



## **Illahee Preserve Stewardship Committee Minutes**

Tuesday, June 26th, 2018

6:30 – 8:00 PM in Kitsap Pavilion Building at Fairgrounds

### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

**Attendees:** John Plant, John Parvis, Irwin Kringsman, Don Jahaske, Jim Aho, Lori Raymaker, Vic Ulsh, Jon Buesch, Dale Boyle, Judith Kringsman.

**2. Minutes from last Meeting :** Minutes of the 3/20/2018 meeting were approved as written. The meeting scheduled for 6/19/18 was cancelled due to a lack of an available meeting place and rescheduled to 6/26/18.

### **3. Business**

a. RCO Grant & Timbers Edge update: RCO grant must be updated by 7/6/2018.

Jim Aho met with Steven Starlund and spoke with Kim Sellers regarding the RCO grant. Jim will make PRISM entries. Grant will be narrowed from five parcels to three. Eric Baker will work with Jim for cost amount. The final presentation will be made 8/14 and 8/15/2018.

b. Wetland status update - All Secure Property: A red tailed hawk nest was observed on the property. Alison OSullivan is not in favor of a loop trail at the wetland. On 7/10/18 Ed Wolfe, Amy Lawrence (Olympic College), Jim Aho and Angie Silva will walk the property, also the Army Corps of Engineers will soon make a determination as to type of permit to be issued. (Standard or Nationwide). A standard permit is published for a 60 day public comment period. A Nationwide does not require public comment. Robin Meyers and Mr. Reinout VanBeynum have met with Jerry Gregory to discuss this matter. AES has completed a survey, but it has not yet been published.

c. Kitsap County Parks Report: Lori Raymaker – Waiting for easement approval from Parks for the new trail. Lori introduced a new request for a Landscape Classification Plan for the Illahee Preserve. Lori will send an example that the Port Gamble group has finished. Lori will retire on September 8, 2018. Please return any materials which have been borrowed from Parks. Any allocated funds for the year 2018 should be spent by the time Lori leaves to make it easier for the Parks Department.

d. Homeless campers: John Parvis reported that things are moving in the right direction with any homeless issues thanks to help from others, He has had one person who has been a repeat offender of the rules. Chris Mathews and John took down and cleared a tent which had

been left by a camper. Also, the Park and Ride area has been routinely walked and Kitsap One and County Work Release have cleaned up the Power Line Road debris. A motorcycle trail has been identified where Thompson Lane intersects. No Trespassing Signs posted.

e. Signage status around Preserve: Signs have remained mostly stable and they are doing a great job.

f. Access onto South Thompson Trail: No details.

g. Handicapped accessible trail circling Almira shelter : Jon and Vic are in favor of a possible handicapped accessible trail in which the East Bremerton Rotary Club has expressed interest.

h. Belden property security update: Steps taken to prevent trespass.

i. Leadership Kitsap: Vic reported that Leadership Kitsap will begin in September and has expressed interest in a possible project.

j. KMHS expansion timelines for Drug Recovery: Jim Aho stated that KMHS is now working on a plan. Subsequently Vic emailed the Stewardship Committee a more detailed explanation of the plan.

k. Wildlife & Nature reports: Judith reported her concerns about danger trees in the area of the Thompson Lane parking lot.

l. Anyone need a *Thank You*? None.

#### **4. Issues / Concerns**

a. Enforcement items – car camping in Almira lot, dumping in parking lots, homeless camps in forest, dogs off-leash, dumping along Thompson Lane, brush picking, dog scoop, drug dealing, off-trail hiking, rogue trail building, fire wood poachers, plant thieving, paint ball, & motorcycles.

#### **5. Adjourn**

The Illahee Preserve Stewardship Committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month to discuss issues associated with the Illahee Preserve. The next regularly scheduled meeting of Illahee Preserve Stewardship Committee is **July 17th, 2018**.

**NOTE:** Illahee Forest Preserve, the non profit 501(c)(3) corporation, which supports the Illahee Preserve, meets the middle month of each quarter on the 3rd Tuesday of that month.

Judith Kringsman, Secretary