

APPROVED

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Kitsap County Park Advisory Board

Minutes October 15, 2014

PRAB members present: Alvin Andrus, Jon Pearson, Susan Cruver, Jennifer Gerstal, April Gatz, Keith Grellner, Frank Stricklin and Anthony Otto.

Staff Present: Jim Dunwiddie, Dori Leckner, Billie Schmidt, Arno Bergstrom, Ric Catron, Lori Raymaker and Leigh Snyder.

5 members of the public in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 6:01 by Chairman Alvin Andrus.

Action

Motion made by Susan Cruver to accept the September minutes as written, motion seconded by April Gatz. Motion carried.

Correspondence & Communication – none

Presentation for Nicks Lagoon will be rescheduled for the PRAB meeting in January. There will be an introduction of the new Stewardship and a presentation of their proposed plan.

Opportunity for Public to Address the Board: Mark Libby of the Kingston Trails Association introduced himself.

Susan Anderson, Kitsap Peninsula Mycological Society, invited the PRAB and staff to their event on October 26, 2014 from 1-5pm at the Silverdale Community Center.

Directors Report: Jim Dunwiddie reported that the contracts for the Anderson Point Embankment Repair and the Salsbury Boat Launch work have been awarded. The County Commissioners helped in expediting the contract awards of both. The Board of County Commissioners is expected to adopt Mushroom Harvest Policy Resolution during their October 27th meeting. There is a link to the Budget presentation on the County web site. Budget deliberations begin October 17th. The members of the citizen's budget committee were very complimentary to the Department. County legal staff continues discussions with the Millihanna Road residents' attorney regarding the roadway to the entrance of Anderson Point Park. Staff continues to participate in activities scheduled by DCD staff relating to the development of the 2016 Comprehensive County Plan. The department has participated in all three district-

centered community sessions. The interviews for Park Planner concluded today with the panel consisting of County professional planners and the Alvin Andrus PRAB Chair.

Forester – Arno Bergstrom reported the 2014 timber thinning at NHHP concluded yesterday October 14th. Equipment will be moving out – Fran Stricklin reported 2 of the camp trailers are out and the one left will be moved Saturday. Nickels St. has been blocked off with large bundles of trees to deter ATV access. Planning is ongoing for next year. Plans for the coming year will be discussed during the North Kitsap Heritage Park Stewardship Group meeting November 18 at 7:00pm at the Indianola Club House. Potential plans for VDT may include two fronts in 2015 -NHHP and NKHP. Brush harvesting has subsided until January. Tree removal at Rotary Park – removing Douglas fir with root rot disease and reforestation with resistant species is being planned. DCD will be assisting with this process to include public outreach information. Arno will seek to schedule a site visit for PRAB members.

Superintendent of Operations- Billie Schmidt reported that the proposed lower roof arena cover project has not yet been presented to the BOCC. The Memorandum of Understanding is being worked on by our legal staff and Ron Gasquoine is working on the grant funding piece. The next step in the process is to place finished documents in the correct format. The information in the recent Kitsap Sun article was erroneous. Synthetic turf is our preference over a press box as presented to the PFD. Quotes were obtained, at the request of PFD, \$470,000 for three infields which is \$200,000 more than committed by the PFD. Grants will be pursued but the next round of RCO funding begins in 2016. The new owner of the Blue Jackets is enthusiastic and has some great ideas - we are working with him to assist in building his program.

Resource Superintendent – Dori Leckner reported the roof project at the Kingston Co-op Preschool has been completed. First phase of the piling project is done and the next stop is Old Mill Park. Norwegian Point Park general park clean up with assistance from the Washington Youth Academy has been completed – Buck Lake is next on the schedule. In an effort to deter vandalism at Silverdale Waterfront Park, staff is working with the Port of Silverdale and the Sheriff's Office.

Rotary Park has had the last two Park signs destroyed by vandals. Port Orchard Rotary is looking into placing a concrete sign there. The approximate cost is \$6,000. The dock at Salsbury Park will be removed on October 24th. Wildcat Lake House slated for demolition on October 18th. Field #1 Improvements have begun at SKRP. Infield mix was removed and placed in other parks to re-use.

Parks Project Coordinator – Ric Catron –Construction of the parking lots at Wildcat Lake and Horseshoe Lake Park is moving forward with a pre-construction meeting held October 7th. Construction is anticipated to start mid-October. The boat ramp at Olalla is

taking extra time due to the location in a saltwater environment. As Jim stated the Anderson Point Embankment repair contract has been awarded to Sealevel Bulkhead Builders Inc. The firm of N.L. Olson has submitted a report to restore the 1920's wing of the Howe Farm Barn. Discussions are ongoing as to how we approach the project.

April Gatz asked once the work at Anderson Point is complete does that mean the Park will reopen? Director Dunwiddie said that discussions are ongoing, and that Public Works staff is doing some investigative research.

Subcommittee Reports: NHHP –Frank Stricklin reported a security fence has been built next to the KRRC property line. This is the first of two fences delineating the laydown yard and nursery in the south end of the park. Stewards fabricated and installed safety grate on control structure at the interactive wetland site, planted four Black Elderberry plants donated by WSU. The group has noted that there are portions of the new roads experiencing some erosion, marked new head cuts and placed certified straw for erosion control at three locations. The group will assist WSU, KC Noxious Weeds and AmeriCorps in planting 700 native plants at the Anderson Landing homestead site on Little Anderson Creek.

Community Forestry – Arno Bergstrom reported the committee met and went over status of NHHP and is looking at plans for next year.

Old Business – Banner Forest Management Plan (*DRAFT*) sent to PRAB with discussions set with the BOCC for November 18th. The plan research started with a watch group, appointed in 2010, staff was able to take observations and comments and include in a 5 year strategic management plan.

The Rolling Hills GC Management Team presents the \$200,000 payment to Kitsap County (third of the series of annual payments due) during a recent RHGC Oversight Board meeting. Keith Grellner suggested a website for Rolling Hills may help generate new business.

New Business – none

– Question arose as to when the salmon will start running up Chico Creek and it was suggested that heavy rains will cause them to run before the typical time in November.

Question regarding dogs on county property – after some discussion it was determined that dogs need to be leashed on county property.

Comments: none

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jon Pearson with the second by Anthony Otto. Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm by Alvin Andrus.

