



# PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Willis Tucker Park

6705 Puget Park Drive Snohomish Washington

Tuesday September 10, 2019 3:00pm – 5:00pm

## 10. Call to Order

10.1. Bob McCarty called the meeting to order. There was a quorum present.

## 20. Roll Call

### 20.1. Voting Board Members –

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

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

20.2. Staff (Parks and other County Departments or agencies) – Russ Bosanko, Tom Teigen, Tammy Dunn (ex officio), Amy Lucas (presentation), Logan Daniels (presentation).

### 20.3. Guests –

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

30.1. Minutes of the July 2019 meeting were approved.

## 40. Public Hearings/Meetings

40.1. County Council passed an Ordinance to add “Tourism” to Parks and Recreation department title.

40.2. Council passed same Ordinance to add the word “Park” to the name of the “Evergreen State Fairgrounds” which may be also be known as the “Evergreen State Fair Park”.

40.3. Council Ordinance creating new rules and guidelines for drone operation over park property and changes to allowed hours for jet ski operation at Lake Shoecraft was also passed recently.

## 50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence

## 60. General Business

60.1. Parks Fair time information booth – How did it go this year? Suggestions for next year.

60.1.1. Consider three (3) days (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) rather than four (4) to help with scheduling, particularly since Labor Day weekend is already a very busy time for the ranger staff.

60.1.2. Attendance was excellent although there were a few less vendors due to overlap with the Puyallup Fair.

60.1.3. Beer garden went well with no significant problem incidents.

60.1.4. Suggestion made that we consider a farmers’ market within the fair.

## 70. Reports from the Staff/Status Reports

70.1. Planning/Engineering/Design/Construction Projects

70.1.1. Wyatt and Sunset County Parks – City of Lake Stevens.

70.1.1.1. Probably will simply be a real estate transfer using a Quit Claim or similar recording for the transfer of the property to the City.

70.1.2. Cavalero County Park

70.1.2.1. Russ Bosanko passed around pictures of the construction of the skate park.

70.1.2.2. There are three pods of varying difficulty and skating components with two (2) bowl areas. From the pictures it was obvious this is a high intensity park for skateboard enthusiasts.

70.1.3. Flowing Lake Campground improvements.

70.1.4. Kayak Point Golf Course/Public Private Partnership RFP closed 9/5/19 – Update from Russ Bosanko.

70.1.4.1. Proposal for disc golf was the only written proposal submitted. Despite neighborhood enthusiasm for the property remaining a golf course, no new entities submitted written proposals.

70.1.4.2. Possible inclusion of a microbrewery on the site.

70.1.4.3. The disc golf option would create the opportunity for national competitions in the northwest.

70.1.4.4. Disc golf option would allow for other short term use of the land for other recreational activities.

70.1.5. Meadowdale Beach County Park – Update from Logan Daniels.

70.1.5.1. Logan provided pictures and a brief recap of the parks history that includes flooding and corresponding funneling of debris into the culvert. This area is loved by hikers but also represents sensitive fish habitat and has a high traffic rail line that presents a significant safety hazard to those attempting unlawful track crossings.

70.1.5.2. Project will include creation of a 1.3-acre estuary, new lawns, ADA accessible pedestrian bridge.

70.1.5.3. Multiple grants have been awarded, to the tune of \$9M out of the \$16M needed for the project. BNSF will do construction work which will be paid for by County but create significant savings and the assurance that the job will be done the way the railroad needs it to be done so it holds up.

70.1.5.4. About 90% of the design work is completed and most of the 16 needed permits are done.

70.1.6. Whitehorse Trail – Update from Amy Lucas.

70.1.6.1. Two miles of paved trail at Cicero and in the vicinity of the Oso mudslide memorial complete as well as gravel connecting sections.

70.1.6.2. Nearly complete on phase 3 of the project.

70.1.6.3. Remaining significant challenge is the large mudslide near Arlington which is a choke point blocking access from the populated areas west of the trail.

70.1.6.4. Soon there will be 23.5 miles of trail open hopefully some time in December 2019 or early 2020..

70.1.7. Carousel Ranch County Park.

70.1.7.1. The latest plans are for 4 synthetic lit fields and an off-leash dog area.

70.1.7.2. Site would have roughly 500 parking stalls.

70.1.8. North Creek Trail – Update from Russ Bosanko.

70.1.8.1. This is one important segment in the long-term goal of a regional interconnected trail system.

70.1.8.2. Plan is for a 14-foot-wide trail.

70.1.8.3. Trail construction likely to commence in the middle section and work outward.

70.1.9. Lord Hill Regional Park – Update from Amy Lucas.

70.1.9.1. Over 1000 questionnaires received online, about 150 written ones to be tallied. The option for shared use between horses, bikes and hikers appears to be the preferred option.

70.1.9.2. Sign placement will have to be prioritized as the labor costs associated with putting up signs when many of the locations can't be accessed by vehicles is significant.

#### 70.1.10. East County Parks and Recreation District Bond/Levy.

70.1.10.1. Mike Farrell distributed informational pamphlets on the bond measure which will be on the November 2019 ballots of those in the district boundaries (an overlap with Monroe school district boundaries).

70.1.10.2. Cost to typical homeowner and planned improvements to specific parks to be made if the bond passes were discussed.

70.1.10.3. No foundation exists to conduct a campaign but different groups with an interest in parks and recreational opportunities are helping to get the word out.

70.1.10.4. County Parks Recreation and Tourism is observing closely to learn and prepare for a trails bond measure in the future.

#### 70.1.11. Future Trail Bond.

70.1.11.1. As noted above, there may be lessons to be learned from the East County Parks and Recreation District Levy that can be utilized. For Snohomish County, using a bond measure to develop trail and park assets will be something new.

#### 70.1.12. West Lake Roesiger Update – Tom Teigen.

70.1.12.1. This is a unique parcel for parks in that it represents over 3k acres of contiguous wilderness suitable for equestrian activities as well as other options requiring a large piece of land.

70.1.12.2. Tom discussed conversations with DNR regarding the property.

70.1.12.3. Current access wouldn't be great for bringing in horses by trailer, but the north side of the property presents a good access option once a culvert issue is dealt with.

#### 70.1.13. Snohomish County Horse Council – Update Tom Teigen.

70.1.13.1. Catherine Collins is onboard for at least a 3 year stint to spearhead this new entity and the specific name is being ironed out.

### 70.2. Events

70.2.1. Movie series at Willis Tucker Park, Darrington, Lake Stevens Community Park – Problems at the Willis Tucker Park venue when unruly young folk's disruptive behavior forced cancellation of some showings.

70.2.2. Concert events at Willis Tucker Park have been well received and gone very well.

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

80.1. Tom spoke on the realities of working with a more constrained budget. Park's proposed budget looked fine albeit with some flags regarding 'reclassifications' of certain personnel that needed to be discussed further.

#### 80.2. Sultan Basin shooting park.

80.2.1. All stakeholders, including DNR and Snohomish Sheriff are quite supportive due to their keen appreciation of the need for a safe location for the conduct of various shooting activities. Too much unsafe shooting, much of which is technically legal, is happening in the near vicinity of populated areas creating a high potential for mishaps.

80.2.2. Even with consideration of designated wetlands, the area being looked at offers sufficient space to accommodate various shooting activities.

80.2.3. The shooting park solves safety problems, provides a great recreational opportunity and will likely pay for itself.

### 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

90.7. Bob McCarty

90.7.1. Suggested that a chainsaw artist like what we had at the Fair might be able to create a large fish carving art piece for Steelhead Park which may serve as a directional or identifying sign. Tom Teigen responded that was something for the arts council to explore.

90.8. Darrell Olson

90.9. Robert Putnam

90.10. Shawn Tobin

90.11. Steve Yandl

90.11.1. Pointed out that there have been multiple black bear sightings in the areas adjacent to Willis Tucker Park.

100. Adjournment

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