feeding the participants. A variety of quality meals were provided but there were significant logistical challenges in making that happen.

70.1.2. Thomas provided a very brief update on Esperence Park. Contractor set to move in a start right away.

70.1.3. Sharon Swan updated on several items, including the long-range comprehensive plan.

70.1.3.1. Sharon provided a brief self-introduction to members she had not previously met.

70.1.3.2. Spoke about long range planning and budget.

70.1.3.2.1. Budget cycle is 8 years with next cycle starting in 2023.

70.1.3.2.2. The RCO cycle is now a 6-year cycle so it isn't quite in sync. This is due in 2011.

70.1.3.3. Staff also must put additional work in on a more comprehensive 'non-motorized transportation plan'.

70.1.3.4. Sharon provided some history on the budget process again reminding us that there was a shift from having REET funds spent strictly on new parks to a focus on adding amenities to best provide increased recreation opportunities for a growing population.

70.1.3.5. The committee will be provided more of the long-range comprehensive plan for consideration, most likely in early fall.

70.1.4. Russ Bosanko provided additional update info on Kayak Point Golf Course Property.

70.1.4.1. The economic feasibility of a public golf course was discussed.

70.1.4.2. Status updates available on Parks portion of the county web page.

70.1.4.3. High end restaurant at the former clubhouse is challenging when the site is so close to top end restaurant competition at Tulalip Casino and Hotel, and Seattle Premium Mall restaurants as well.

70.1.4.4. Options being considered include frisbee golf, restoration of the putt-putt golf course, perhaps a camping option and others.

70.1.5. Wyatt and Sunset County Park update.

70.1.5.1. Talking with Lake Stevens on the option of turning the parks over to the city. A simple deed transfer means giving up use fees, but parks remain available for use by the public and quicker police and fire response would ensue because of the proximity to the city's emergency services (recent history suggests quick police response would help keep the park much safer for users).

70.1.6. Whitehorse Trail – Hopefully will have 20 of the 28 miles of trail open by end of December or weather permitting early 2020.

70.1.7. Whitehorse Community Park – Camping improvements.

70.1.8. Possible County wide trail bond – Hoping for a date of 2022. Tom Teigen elaborated during director's time.

70.1.9. Martha Lake Airport Fencing Project – Pictures provided.

70.1.10. Esperance County Park Groundbreaking Ceremony – Pictures provided.

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. REET money is decreasing in large part because some is being channeled to surface water management (which indirectly has positive impact on park properties). Some REET dollars are going to city park projects, homeless housing, fighting the opioid crisis, etc. Other tax issues and how that impacts parks also discussed.

80.2. A grant from US Dept. of Transportation in support of improvements to the Meadowdale Culvert will mitigate cost but this and several other large required expenses will strain the budget.

80.3. Shooting park consideration still in play.

80.4. Press memo on Kayak Point Golf property to be released soon.

90. Messages from the Board. Around the Table

90.1. David Divoky

90.2. Tammy Dunn

90.3. John Ewald

90.3.1. John reiterated that there is lots of public support for a shooting park and certainly a boost to safety if some of the unlawful and/or reckless shooting now going on because there is no appropriate venue for many shooting activities nearby.

90.4. Mike Farrell

90.4.1. Shared some information on the East County Park District capital bond upcoming.

90.4.2. Shared about improvements at Lake Tye Park. Synthetic surfaces and lighting added which should increase utilization.

90.5. Brett Kinney

90.6. Bob McCarty

90.6.1. Bob shared that President Trump had recently signed legislation that could provide availability of some new federal funding in support of target shooting parks.

90.7. Darrell Olson

90.8. Robert Putnam

90.9. Shawn Tobin

90.10. Steve Yandl

100. Adjournment

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