



Illahee Preserve Stewardship Committee minutes

Tuesday, December 18th, 2018

6:30 – 8:00 PM in Kitsap Pavilion Building at Fairgrounds

Meeting chaired by Jim Aho in Vic Ulsh's absence

1. Welcome and Introductions: Tim Schanne, Adraine Weber, Kim Mattsen
Attendees: John Plant, Jon Buesch, Don Jahaske, Jim Aho, Dale Boyle,
Curtis Ludwig, John Parvis, Judith Krigsman

2. Minutes from last Meeting: Minutes of October 16th 2018 approved as read.

3. Business

a. Update on properties along Illahee Road: Kitsap Bank donated two properties along Illahee Rd. This property acquisition to the KC Parks Department was finalized by the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners on December 17th 2018 at the BOCC semi monthly meeting.

b. Leadership Kitsap: Adraine Weber, Leadership Kitsap, reported that in the first week of January 2019, their group will begin work on sections of the Stewardship Master Plan and they have divided out sections which they will begin work on. This will include our mission, history and vision. Tim Schanne will be doing the history section and Judith Krigsman offered to provide background information she has gathered over the years which may be of help to him.

c. Wetlands Trail - Olympic College: Will continue to support and work with the stewardship group to develop a wetland trail to the head water stream of Steele Creek a, category 2 wetland and fish bearing stream. The students of Amy's environmental classes will be actively involved in this wetland trail formation. The finished product will hopefully include an interpretive trail, signage, a loop trail with signs around the edge and back. The students have already set up orange flags.

- d. Friday Work Parties – USS Nimitz (CVN 68): Hoping to get new dates for work party. Last work party canceled. Dale, John Plant, John Parvis, Jon Buesch maintaining forest health and keeping trails open and removing debris on trails. Thank You!
- e. Homeless Camping Report: Minimal concern at this time.
- f. IFP Capital Campaign: Curtis shared a rough draft of what the dedication plaque might look like. Letters to former donors have been mailed with request for any name corrections to be submitted to move this project forward.
- g. Kitsap County Parks' Report - Chainsaw training, 2018 hours, 2019 Work Plan: Dori on vacation, but it appears only Dale has an up to date authorization to use the chain saw at this time. Please attend the next chain saw class to get re-certified. Volunteer hours are due and need to be submitted at this time. Please respond to this request.
- h. Wildlife & Nature reports: No new sightings.
- I. Anyone need a *Thank You*? Thank you's up to date.

4. Issues / Concerns

a. Enforcement items – car & RV camping in Almira lot, dumping in parking lots, homeless camps in forest, dogs off-leash, dumping along Thompson Lane, brush picking, dog scoop, drug dealing, off-trail hiking, rogue trail building, fire wood poachers, plant thieving, paint ball, & motorcycles.

5. Adjourn

The Illahee Preserve Stewardship Committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month to discuss issues associated with the Illahee Preserve. The next regularly scheduled meeting of Illahee Preserve Stewardship Committee is **January 15th, 2019**.

NOTE: Illahee Forest Preserve, the non profit 501(c)(3) corporation, which supports the Illahee Preserve, meets the middle month of each quarter on the 3rd Tuesday of that month.

Judith Krigsman, secretary