



PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Willis Tucker Park

6705 Puget Park Drive Snohomish Washington

Tuesday March 12, 2019 3:00pm – 5:00pm

10. Call to Order

20. Roll Call

20.1. Voting Board Members –

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

20.2. Staff (Parks and other County Departments or agencies) – Tom Teigen, Russ Bosanko, Tammy Dunn (ex officio), Heidi Beazizo (County Council, analyst), Chelsea Bishop (ranger), Tony Trofimczuk.

20.3. Guests – Luke Britton, Betsy Britton, Anne Cunha, Judy Hoefer, Alice Armstrong. First four were a group from Edmonds with an interest in preserving the nature of Southwest County Park.

20.4. Bob McCarty chaired the meeting.

30. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – The minutes of the January 2019 meeting were unanimously approved. The February meeting had been cancelled due to snow.

40. Public Hearings/Meetings

50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence

50.1. Russ distributed copies of a letter from Kathleen Prevette of Stanwood sharing her concerns about the creation of a new trail near the southern portion of Wenberg Park. Sharon Swan was meeting with Kathleen and it was hoped she might get back to the office in time to share how their conversation went.

50.1.1. Russ met with Jeb and they are looking at rerouting or rebuilding the section of trail near the creek. WCC is going to be out there tomorrow and Russ planned to pick their brains on ideas of how to handle the area.

50.1.2. Jeb and crew will be removing plastic markers that are around.

50.1.3. WCC will be removing ivy and holly.

50.1.4. Russ turned in work orders for several items.

50.1.4.1. The rangers to place a boundary whip.

50.1.4.2. Maintenance to repair a section of fence on 39th that was damaged by a tree.

50.1.4.3. Rangers to pick up a trash dump area.

50.1.4.4. Maintenance to install a gate off Lake Road where the dumping is occurring and there has been some illicit camping.

60. General Business

60.1. Presentation by Luke Britton and other citizens concerned by trail proliferation at SW County Park.

- 60.1.1. Luke provided handouts and described the park as an oasis surrounded by a very urban area, much beloved by the Edmonds community.
 - 60.1.2. The approximately 20% of the park area south of the roadway was highly developed trail area. The 80% north of the roadway was far more pristine, but that has been quickly changing the past few years, particularly since a 'park ambassador' has been creating new trails for bikes and advertising the biking opportunities on the web.
 - 60.1.3. Luke and his group argue that there are three major elements to the problem.
 - 60.1.3.1. Trail work, heavy use of rakes, clippers and saws.
 - 60.1.3.2. Bike use of the trails and associated features.
 - 60.1.3.3. Bridges being constructed in new spots, old bridges now dilapidated.
 - 60.1.4. Luke and his group had met previously with James Yap and Chelsea Bishop to share their concerns. They felt frustrated that the most recent master plan tended to support a significant part of the trail development but believed the original master plan Luke had uncovered in county archived records largely prohibited the type trail development being seen recently.
 - 60.1.5. Tony Trofimczuk shared pictures and camera data showing activity at the park.
 - 60.1.5.1. There were bikes present but much of the trail traffic was hikers and walkers, many accompanied by dogs that were often not leashed. There were also multiple observations of domestic dogs roaming unaccompanied.
 - 60.1.5.2. There was plenty of wildlife traffic, including coyotes, fox and large rodents.
 - 60.1.6. Tony indicated that Michael Orman, the park ambassador had been asked to suspend additional trail construction and stop advertising the park's trails on the web. He shared how difficult it is to scrub such postings from Google and other web areas once the material is uploaded.
 - 60.1.7. Chelsea Bishop shared a sample of signage to be placed to protect the park from future unauthorized trail and bridge construction and improper bike usage.
 - 60.1.8. Tom Teigen introduced himself to the guests and shared options for protecting the character of the park. He encouraged the visitors to consider acting as park ambassadors themselves and provide 'eyes and ears' in the area to quickly alert parks staff to problems since parks and recreation has fairly limited staff to cover a significant amount of park owned land.
- 60.2. The final training session for 2018 was cancelled for Wednesday, December 12 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, County Campus Public Meeting Rooms (address is 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201). **The next scheduled training is Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00 pm** in the **Public Meeting Rooms** on the first floor of the **County Administration Building**.
- 60.3. RFP – Kayak Point Golf Course Property – The Parks Director wasn't convinced that either proposal was financially sustainable, so Russ is working with County Purchasing Department to send out a Public – Private RFP soliciting proposals for Kayak Golf Course property operations, along with other opportunities at various county park properties that hopefully goes out in February 2019. The RFP was released on March 5, 2019 and closes April 5, 2019.
- 60.3.1. Tom Teigen shared that he had spoken to the county council in the morning. There is no intent to sell property to developers but despite the emotional appeal of retaining the property as a golf course the financial and practical reality make that option impractical.
 - 60.3.2. Other options, including disc golf, restaurants, equestrian use, and others were briefly mentioned.
 - 60.3.3. Rob Putnam indicated a willingness to participate in this latest RFP review by the advisory committee.
- 60.4. Annual Public Private Partnership RFP closed December 27, 2018. Five (5) proposals were received.

- 60.4.1. Met with Cycle Cybernetics onsite at Machias Station on the Centennial Trail and sent out a draft Concessionaire License agreement for his review and comments.
- 60.4.2. Discussed with Vince of Kona Kai Ice Cream his proposal and sent him draft concessionaire license agreement for his review and comment.
- 60.4.3. . Discussed with Teresa her dog walking proposal and send Teresa a draft concessionaire license agreement that she has signed as well as the Parks Director.
- 60.4.4. Discussed with Josh his proposal to use Whitehorse Community Park in Darrington for a music festival but there are questions about motor vehicle parking, county noise ordinance, etc that we will need to answer before we possibly move forward with his proposal.

60.5. 2015-2016 RFP Update

- 60.5.1. 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.
- 60.5.2. Discussions have started around a possible parks bond/levy in 2019 or 2020 supported by East County Parks and Recreation District, City of Monroe, and Snohomish County for those voters and park(s) residing within the Monroe School District.

70. Reports from the Staff/Status Reports

70.1. Planning/Engineering/Design/Construction Projects

- 70.1.1. Wenberg Boat launch and waterfront project has been completed. There are a few punch list items that the contractor is wrapping up, but the park is open to the public. Hope to schedule ribbon cutting ceremony sometime in Spring 2019.
- 70.1.2. Whitehorse Trail - \$6.3 million-dollar bid goes out from county purchasing the week of February 11 to gravel and pack the gravel the trail from Cicero Ponds to Swede Haven, providing the public 20 of the 28 miles of trail open in late 2019.
- 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.
- 70.1.4. Martha Lake Airport, north and south field fencing project out to bid in October.
- 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.
- 70.1.7. Esperance County Park – Skateboard Park will be out to bid by the end of February with construction happening spring and summer 2019.
- 70.1.8. Cavelero County Park – Skateboard park out to bid Fall 2018.
- 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, 2019 with completion November 2019. See pictures and video!

- 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. Tom and Russ presented some compact binoculars appropriate for bird watching for departing board member, Julie Langabeer. This is Julie's last meeting.

80.2. Tom spoke earlier on several topics, see Sections 60.2.1 and 60.3.1.

90. Messages from the Board. Around the Table

90.1. Catherine Collins

90.1.1. Suggested there should be an advisory group in support of equestrian recreation in the county.

90.2. David Divoky

90.2.1. David was impressed by the passion expressed by Luke Britton and his group in making their case for better protecting the character of SW County Park.

90.2.2. He provided a local neighborhood example of how people blatantly ignore posted signs.

90.3. Tammy Dunn

90.4. John Ewald

90.5. Brett Kinney

90.6. Julie Langabeer

90.6.1. Julie said she had enjoyed her time serving on this board.

90.6.2. She asked if there was any progress on creation of a Snohomish Parks Foundation. Tom Teigen provided a quick update.

90.7. Bob McCarty

90.7.1. Met with former Gold Bar mayor to discuss the possibility of some property acquisition in support of the 'water trails' project. There seems to be only limited enthusiasm for attempting to get grant money.

90.8. Darrell Olson

90.9. Robert Putnam

90.10. Shawn Tobin

90.10.1. Shawn found the phenomenon at SW County Park as described by our meeting guests interesting and drew parallels with what he had observed at Bridle Trails while working there.

90.11. Steve Yandl

90.11.1. Spoke briefly on techniques for using information made available by county and state on web sites to determine if a given open area or greenbelt area was part of some HOA and determining contact information for that HOA.

100. Adjournment

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