

Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
January 16, 2013 Minutes –

Hansville Community Center
6778 NE Buck Lake Road
Hansville, WA

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Jon Pearson welcomed the board and called the meeting to order.

Members present: Chair Jon Pearson, Jennifer Gerstel, Stacy Geiger, Anthony Otto, Chad Krepps, Susan Cruver

Public Attending: Ken Shawcroft, Lou Nawrot, Barbara Lanchester, Nelson Lanchester, Lois Lee, Judy Tallman, Beverly Kincaid, Robin O'Grady

Staff Present: Jim Dunwiddie, Billie Schmidt, Dori Leckner, Terri Lyman, Lori Raymaker, Ryan Eggers, Ric Catron

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 21, 2012 MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes: Anthony Otto

Second: Susan Cruver

Vote: All in favor

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION

None

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Fred Nelson, representing The Friends of Norwegian Point Park, spoke about the volunteer effort to improve the park's appearance by removing blackberry bushes, pressure-washing and painting the cabins. Many compliments have been received.

HANSVILLE GREENWAY PRESENTATION

Ken Shawcroft and Lou Nawrot, representing the Hansville Greenway Stewardship Group of 17 regular members, presented an updated stewardship plan and guidelines. The document replaces the original 1997 document approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The new document provides guidelines for preserving the natural area and lessens the focus on trail building. The document outlines roles between the Stewardship Group and Kitsap County.

Passive use management continues to be a key goal of the group. Motorized vehicles, organized runs, etc., are not permitted. Some trails are open to horseback riding.

Director Dunwiddie added that this document is a great reflection to this group's organization and thoroughness. He intends to use the plan as a model to share with other county groups.

It was the consensus of the Board to accept the stewardship plan.

PRESENTATION – TRACK OF THE THUNDERBIRD PROGRAM

Ryan Eggers, Department Intern, re-introduced a twenty-year-old program based on the Native American legend. He distributed flyers that have been provided to area elementary schools. Tracking The Thunderbird teaches students about the water cycle. The program is being updated to include new locations and digital clues. Weekly clues will be available on the department website every Friday. All members of the community use the clues to find the Thunderbird, submit a picture of their finding, and receive a prize. A Kick-Off party will be held January 25, 5:00pm, at the Silverdale Waterfront Park Pavilion. The free program is geared toward elementary students, but anyone is welcome to participate.

PRESENTATION – CALVINWOOD ENCAMPMENT

Beverly Kincaid, a Grant Writer volunteering for the West Sound Treatment Center and Robin O’Grady, Executive Director of West Sound Treatment Center spoke about a proposal to provide supportive housing for homeless men at Calvinwood Park, Port Orchard. Under the proposal, approximately 16-18 men living on approximately half of the property, could serve as stewards. The 108 acre site is listed on the Kitsap County Park Inventory, but has been managed and improved by State Parks under a 40 year lease. The proposal does not include the purchase of the property from the County, but relies on an agreement for 20-25 years.

The Center estimates that \$800,000 will need to be raised to upgrade systems and re-build structures for their use. The program intends to use the Lodge for meal and office functions. Ms. O’Grady stated that many different groups have offered to manage the site, but until control the site is arranged, financing and management cannot be secured.

Mr. Dunwiddie advised that the Park Board will take the direction of the Board of County Commissioners and that the use of the land needs to be considered – not the merits or necessity of the program. The utilization of public property for an activity not having a primary focus on park access surely will require quite of bit of conversation.

STAFF REPORTS

Jim Dunwiddie recognized the Lanchesters for their attendance by traveling from Port Orchard.

- The Forester position has been approved and will be advertised soon, open until filled.
- An agreement is being negotiated with the Kitsap Pumas to use Gordon Field.
- The Banner Forest Watch Group recently made a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners of the draft plan they have been preparing for 2 years. Their plan, when accepted, will guide future stewardship groups.
- The Newberry Hill Heritage Park Stewardship Group is expected to adopt the Forest Management Plan for the park. This plan is the first park forestry project.
- The VFW Building, located at Kola Kola Park, will soon be vacant. PRAB members were invited to evaluate the site as the structure’s future will be discussed in coming months.

Billie Schmidt, Operations Superintendent, reports:

- A contractor has been selected to make Park Office improvements.
- A storm water runoff prevention plan is developed to address issues at Olympic HS.
- Thanked Lori Raymaker for conducting a playground inspection class for the Kitsap Kids Playground volunteers.
- The Fee Study is nearly complete.
- Meetings with athletic field users are being held to coordinate field scheduling.
- Glenn Bangart was recently hired to fill a staff vacancy.
- Marketing brochures are being displayed and distributed at different events.
- New reservation system, Event Pro, is up and running.

Ric Catron, Park Project Coordinator, reports:

- Concrete for the South Kitsap Skate Park is being poured January 22. The grand opening is scheduled for June 22, to coincide with "Go Skate Boarding Day."
- The Department of Ecology Stormwater Grant will fund parking lot improvements at Point No Point, Wildcat Lake, Olalla Boat Launch, and Horseshoe Lake. The great partnership with Public Works continues as that department will provide the match funds and management of the projects.
- Approximately 30% engineering drawings are completed and the permitting process is moving forward for the Salsbury Point Park boat launch project funded partially by RCO

Dori Leckner, Park Resource Superintendent, reports:

- Park stewardship groups active.
- Jeremy Collins was recently hired to fill a staff vacancy.
- Anna Smith Park beach improvements are complete. Volunteers to work on the trail this summer.
- The Island Lake Park deck will be constructed in-house.
- The Roadhouse Nursery landscaped the area outside the Island Lake Community Center. This work was done with donations from multiple agencies.
- The Illahee parking lot is now lighted.
- The gutters and downspouts have been stolen from Salsbury Point Park.
- Discussions with KeyMet Park District, to extend shared maintenance of Horseshoe Lake Park for the upcoming season, continues.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Nominations: Committee to be formed in February.
2. Stewardship: The Newberry Hill Heritage Park stewardship meeting is scheduled January 21.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Anthony Otto

Seconded: Stacy Geiger

Chairperson Pearson adjourned the meeting at 8:52pm