

APPROVED
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**Kitsap County Park Advisory Board
Minutes March 21, 2018**

Meeting called to order by Chair Larry Walker at 6:03 P.M.

Attendance – Larry Walker, Frank Stricklin, Kathryn Thompson, Brian Higgins, Josh Hopp, Joanne Clark, Jon Pearson & John Grinter

Staff: Jim Dunwiddie, Travis Buell & Leigh Snyder

Members of the Public – 1

Approval of the February 21, 2018 minutes

Motion: Josh Hopp **Second:** Brian Higgins

Discussion: Larry Walker is chair of Parks & Property rather than John Grinter and clarification Brian Higgins is on the Finance Committee.

Action: Approval of the minutes with the above mentioned notes added. Approved by unanimous vote.

Public Address: Jim Heyvelt thanked the staff for the work they have done at Harper Park over the winter –re-graded parking lot, fixed a troublesome drain and tree work. He also noted the UW Crab Studies Sea Grant is underway at the Harper Estuary with 7/9 volunteers already trained. The study will occur April –September.

Directors Report: Jim Dunwiddie - the North Kitsap Stewards held a follow up meeting and further mapped out strategy, trail system extension ideas and connectivity to other areas. These will be ongoing. Photo showing damage and waste from the last homeless encampment at Illahee. The task is not one for volunteers or park staff alone so Dori Leckner has reached out to her contracts to get an inmate crew to help with removal at Illahee, SKRP & Veterans Park. The Health Department and Public Works will also be involved. Meeting held with Mark Schorn (Evergreen Mountain Bike Association) & Travis Buell to discuss management of the site of the proposed bike park. Group will take a trip in April to visit an established bike park in King county. We will be seeking an agreement for a non- profit to manage and they will need to address the night riding issue –presentation to the PRAB possibly in May. Larry Walker would like to see their plan for run off mitigation included. Department requested to sit on a panel selection for 5 firms presenting proposals for the Clear Creek site especially Schold Farm. This proposal will coordinate wetland mitigation projects into one and work on the trails maintenance issue. The project to restore the shoreline at Silverdale Waterfront Park is now larger than anticipated the cost will be closer to \$200,000 as the entire shoreline will need to be restored. We are working with the port and public works to look at options. Work may require the park to close for up to one year.

Subcommittee Reports –

Communication & Visitor Services – no report

Parks and Property – looking at property, developing criteria for acquisition and use of owned land. The Director has drafted policy changes that will come to the subcommittee and then be presented to the full PRAB. Issues that have been identified thus far – e-bikes, drones, shellfish harvesting, and night riding in parks.

Finance – informational first meeting held to set goals and see what direction the committee wants to go. Three future meetings scheduled to seek a variety of funding mechanisms outside of the County Budget.

Forestry – loading logs out of Wildcat Lake Park is complete, planting of new trees at Newberry Hill and South Kitsap Regional has also wrapped up. Reached out to Dana Coggon at the county for help with noxious weeds in the park. There is a herbicide applicators class April 14, 2018. Volunteer attendance would be great. The noxious weeds are exploding and it is very hard to stay ahead of them by hand pulling. This issue and cure will need to be addressed as part of the Forest Stewardship Plan moving forward.

Stewardship Reports –

Newberry Hill Heritage Park – planted 700 trees and pulling scotch broom. New doggie waste station installed today. Thank you to Dori and Lori for assistance with that task.

Banner Forest – last work party was focused on a trail relocation to keep it out of the water and marsh as much as possible. Signage project is being recalibrated as we need to make use of casonite poles rather than trees to adhere the signs to.

Old Business – Director Dunwiddie pointed out that SKHS rowing program has not fulfilled the conditions set forth for use of the park and Dori Leckner has placed a call to the Athletic Director to remedy this. We need a permit and insurance for this program so staff knows when they will be using the facility so the gate can be opened to their designated parking areas.

New Business – Frank Stricklin reported there are baby fish (possibly Coho) at Newberry Hill Heritage Park for the second year. There is also plenty of beaver activity to be observed at Anderson Landing. They have built quite a large dam.

Motion:

Motion: Brian Higgins

Second: Jon Pearson

Discussion: None

Action: Approved – meeting adjourned at 7:01PM