

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Willis Tucker Park – MS Teams Meeting
6705 Puget Park Drive Snohomish Washington
Tuesday November 10, 2020 2:00pm – 5:45pm

10. Call to Order

20. Roll Call

20.1. Voting Board Members –

John Dewhirst (Dist. 3)	x	Robert Putnam (Dist. 1)	
David Divoky (At Large)	x	Mary Rollins (pending approval)	x
John Ewald (At Large) (Chair)	x	John Tam (pending approval)	x
Mike Farrell (At Large)	x	Shawn Tobin (At Large)	x
Bob McCarty (Dist. 5) (Vice Chair)		Steve Yandl (Dist. 4) (Notes)	x
Darrell Olson (At Large)			

20.2. Staff (Parks and other County Departments or agencies) – Russ Bosanko, Tammy Dunn (ex officio), Cabot Fuqua, Rose Intveld, Emily Scott, Sharon Swan, Tom Teigen, Tony Trofinczuk.

20.3. Guests –

30. Review Minutes of September 2020 and October 2020. No changes on the minutes, both unanimously approved.

40. Public Hearings/Meetings

40.1. Sharon Swan announced a Zoom meeting on November 24 regarding a donated parcel of land, the Corcoran Property.

50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence

50.1. John Tam and Mary Rollins each provided brief introductions of themselves.

60. General Business

60.1. Boards and Commissions -John Dewhirst let Russ know he had not received the power point training for boards and commissions. The training was also being provided to new members John Tam and Mary Rollins.

60.2. **No board meeting next month (December). Next meeting will be January 12, 2021.**

60.3. We had an open discussion on our field trip in October with visits to Esperence, Cavalero and Flowing Lake parks.

60.3.1. John Dewhirst said it would have been nice if we could have added more sidewalk access adjacent to Esperence park to facilitate access.

60.3.2. John also inquired about adequate insurance coverage for the skateboard features at Cavalero Park. Russ explained how Washington state provides for protection of the park district in situations where fees are not being collected for such a public facility. Absent gross negligence, parks is well shielded.

60.3.3. John also asked if there were issues regarding fire department access to the flowing lake campground. Sharon Swan responded that the newly constructed entry was an improvement regarding access by large emergency vehicles.

60.3.4. John Ewald asked Sharon Swan about any reactions to Flowing Lake changes from the adjacent neighbors. Sharon said there were some issues with damaged trees and other concerns that were being addressed but generally response was positive.

60.4. The proposed fee schedule had previously been shared by email and was shared in the conference with changes annotated in green and red for increases and decreases where there were any. Emily Scott and Tony Trofinczuk walked us through the schedule with extra info from Cabot Fuqua and answered questions.

60.4.1. There was a new item to address that there would be a corral camping spot within the new Whitehorse campground.

60.4.2. Tom Teigen participated in a discussion of some long-term rentals that make sense while we are dealing with COVID-19 restrictions. It ends up being a win-win for renters and parks.

60.4.3. Several of the picnic shelters near sand volleyball courts at Willis Tucker Park would no longer be automatically bundled with a use fee for the courts to give more flexibility.

60.4.4. Staff explained the reasoning of all changes. There was a goal to be competitive compared to other agencies offering similar amenities. At the same time, consideration was given to avoid pricing any members of the public out.

60.4.5. After discussion, the board felt all the changes shown on the new schedule were well thought out and reasonable. The board unanimously recommended that the schedule be sent to the council without additional changes.

70. Reports from the Staff/Status Reports

70.1. Planning/Engineering/Design/Construction Projects

70.1.1. Sharon Swan did a screenshare with a 360° overhead view of the new Whitehorse campground in its current state. This will be the first equestrian campground and eagerly anticipated by the equestrian community.

70.2. Events

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

80.1. Russ Bosanko shared that he would be retiring as of December 31. Our new staff liaison will be Sharon Swan.

80.2. Tom Teigen provided a short tribute to Russ for his service.

80.3. Tom thanked the new members who are expected to be approved by council vote soon. He also provided a thank-you to current members for service.

80.4. The council had passed a budget earlier in the day.

80.4.1. One component in the new budget was the creation of a new department that Tom would oversee that will be called 'Department of Conservation and Resources' or similar. Parks and Tourism would be a division within the new department which would include several other current departments including Surface Water Management.

90. Messages from the Board. Around the Table

90.1. John Dewhirst

90.1.1. Shared how impressed he had been with Russ Bosanko's ability to juggle multiple projects simultaneously.

90.2. David Divoky

90.2.1. Compliments and best wishes to Russ Bosanko.

90.3. Tammy Dunn

90.4. John Ewald

90.4.1. A warm thank you to Russ Bosanko.

90.5. Mike Farrell

90.5.1. Shared that Monroe Parks was completing an update to their parks and recreation plan.

90.5.2. Shared there would be a virtual groundbreaking for the nearly completed Tye Fields lighting project.

90.5.3. Thanked Russ Bosanko.

90.6. Bob McCarty

90.7. Darrell Olson

90.8. Robert Putnam

90.9. Mary Rollins

90.9.1. Thanked Russ.

90.10. John Tam

90.10.1. Russ had indicated he would likely be moving somewhere warm like Florida so John advised him to use plenty of sunscreen, be sure to wear a hat and don't tangle with alligators.

90.11. Shawn Tobin

90.11.1. Thanked Russ and wished him well in retirement.

90.12. Steve Yandl

90.12.1. Thanked Russ.

100. Adjournment

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