

**APPROVED**  
**OCTOBER 17, 2018**

Kitsap County Park Advisory Board  
Minutes September 19, 2018

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

Introduction of the Board and staff:

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

Staff Present: Jim Dunwiddie, Travis Buell, Leigh Snyder

Members of the Public – 3

Approval of the August 15, 2018 minutes

<b>Motion:</b> Jon Pearson	<b>Second:</b> Joanne Clark
Discussion: None	
<b>Action:</b> Minutes accepted as presented.	

Public Comment:

Molly Lee expressed her desire for the Rude Road property to become a Heritage park. A concerned citizen questioned the public process for subcommittee meetings/minutes and information available to the public. Chair Larry Walker explained the subcommittee will make a report to the PRAB who will then discuss and come up with a recommendation for the properties discussed. Any decisions are made by the County not the PRAB who is an “Advisory Board” only. A member of the North Kitsap Heritage Park stewardship group has concerns about the *new* parking lot and has sent an email to the Park Director. Jim Dunwiddie will respond to the email sent and address the concerns expressed. He indicated the department is still staying with the long-term plan for the park.

Directors Report:

Fair sustainability study interviews with stakeholders underway. Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park – Ride Park – EMBA is taking a closer look at the draft agreement. Revised ETA for agreement is end of October. Corey’s Day on the Farm event has come to an end in it’s present form. Seeking a farewell activity. The event has been ongoing 50+ years with 41 years of the event held at the Fairgrounds. This year served 1000+ special needs youngsters. Per Frank Stricklin there is an effort underway to seek a new sponsor for the event. 5 RCO grants submitted – 0 funded this cycle. Season Park closures occur October 1, 2018. (Full Report Attached).

Subcommittee Reports –

Communications – no report

Parks & Property – meeting held September 14<sup>th</sup>. Developing an evaluation tool and check list for properties. Have selected three properties to test – 1 from each district. Will report findings at the October PRAB meeting.

Finance Committee – Brian Higgins reported the committee met on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Two items being discussed/ valuated with a report to the PRAB anticipated for the October meeting. Working on metrics. Next subcommittee meeting is October 12, 2018 at 9:00 AM at the Parks offices.

Visitor Services – next meeting scheduled for early October. No report at this time.

#### Stewardship Reports –

Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park – stewardship group formalized, land classification plan done. There is no masterplan – park will largely remain in it's natural state. Mark Schorn chairs the Stewardship group.

Chico Stewards – Josh Hopp reported a citizen group is going to tie in with the Kitsap Clean Water group to check water quality. The group will partner with students to assist with the study and data/sample collections.

Newberry Hill Heritage Park – Working on the wetlands project and ongoing scotch broom removal. (See full report). American woman butterfly spotted and photographed at the park. This is a rare citing for this area.

Hansville group – concerned about Pope spraying on recently logged areas. Pope is looking to hold some public hearings in February with a possibility they will be held here in Kitsap county.

North Kitsap Heritage Park stewardship group is busy maintaining trails. Educating themselves with expert speakers in regard to the public works plan for use of purple water. What is the quality? Impacts?

Banner Forest – Now that power tools can be used the group is busy bushing back overgrown trails and clearing fallen trees.

Stewardship Coordinator Lori Raymaker is retired and the department will look to advertise and fill her position once we are able to. Dori Leckner and her crew will fill in for the meantime.

Old Business – Larry Walker suggested that any topics the PRAB members would like to add to the agenda please send to the Parks Department by the Wednesday prior to the meeting for inclusion in the Agenda.

New Business – Travis Buell will give a budget presentation overview at the October PRAB meeting. Larry Walker announced the November PRAB meeting is scheduled for the day before Thanksgiving –

Change of meeting date:

**Motion:** Brian Higgins

**Second:** Ani Gatz

Discussion: Change the meeting date to November 28<sup>th</sup> to avoid conflict with any travel plans for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Same time 6:00 and same venue – Eagle's Nest.

**Action:** Motion passed

Adjournment:

**Motion:** Ani Gatz

**Second:** Kathryn Thompson

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:02 PM.

Discussion: None

**Action:** Motion passed