

APPROVED
AUGUST 16, 2017

**Kitsap County Parks Advisory Board
Eagle's Nest
Minutes July 19, 2017**

Meeting called to order by Chair Ani Gatz at 6:05 PM.

Board Members Present: Kathryn Thompson, Joanne Clark, Elizabeth Grady, Jon Pearson, Ani Gatz, and Larry Walker. Absent: Frank Stricklin, Tleena Ives and John Grinter.

Staff Present: Jim Dunwiddie, Travis Buell & Leigh Snyder

Members of the Public: 2

Approval of the June 21, 2017 minutes

Motion: Larry Walker **Second:** Kathryn Thompson
Motion to accept the June 21, 2017 minutes as presented.
Discussion: None
Action: minutes approved

Public Comments: Question posed as to the status of the decision on night riding at Port Gamble – the issue has gone to the subcommittee. Both Risk Management and the Civil Prosecutor are concerned with County liability. The subcommittee is working on a recommendation weighing all factors. Comment made that runners are also using the trails at night and is also “historical use”. Ani Gatz suggested that the group put their concerns in letter form to give the subcommittee a written basis for evaluation. The PROS plan community meetings will also be asking for public feedback on Park use.

Directors Report: Sunday July 30th is the dedication of the Boand Family Arena. One of the family members will attend. The BoCC passed a Resolution to acknowledge and thank Ron Gascoyne for his efforts in making this happen. The arena is reserved for Fair. Open Class equestrian classes have been expanded to allow youth to participate in events. WSU has declined to be involved in the equestrian program this year. We are five weeks from fair and working on the Budget for 2018. It will be a status quo budget. Point No Point restroom is open. Staff has been re-writing Chapter 5 of the PROS plan, to be sent for subcommittee comment and review. The Capital plan addresses the need for restrooms at the parks. Kits for waterless restrooms have been approved for Anderson Hill Athletic Fields and South Kitsap Regional Park. Funding for maintenance of permanent structures is challenging. Commercial cleaning is being researched.

Stewardship Reports:

Silverdale Dog Park – chips are being removed from the facility.

Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park –Fundraising near the \$3.5 million required to purchase additional property.

North Kitsap Heritage Park – Stewards working on the master plan update – landscape classifications and trail plan.

Kola Kole- the community making great use of the park after the minor improvements made by the Department.

Anderson Point Park – Joanne Clark asked about gravel – Jim Dunwiddie responded that Public Works is taking this on. Parks plans to expand the parking lot with additional spaces, there will be a need for some minor tree removal.

Banner Forest – Crew from USS Buffalo set roadbeds for the turnpike and topped off with gravel. This project is 95% complete. Working on GPS coordination under the EMS program. There have been no planning meetings to discuss any restorative thinning.

Subcommittee Reports:

Communications -PNP commercial is coming along. Ani would like to set up a Facebook group for PRAB only. Larry Walker suggested that this may need to be approved by the County Civil Prosecutor. Tleena Ives has tendered her resignation from the board due to work commitments.

Parks & Property – committee will meet after the adoption of the PROS plan.

Visitor Services – the SK Rowing Club is working very well at Long Lake – no complaints or issues.

PROS Plan – Larry Walker provided talking points to assist members in engaging the public in a dialogue about Parks. Steven Starlund provided a questionnaire. The committee will meet to discuss further. Jim Dunwiddie suggested that they add a question regarding park funding. A survey should be available for the Kitsap Fair and Stampede.

Old Business – none

New Business – Joanne Clark – Olalla Boat Launch- landscaping cut down by maintenance and she fears the sea grass will not recover. Al's is now charging folks \$1 to bring their own adult beverage to drink in the Pizza area. Many more folks are now taking their food and drink to the Park. Jim will contact the Civil Prosecutor to see what can be done. Joanne would like to see the parking area striped as well to make it easier for trucks with trailers using the boat launch.

Elizabeth Grady – Guillemot Cove- emails from citizens upset with shellfish harvesting by the tribes and others. After discussion it was determined this may be happening on private property. The governing authority and enforcement comes from the State of Washington – Department of Fish and Wildlife. Staff has requested that WDFW meet with property owners to discuss concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.