

Kitsap County Park Advisory Board
Minutes January 17, 2018

Meeting called to order by Chair Ani Gatz at 6:00 PM.

Introduction of the Board – Frank Stricklin, Kathryn Thompson, Jon Pearson, Ani Gatz, John Grinter, Joanne Clark and welcome to new members – Josh Hopp and Brian Higgins.
Larry Walker –excused

Staff Present – Jim Dunwiddie, Travis Buell, Steven Starlund and Leigh Snyder

Members of the Public – 5

Approval of the November 14, 2017 minutes

Motion: Jon Pearson	Second: Frank Stricklin
Motion to accept the November 16, 2017 minutes as presented	
Discussion: None	
Action: Motion approved by unanimous vote	

Public Comment: None

Illahee Presentation – Jim Aho – updated the board on the wetlands (All Secure Storage Parcel) which have been categorized as a Class II Wetlands. The total designated is three acres as determined by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Directors Report – Jim Dunwiddie – Central Kitsap School District ILA – CKSD has approved shared development of athletic fields at the fairgrounds – tennis courts, Lobe fields 2 & 3. The district will be responsible for maintenance. There will be an ADA accessible path installed from Olympic High School to the tennis courts. The public will have use of the facilities. This is a great partnership. 1504 acres have been added to Port Gamble Forest Heritage park. Parklands have increased 67% since 2010. Two public hearings for the PROS plan – 2-12 Poulsbo City Hall at 6:00 PM and February 26th in the Port Orchard at the BoCC Chambers at 6:00 PM.

PROS Plan – Introduction by Travis Buell –thank you to all where were involved, spoke about all the different forms of public outreach and communication efforts that were done, the different stakeholders and agencies that were contacted to develop a cohesive plan that better serves all.

Presentation – Steven Starlund (see attachment – slide show). County Commissioner Public Hearing February 12th (Poulsbo City Hall at 6:00PM), PRAB for acceptance at the February meeting, County Commissioners Public Hearing and Approval February 26th, with submission to WA RCO prior to the March 1, 2018 deadline.

Questions for consideration/discussion –John Grinter asked if tasked will be assigned to the PRAB from the BoCC – JRD response is that we will create our own priorities and direction based on the adopted PROS plan with the various stewardship groups. The department is moving to a natural resource management agency and that is the direction the public wants us to move in. An opportunity for discussion in regard to strategic acquisitions can be better focused upon the PROS plan adoption.

Public comment – question –Does the BoCC have a public hearing before they accept donations of land? Answer: The Director makes a recommendation to the BoCC after review of the property.

Subcommittee Reports-

- **Communication** – met with marking team at Parks. The Park Foundation is registered for the "Great Give".
- **Parks and Property** – PROS Plan has been the focus.
- **Visitor Services** – of note lots of information on Facebook etc. from visit Kitsap and in the media about the acquisition of the additional acreage at Port Gamble.
- **Forestry** – getting ready for planning. Newberry Hill Heritage Parks will be replanting cedar and white pine. Restoration thinning is underway at Coulter Creek. Jim Dunwiddie asked that Frank Stricklin meet with Arno Bergstrom on the Forest Management Plan. All information needs to be in by May to make this a permanent program it is a pilot at this point that expires in July. The loan we gave ourselves needs to be paid in full.

Stewardship Reports-

- **Newberry Hill Heritage Park** – (see written report attached) Website has been redesigned for easier access on tablets and smart phones. Very well attended Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. Scotch broom removal is ongoing. Lighthouse students installed signs at the junction of Coyote Loop and Salal trails to clarify the junction and add the emergency locator tag. Additional signs are being fabricated.
- **Hansville Greenway** - \$1,000 grant received from the Suquamish tribe for educational programs.
- **Kingston** – working on connector trails within the community.
- **North Kitsap Heritage Park** – masterplan update presentation planned for the February PRAB meeting.

Old Business-

Retreat date set for February 2, 2018 from 9:00AM to 12:30PM at the Eagle's Nest.

Nominating Committee Report – nomination for Larry Walker as President and Ani Gatz for Vice President. No floor nominations put forth.

New Business – none

Motion: Kathryn Thompson **Second:** Joann Clark

Motion to adjourn **Discussion:** None

Action: Motion carried – meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM