PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Zoom Meeting
Tuesday September 14, 2021
3:00pm – 4:30pm

*Meeting recorded for the purpose of developing minutes. After approval of the minutes, the recording will be deleted.

1. Call to Order.
   A. Chairman, Bob McCarty, called the meeting to order at 3:08pm.

2. Roll Call
   A. Voting Board Members –

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B. Staff (Parks and other County Departments or agencies) – Sharon Swan (meeting host), Tom Teigen, Rose Intveld, Thomas Hartzell, James Yap, David McConnell, Nicole Gorle, Dan Olson.

C. Guests – Tiffanny Baker.


4. Public Hearings/Meetings
   A. Lord Hill public meeting targeted for November.
      (1) Stakeholder meeting in October followed by a public meeting in November.

5. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence
   A. Tiffanny Baker shared concerns about an apparent lack of maintenance at the Oso Memorial. She asked if there was a maintenance plan and if there was something the community could do to address some of the maintenance issues.
      (1) Sharon will follow up with maintenance supervisor to see if the plan for routine mowing was implemented.
      (2) The volunteer coordinator (Tony) went out with a seasonal crew and did some landscape work after Tiffanny had contacted Sharon.
      (3) Two-hour volunteer event planned for Saturday, September 25 from 10am to noon to do more landscape maintenance.
      (4) John Tam shared a personal story to emphasize the importance of such memorials. He lost his daughter in the ice caves and spent considerable resources in a failed attempt to get a memorial placed. His point was that the placement and maintenance of memorials are of extremely high value, particularly to those impacted by the loss.
(5) In response to Tiffanny’s inquiry Sharon indicated they were planning a two-year maintenance contract for once the memorial is completed.

(6) Jacob Vail shared that he had a battery powered trimmer that could work on blackberry canes that he would be willing to share for the volunteer event. Sharon will check on the need with Tony.

B. Email from Judy Heydrick sharing concerns about the plans for a shooting park in the Sultan vicinity.

(1) Judy suggested that we consider an operator with a core competence in running a shooting range. Thomas Hartzell is researching that.

(2) The email raised several other concerns regarding traffic, noise, ecological concerns (lead in bullets).

(3) Thomas Hartzell feels that several Judy’s concerns were being addressed and he will put something together to share that information with her.

(4) John Dewhirst speculated that a project of this magnitude would require and EIS.

(5) Shawn Tobin asked about the price tag of the project from the master plan. He also asked about profit margin and whether it would be sufficient to attract a private operator.

(6) Jacob Vail inquired if we had done public forums to make certain concerned neighbors were aware of the process. Thomas responded that there was an advertised forum.

(7) Bob McCarty suggested that significant funding might be available for range development from Pittman Roberson Funds.

6. General Business

A. Meetings in Person vs. remote.

(1) For the time being, we will continue to have Zoom meetings.

B. Fair booth follow-up.

(1) No feedback from participants.

(2) Darrel Olson commented that there was limited press emphasis on what went on at the fair.

(3) Tom Teigen shared that the fair went well (qualified success) but there were significant challenges. Challenges with staffing, vendor participation and supply chain issues. Because of an inability to staff a paid parking scenario, there was free parking, and it went surprisingly smoothly.

(a) Health District made multiple visits, good compliance with COVID restrictions and so far, no indication that the fair caused a super spreader event.

(b) With tough decisions made, lessons were learned that may benefit future fairs without pandemic issues.

C. Volunteer event for trail count announced by Sharon. Head count at Pilchuck trail head.

(1) Shifts on September 25 from 11am to 1pm and on September 28 from 7am to 9am and 4pm to 6pm.

(2) John Dewhirst volunteered for Sept 28. Sharon will let Emily Griffith know.

D. October Field Trip.

(1) Whitehorse Park, Whitehorse Trail, Oso Memorial.

(2) Bob McCarty, Shawn Tobin, Steve Yandl, John Dewhirst and John Tam want to take bus.

(3) Bus will leave Willis Tucker Park at 2pm.

7. Project Status Reports.

A. ADA input to Division

(1) Jacob Vail reported he has not yet been able to link up with John Ewald to do a survey.

B. Construction Projects
(1) Meadowdale
   (a) Some construction delays but project is moving forward.

C. Design Projects
(1) Kayak
   (a) Waiting for federal permits.

(2) Oso Slide Memorial
   (a) Still in permits, awaiting comments. Beginning to look at construction option.

(3) Carousel
   (a) Waiting on permits.

(4) Corcoron
   (a) Thomas Hartzell gave presentation. He shared a CAD diagram and walked us through the project.
   (b) Sharon Swan also shared an overhead photo for context.
   (c) John Dewhirst inquired if there was any anticipated push back from PDS about an absence of parking. James Yap contributed that it was probably not a major issue because there would be no buildings for offices or that sort of thing. Park is seen as a walk to type facility.
   (d) Some conversation on the trail potential along the back side of the property previously planned and still part of trail plans.

(5) Heybrook Ridge
   (a) Continuing along.

(6) Thomas’ Eddy
   (a) Working on with Surface Water Management partners. Look at habitat restoration and also incorporate recreation benefits.

(7) McCollum FFC
   (a) James Yap shared plans for Food Farming Partnership
   (b) The concept has been considered for many years by the agriculture community.
   (c) Different facilities for food preparation and other agriculture options. Investigating a farmer’s market where pool has been. Existing buildings being checked to see if they can be used, or new construction required.
   (d) Secured state funding to begin engineering aspect.
   (e) Because the site is a former landfill, there are numerous considerations.

D. Preferred Plan Projects
(1) Shooting Park
   (a) Discussion in response to letter from Judy Heydrick.

(2) Lord Hill
   (a) Community meeting planned for November.

E. Long Range Planning.

8. Park Director’s Time.
A. John Dewhirst inquired about movement toward long term lease for the disc golf group. There were some obstacles (RCO issue since the operations would be considered a conversion). It’s a frustrating obstacle but deal is moving forward.

9. Messages from the Board. Around the Table
   A. John Dewhirst
   B. David Divoky
   C. Tammy Dunn
   D. John Ewald
   E. Mike Farrell
   F. Bob McCarty
   G. Kirahy Meyers
      (1) Had some questions on start time etc. for our field trip since it will be his first one.
      (2) He shared that his family had visited Kayak point one evening and restrooms had been closed a half hour prior to park closing. Sharon responded that there were three restrooms and others might have been open but she will inquire with rangers.
   H. Darrell Olson
   I. Mary Rollins
      (1) Followed up on information she previously provided about an available parcel adjacent to Wallace Falls. Sharon indicated property management had checked it out and it wasn’t feasible.
      (2) Also followed up on swim class options in the area to fill the gap left by closure of McCollum Pool.
      (3) Mary also gave kudos to Sharon as our meeting host.
   J. John Tam
   K. Shawn Tobin
   L. Jacob Vail
   M. Steve Yandl
   N. Sharon introduced David McConnel. And let us know he would be handling some aspects of board meetings like agendas, emails schedules etc.

10. Adjournment

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