

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Willis Tucker Park

6705 Puget Park Drive, 6705 Puget Park Drive, Snohomish

Tuesday, February 10, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

10. Call to Order

20. Roll Call – Robert McCarty, Debbie Carson-Gould, Rob Putnam, Steve Yandl, Tammy Dunn, Russ Bosanko, Molly Deardorff, Debbie Copple, Valerie Stevens

30. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

November 18, meeting – adding Molly’s round table comments. Bob P. makes motion, Debbie C seconds and approved by all.

December meeting – no comments or additions requested. Valerie moved, Bob P seconded, approved.

40. Public Hearings/Meetings

None to note. Off leash dog area at Tambark, we put in 12 yards gravel and sand after a complaint from citizen about flooding.

50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence –

50.1 Correspondence and Citizen Interaction-

60. General Business

Farmer’s market pulling back due to original advocate/organizer moving to Iowa. May not happen this year as no one to spearhead the coordination. Rainy weather on Fridays last year may have also affected attendance.

60.1 Snohomish County Council Wellington Hills project public comment TBD. At the County Council Chambers, 3000 Rockefeller Ave, 8th Floor, east tower, if anyone from the Park Advisory Board wanted to attend. ---No date Set.

Planning commission was in support of the design after reviewing it with parks and Tom. Understood that community involvement with neighbors was higher than portrayed

60.2 Parks Annual RFP – Update: Farmer Frog – Paradise Valley Conservation Area, historical farmhouse has interesting structure. On board and understands some of the historical significance of the site and is going to meet with them and historical board, economic board, etc. May need ADA retrofits and open as demonstration garden and hoop houses. May be eligible for grants.

Beach VBC – Willis Tucker Park bring in up to 16 inches of top soil for soccer fields/overflow parking and put in picnic shelters and 4 sand volleyball courts. Will be NCAA regulation size. Project Out to bid March or April.

DC Enterprises – Kayak Point Pier proposal from disabled/retired vet wants to create a bait shop and some beverages with the possibility of some food items.

Moving forward with all three proposals.

60.5 Park Advisory Board county email addresses. Operations Supervisor Rich Patton (425-508-6614).

60.8 Open Government Training Video – Completed training –

Not completed? – Debbie Carlson-Gould

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=38k1XPpT9Po>

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70. Reports from the Staff/Status Reports

70.1 Planning/Engineering/Design/Construction Projects

- PRE (Park Recreation Element, GPP (General Policy Plan) and CFP (Capital Facility Plan), (with new LOS – Level of Service) through Planning Commission process. Staff will be developing ‘Planning Commission Recommended’ versions of these documents for transmission to Council. Can be viewed online at: <http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/19907>. Final version will hopefully be completed by June 2015. Process is still moving forward.
 - Oso Memorial – Parks will facilitate meetings and discussions with the families affected to determine a memorial. Parks Director Tom Teigen mentioned that there are still meetings going on with various families and a county committee identified to facilitate the process.
Going to buy 3 parcels – One 13 acre parcel may be used for possible memorial at the slide area.
 - Conservation Futures Update - Recommendations from the Conservation Board to the Snohomish County Council to purchase: Storm Lake – 166 acres, \$ 1.2 million, Meadowdale Beach – 1.3 acres, \$130,000, Oso – 3 parcels – 13 acres, Marysville – Tulalip Reservation – Crane property – provide public access to an adjacent Marysville park. Met about a week ago. Storm lake is 6 miles north of Monroe o south east of Flowing Lake. Meadowdale – apparently we don’t own north side of parking lot. Going to buy from developer so we will own it.
 - Sultan gun range in the air because DNR would like to use the land originally conveyed to the county for a shooting ranger park as part of a significant wetland. Discussions with DNR of a possible land swap to the east where the land is not wet and can possibly better accommodate more of the shooting range components. Depending on whether this parcel is trust land for perhaps supporting public schools there may be limitations or other constraints on the use of this property.
 - Cavalero – working with the city of Lake Stevens for developing the plan for the park. A variety of concepts offered at public meeting on December 9 with one plan favored over the others. City of Everett was also involved in the park design as their main water line serving the city runs through the park. Parking location was revised with Everett’s comments. City council of LS supported the plan and was drafting a letter to the county council recommending that they also approve the plan as proposed. There will be a larger dog leash area and with some commercial businesses next door with public private partnerships involved with a proposed covered bmx building, etc. Need to look at revenue streams or partnership opportunities to help manage and operate the park.
1. Centennial Trail small washout – North of Machias Road - Pictures handed out – lots and lots of rain. Working with Fish and Wildlife to determine if rerouting the stream is an option.
 2. Woody debris under Haller bridge just north of Arlington has woody debris that is accumulating and will need to be removed at some point in time. A private landowner had built a gravel access road to the Centennial Trail, north of Haller bridge, so he can access his landlocked property that he plans on harvesting timber. There has been discussions at the Centennial Trail Coalition meeting to discuss with the city of Arlington to possibly allow for some horse access/parking at Haller Park if they head north and leave city limits to access Centennial Trail and Whitehorse Trail.
 3. Twin Rivers restroom. Put in ADA parking and sidewalk to meet current code requirements. Next phase will include inside ADA restroom Improvements.

4. Whitehorse Trail Bridges – Bridge # 703 completed with decking and railing, Bridge # 702 completed with decking and railing. Possible trail opening in 2016-2017 depending on FEMA, state and other grant dollars that may become available. Some parts of the trail were underwater near Darrington due to large amount of rain in the area. Parks is looking into possible drainage issues.
5. Eagle Festival – Squire Creek, Fortson Mill and Parks Information Booth - first time parks was involved. Wet but successful. Might look at staffing booth next year with Park Advisory Board members and additional Park Rangers.
6. Snohomish-Woodinville trail acquisition under review/due diligence. Anticipate completing acquisition by October 2015. Questions about who owns some of the trail crossings.
7. Parks Planning Bi-Monthly Capital Project Status Report handed out.
8. Fairgrounds Spring Festival – Has been revised and will be run by Fairgrounds Foundation Committee. Will include carnival, horse events, etc., with arts and crafts bazaar..... so probably not a good fit for a Parks Department booth unless the group feel otherwise.....Parks Director Tom Teigen explained that the Fairgrounds Staff had identified the overall costs and impact of the Expo event and determined that it was not cost effective for them to run but the Fairgrounds Foundation stepped up and committed to running a slightly different event.
9. USDA Animal Services Trapped nine nutria at North Creek Park. Will come back and re-trap as needed.
10. Pack it in / out. Graphics prepared with facts about work effort and cost. Seems there is less litter in areas where the garbage cans have been taken away. Russ will sent out report to everyone. No injury reports last year – perhaps due to less garbage hauling.

70.2 Park Director's Time (Tom Teigen with Help from Russ Bosanko)

- Rhody Ridge Arboretum – Update on Life Estate – Provided a key to the house for the care givers with the thought that Fir, the homeowner, might be moving back into the house “soon”
- Parks Director Tom Teigen mentioned that he and the Fairgrounds Manager will be presenting to the county council the proposed master plan for the Fairgrounds.
- Lots of homeless, vandalism, drugs, crime etc. at Martha Lake, Martha Lake Airport and McCollum park. Parks looking to quantify these costs as an impact to our operational budget.
- Focus on Farming event was very successful. Next they are looking at Focus on Forestry event in the future.
- Oktoberfest event held at the Fairgrounds was not successful as the Fairgrounds and our county parks are alcohol free so event organizer will not be bringing the event back to the Fairgrounds.
- Letter to Editor (Everett Herald) expressing concern about proposed improvements at Wenberg County Park. Senior Park Planner Kevin Teague met with three (3) neighbors of the park about their concerns and identified the safety and ADA improvements we were making at the park. The three (3) neighbors left the meetings somewhat satisfied with the scope of the project.

80. Message from the Board - Around the Table

Rob Putnam – McClinchy Mile bike ride starts in Arlington. Partnering with Trail Coalition and Oso Memorial Fund. Rest stop is at Rhodes River Ranch. Up to Darrington this year on Hwy 530.

Robert McCarty – Monday Parks cleanup at Steelhead County Park. Found homeless encampments and will have to clean out next week. Worried about fire safety under bridge if homeless fires are built. Might have community service for labor for weed pulling. Lobbying efforts underway for pedestrian and bike bridge for future bridge up to Index. Will bring park related issues to Sultan planning meeting.

Melissa Marzolf – not present

John Ewald – not present

John Briney – went to North Creek County Park and walked boardwalk. Asked about budget for replacements. Enough money for main boardwalk and south spur. New developments may be causing additional water runoff as water levels at both ends of the boardwalk are historically higher than in the past. May be negatively effecting the ecosystem. New north creek trail will terminate there and may need additional parking. Potentially working with park rental tenant to use property to add parking.

Valerie Stevens – feb 24 marysville library – how to build website s training for non-profits.

Steve Yandl – None

Debbie Carlson – Gould – first meeting of year of downtown Snohomish Events committee. 35 events are planned this year. Added a new event – chase the Grinch out of Snohomish and was very successful. Adding 10 k elements and will work with Russ and Reggie on requesting the county’s section of the Centennial Trail.

Debbie Cople – upcoming community awards celebration sky valley wide. Ups coming events planning starting. Economic reports has been helpful to validate value of outdoor recreations. Grand opening of Wallis bridge upcoming. Opens a lot of access. Going forward with Osprey Park – mapping and interpretive signage.

Molly Deardorff – Asked about Martha lake Bike track. Money repurposed for athletic field repairs. Not sure where this project is going.

Tammy – Dunn – Cavalero city meeting approved the plan. City and community excited about master plan. Been part of that. Stanwood hosting ‘Powerman’ like Ironman. Sky valley recreation and tammy talking about orienteering event.

90. Adjournment

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