

APPROVED

SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

Kitsap County Park Advisory Board
Minutes August 15, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Larry Walker

Introduction of the Board and staff:

Members of the Board Present – Larry Walker, Ani Gatz, Frank Stricklin, Josh Hopp, Brian Higgins, Kathryn Thompson, Jon Pearson. Excused: Joanne Clark, John Grinter

Staff- Jim Dunwiddie, Travis Buell, Leigh Snyder

Member of the Public – 1

Approval of the July 16, 2018 minutes

Motion: Josh Hopp	Second; Kathryn Thompson
Discussion: None	
Action: Motion passed minutes accepted	

Public Comment: Molly Lee expressed her desire for the Rude Road property to become a Heritage Park. She asked that the public be allowed to attend the Parks and Property subcommittee meetings and that minutes be published. Larry Walker and Kathryn Thompson explained the process that the subcommittee is still coming up with criteria to use as a tool to determine the viability of properties. No independent study has been made on this or any other property. The subcommittee will report everything to the PRAB in a public meeting. Miss Lee also expressed her fear that the City of Poulsbo will annex this Rude Road and that a letter has been sent to the State Legislature asking that restrictions be removed so that the site can be developed as a commercial site, possible industrial park and/or a Walmart built. PRAB members asked for a copy of the letter to review it was not able to be produced at this time.

Directors Report- (See Attached Capital Budget)

Awaiting test results from the US Coast guard for the PNP Lighthouse and renewal of the lease with the anticipation the property will be turned over to the County in the next 5 years.

Pumas have dissolved – revenue gap can be filled with other user groups. It has been suggested that if approached by another “for profit” entity to rent facilities and they want improvements that we ask for financial participation from them.

Working on the draft of the agreement for the ride park at Port Gamble. Community meeting is anticipated in early fall.

Subcommittee Reports:

Communications – no report

Parks & Property – first criteria discussed, subcommittee feels that Johnson Creek should be protected but it will be some time before individual properties are discussed.

Visitor Services – will meet in September to discuss classification(s) and motorized vehicle.

Finance Committee – will meet with staff to discuss classifications and level of service for each. Meeting scheduled at 9:00 AM at the Parks Officer, in addition the future of VGGC will be on the agenda.

Stewardship Reports –

Newberry Hill Heritage Park (see report) In regard to the Beaver Dam Analog – it is a faux dam that will be installed at Old Loop Trail to assist in increasing the water table. It will be the first in Western Washington – it will stop water and let it soak into the ground, thus water won't degrade the channel. There is a Beaver Summit in Ellensburg September 4th.

North Kitsap Heritage Park -will be meeting in September to move forward on the Master Plan update and a plan for a public meeting. Stewards have let Pope know they are against the planned use of roundup herbicide.

Banner Forrest – trail clearing work continues (when restrictions lifted), hand trimming of the service road all the way through the park. Sign posts are staying in place. Public educated to the fact they are making GPS coordinates for emergency services.

Old Business – Ani Gatz informed the PRAB that toxic giant hogs weed has been discovered in Kitsap County. Please let your stewardship groups know to be careful and use gloves.

New Business -Jim Dunwiddie – Lori Raymaker is retiring – Frank Stricklin is coordinating efforts for a retirement part to be held September 8 at Wildcat Lake – potluck.

Adjournment:

Motion: Jon Pearson	Second: Brian Higgins
Adjourn at 6:53 PM	
Discussion – None	
Action: Meeting adjourned	