



# PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Willis Tucker Park (Microsoft Teams meeting)

6705 Puget Park Drive Snohomish Washington

Tuesday September 8, 2020 3:00pm – 5:00pm (Microsoft Teams meeting)

## 10. Call to Order

10.1. John Ewald called the meeting to order. A quorum was not present.

## 20. Roll Call

### 20.1. Voting Board Members –

John Dewhirst (pending) (Dist. 3)	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Divoky (At Large)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
John Ewald (At Large) (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mike Farrell (At Large)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ting Liu (At Large)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob McCarty (Dist. 5) (Vice Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Darrell Olson (At Large)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robert Putnam (Dist. 1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shawn Tobin (At Large)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steve Yandl (Dist. 4) (Notes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vacant (Dist. 2)	<input type="checkbox"/>

20.2. Staff (Parks and other County Departments or agencies) – Russ Bosanko, Tom Teigen, Tammy Dunn (ex officio), Kye Iris, Kevin Teague, Thomas Hartzell.

### 20.3. Guests –

## 30. Review Minutes of August 2020.

30.1. We were one short of a quorum, so approval needed to be deferred to September.

## 40. Public Hearings/Meetings

40.1. Public input on potential Sky Valley Sportsman’s Park (shooting park), legislative session of the county council, 9am, September 16, 2020. Several board members indicated they planned to participate.

## 50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence

## 60. General Business

60.1. We still have a board vacancy for someone from Council District 2. Russ plans to send a reminder to email to Megan Dunn’s office.

60.2. Field trip to multiple parks originally scheduled in May – Rescheduled for September 8, 2020- Esperance, Cavalero, Flowing Lake, Leave Willis Tucker Park 2pm, return hopefully 545pm. We may be looking at October 13 depending on what Phase we are in, carpooling, etc.

60.3. RCO (Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office) -Planning staff have been working hard on nine (9) grant applications! By unanimous vote during the August meeting, this board approved each of the letters and asked John Ewald to sign on our behalf. The letters will be converted to pdf files by Steve Yandl and electronically signed by John Ewald as soon as possible.

60.3.1. Whitehorse Trail – Trafton to CT – WWRP Trails.

60.3.2. Whitehorse campground Phase II – WWRP Trails.

60.3.3. Kayak Southern Shelter – WWRP Local Parks.

60.3.4. Kayak Waterfront Access – ALEA and WWRP Water Access.

60.3.5. SR 530 (Oso) slide memorial project – SWCF and WWRP Local Parks.

## 70. Reports from the Staff/Status Reports

### 70.1. COVID-19 impacts – Consistent with the Governor’s 4 phase plan:

It was noted that when crab season opened, enforcement of rules for parks during phase 2 went well with the majority of visitors to Kayak Point boat launch simply played by the rules or complied with instructions from rangers. It probably did not hurt that the weather was mediocre which probably reduced the number of visitors.

#### 70.1.1. Phase 2 – Snohomish County was granted by the Governor’s office entry into Phase 2

70.1.1.1. Gatherings limited to your immediate family + 5 others...or 10 max.

70.1.1.2. Most camping allowed but all yurts except Yurt 10 closed at Kayak Point.

70.1.1.3. Restrooms increased cleaning.

70.1.1.4. Playgrounds still closed.... Some athletic field use with approved safety protocols.

70.1.1.5. Park staff wear face masks.

70.1.1.6. Camping picnic shelters open w online reservations.

70.1.1.7. No cash handling.... Payment online, pre-paid, credit cards.

70.1.1.8. Dog parks open w social distancing.

70.1.1.9. Playgrounds closed until Phase 3.

70.1.1.10. McCollum pool closed.

70.1.1.11. Willis Tucker Park Spray Pad does not open yet.

70.1.1.12. Picnic Shelters closed until further notice. Note that parties with 5 or fewer individuals can utilize the shelters.

70.1.1.13. Drinking fountains/showers closed.

70.1.1.14. Events cancelled.

#### 70.1.2. Phase 3 – Outdoor group re: sports activities (5-50 people, Recreation facilities at less than 50% capacity) such as public pools.

70.1.2.1. Allow gatherings with no more than 50 people.

70.1.2.2. Indoor gyms – less than 50% capacity.

70.1.2.3. Government offices open...telework remains strongly encouraged.

#### 70.1.3. Phase 4 – Resume public interactions with physical distancing.

70.1.3.1. Resume all recreational activities.

70.1.3.2. Allow gatherings with more than 50 people.

70.1.3.3. Concert venues.

70.1.3.4. Large sporting events.

70.1.3.5. Resume unrestricted staffing of worksites but continue to practice physical distancing and good hygiene.

### 70.2. Planning/Engineering/Design/Construction Projects

70.2.1. Cavalero County Park – Substantial completion was acknowledged on Friday, June 5, allowing us to have the park site open to the public on Saturday, June 6, 2020. Minor punch list items can be accomplished by the contractor while the park is open to the public until final acceptance of the project has been achieved. No official grand opening ceremony perhaps late summer or Fall.

- 70.2.2. Esperance County Park also reached substantial completion with the park being open to the public, but playground remains closed. Perhaps grand opening ceremony in Fall.
- 70.2.3. Kayak Point Golf Course/Public- Private Partnership RFP) (4th) open 1/31/20 – 2/28/2020. Possible RFP evaluations Wednesday, March 19, 10am - 12pm – Update from Russ Bosanko – Disc Golf, aka Disc Golf Resorts applied and was issued a permit from Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board to serve and sell alcohol, similar to the previous three (3) operators on the property. Received 11 proposals for various county park properties – 4 of the 11 relate to the Kayak Point Golf Course Property specifically. The four (4) proposers were contacted by County Purchasing to put together a remote visual presentation via zoom, skype, Microsoft teams, etc., Friday, October 9, 9am – 2pm.
- 70.2.4. Carousel Ranch County Park – Demolition of the remaining structures completed by contractor and county parks staff. Getting close to 90% plans, possibly go out to bid late 2020, or Spring 2021.
- 70.2.5. McCollum County Park, Community Transit park and ride improvements, Russ working on new maintenance and operation agreement with Community Transit, Potential Farmer’s Market via RFP proposal. Drive thru COVID 19 testing may be occurring at McCollum Park soon.
- 70.2.6. Evergreen State Fair Park – East side will be used as future field hospital replacing the Angels of the Wind Arena in Everett.
- 70.2.7. Possible County-wide Parks and Trails Bond, November 2022, looking to postpone.....There has been discussion that a small increase in sales tax within Snohomish County may be an option that benefits all the municipal park departments.
- 70.2.8. West Lake Roesiger Update. John Ewald spoke briefly during roundtable. Members of the equestrian community have done some riding in the area to explore potential.
- 70.2.9. Executive Horse Council of Snohomish County.
- 70.2.10. Whitehorse Community Park.
- 70.2.11. Veteran’s acknowledgement on Centennial Trail, looking to relocate project possibly at county campus in Everett.
- 70.2.12. Lighting one (1) field at Willis Tucker Park with Mill Creek Little League.
- 70.2.13. Centennial Trail closure Wade Road to Hilltop Road, two (2) culvert repairs/replacement project. Trail has been closed since June 18 with a possible opening September 15.
- 70.2.13.1. Russ shared pictures on MS Teams and promised to email those pictures after the meeting.
- 70.2.14. Kye Iris reported on three projects Parks currently has funding for.
- 70.2.14.1. A 26.42-acre parcel with significant riverfront in the vicinity of Silvana. This has a lot of potential as a future park.
- 70.2.14.2. Catherine creek property adjacent to the Centennial Trail between Lake Stevens and Lake Cassidy.
- 70.2.14.3. Trail in holding, previously track line for BNSF, trail potential in area between Duval and Monroe.

### 70.3. Events

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

##### 80.1. Discussion of future Sky Valley shooting park with input help from Kevin Teague and Thomas Hartzell.

80.1.1. Executive Council approval form sent to council.

80.1.2. Described concept of a land swap deal with DNR to acquire a square parcel of 640-acres that would not require significant survey expense at this point since the corners of the square are known. Because the county real estate market remains robust despite COVID-19, REIT money is available that arguably could get this long sought-after park concept underway.

80.1.3. The plan at this point would be to acquire the property, work on plans and get to the permitting stage. Ultimately, Parks would be seeking a partner whose core competency is running a shooting park.

80.1.4. This concept has previously been embraced by the Parks Board and all previous votes were to move forward on getting a sportsman's park in the area. Those present on this MS Teams meeting unanimously support moving forward by utilizing available money to initiate development of the Sky Valley Sportsman's Park.

80.2. Parks Personnel Changes resulting from COVID-19 impact.

80.2.1. Hiring freeze until December 31, 2020.

80.2.1.1. Specific exceptions granted by the county council.

80.2.1.1.1. FTE – FMW4 – park maintenance NPDES – position is paid by surface water management (SWM) division.

80.2.1.1.2. Fifteen seasonal staff.

80.2.1.1.3. Seven park ranger assistants; 4 in operations, 3 in maintenance.

80.2.1.1.4. Eight park aides in park operations.

80.2.1.2. Initially denied.

80.2.1.2.1. One FTE senior park planner. This would be to fill the vacancy left by Amy Lucas.

80.2.1.2.1.1. Now losing Kevin Teague to the City of Sammamish as Deputy Director of Parks on October 1. Everyone wishes Kevin well but the need for getting another planner becomes more acute. Parks will be asking Council for a new exception.

80.2.1.2.2. One FTE park ranger assistant.

90. Messages from the Board. Around the Table

90.1. John Dewhirst

90.2. David Divoky

90.3. Tammy Dunn

90.3.1. Looking at all opportunities for activities that could be allowed during phase II of COVID-19 restrictions.

90.3.1.1. Kayak bass fishing tournament.

90.3.1.2. Skateboarding.

90.3.1.3. Basically, any events where social distancing is generally the norm.

90.3.2. Getting creative and looking at various virtual events.

90.4. John Ewald

90.4.1. John discussed a few aspects regarding West Lake Roesiger property. Current use is a combination of hikers, bikers, and a few on motorized vehicles. More recently the land is being explored by equestrian groups.

90.4.2. Multiple encounters/discussions with sports shooters who would be delighted to see a shooting park developed in the area where various shooting activities could be conducted safely.

90.5. Mike Farrell

90.6. Ting Liu

90.7. Bob McCarty

90.8. Darrell Olson

90.9. Robert Putnam

90.9.1. Reported that a friend had been disappointed that there were no plans for more extensive paving along the Whitehorse trail. Asked about closed portions of the trails where repairs were needed.

90.10. Shawn Tobin

90.11. Steve Yandl

100. Adjournment

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