

Approved
January 20, 2016

**KITSAP COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 6:02 by Chair Alvin Andrus.

Introduction of the Board – PRAB members present – Alvin Andrus, Jon Pearson, Joanne Clark, Larry Walker, Frank Stricklin, Kathryn Thompson, Ani Gatz, Susan Cruver and Brian Kilpatrick. Excused Keith Grellner. Absent – Elizabeth Grady

Staff Present: Jim Dunwiddie, Dori Leckner, Arno Bergstrom and Leigh Snyder.

8 member of the public attended.

Motion:

Motion by: Frank Stricklin **Second by:** Larry Walker
Motion made to accept the minutes from October 21, 2015 as presented
Discussion: None
Action: Minutes accepted by unanimous vote

Correspondence & Communication: Letter received asking that the Parks Department review the policy of “historic” field use. The topic will be addressed later in the meeting under new business.

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board: Nelson Lanchester reported on the damage at SKRP from fallen trees and limbs to the track and picnic table of the KLS. Dori Leckner took note as to where the damage occurred. Crystal Rockafield and Michelle Hill stated they are interested to hear about the historic user policy later in the meeting as they feel it is limiting.

Directors Report –Jim Dunwiddie- Operating budget will be scheduled for adoption 12-7-15. No cuts and we have received addition funding to cover the increase in utility cost. Fee schedule changes recommendations are slated to be approved by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS next week. The department has lost revenue from the KINGSTON COMMUNITY CENTER and the recent closure of the SILVERDALE COMMUNITY CENTER. The Moilanen Estate has donated 6.2 acres of wetland adjacent to Long Lake Park. We have an agreement with the State to manage the Port Gamble shellfish Harvest through WDF&W. Harvesting will occur in May and June. The Belden property purchase (Ilahee) will be approved at next weeks BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS meeting and the last piece of the Barker Creek property where the Schruhls give the County and easement and we in turn grant them an easement should also be approved for completion at the next BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS meeting. This will involve two Resolutions.

County Forester- Arno Bergstrom- Restoration thinning at Newberry Hill Heritage Park and North Kitsap Heritage Park has gone very well with work at Newberry continuing through February. Seedlings have been ordered for February planting at both sites. Frank Stricklin thanked Arno for doing such a great job this year – the environmental logger hired for the work has been very good.

Operations Superintendent – Billie Schmidt – excused absence – written report provided. Jim Dunwiddie reported that the lower arena roof project is making great progress.

Parks Resources Superintendent – Dori Leckner – written report provided – the recent wind storm destroyed the addition to the boat shed at Hansville staff will begin to clear debris and dispose of.

Parks Planner – Fence to be installed and signage to alert patrons to an unsafe structure. Planning is underway for a new bridge crossing over a creek. Staff submitted a preliminary Hydraulic Permit to WDFW for a new bridge design and construction. Kiosk has a new “You Are Here” sign and cork board on the backside to allow for park information postings. We are working with WSU and Friends of the Farm to research and planning for the historic McPherson-Howe Farm site. Olalla Boat Launch Parking Lot is complete. The project had a slight 4 day delay to do heavy rains and a “king” tide. Preliminary Hydraulic Permit submitted to WDFW for a new bridge design and construction of a bridge crossing on a trail that will safely accommodate horse use. User groups have pledged monies for the construction materials.

Forestry Subcommittee – Frank Stricklin- Presentation to the BOCC scheduled for February or March to show how the Forest Stewardship program is working. NHP thinning update peelers 65% and about 30% complete. (See Report) Jim Dunwiddie congratulated the NHP Stewardship group on the Environmental Award they received this past month.

Old Business – PRAB members please feel free to comment on the ‘draft’ County Comp. plan update sent to you electronically and share at the January meeting.

New Business: - Historic Users (ballfields) – Kathryn and Ani have been selected to work with Bill and Dori to come up with guidelines and a direction that better communicates the policy in place.

PRAB members are asked to volunteer for a committee to develop guidelines for “naming policy” please talk to Jim or Alvin if you have an interest.

See the 2016 meeting schedule provided. Note our next meeting is in January.

Alvin called for a nominating committee please get with him if you are interested.

Motion:

Motion by: Jon Pearson **Second by:** Larry Walker

Motion Adjourn Meeting

Discussion None

In Favor Unanimous

Action: Meeting adjourned 7:16PM