

**Kitsap County Parks Advisory Board  
Minutes 2-17-21**

**REMARKS FOR THE BEGINNING REMOTE ADVISORY GROUP MEETING READ BY  
CHAIR JON PEARSON**

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM by Chair Jon Pearson

**PRAB Members Present:** Josh Hopp, Jon Pearson, Janise Bauman, Linda Berry Maraist, Kathryn Thompson, Joanne Clark, Amy Lawrence, Larry Walker & Emily Kleiner

**Staff Present:** Alex Wisniewski, Alexandra Hardy, Arno Bergstrom, Ashley Dupler, Leigh Snyder, Brian Hauschel, Aaron Bartleson

**Members of the Public –3**

Approval of the Agenda

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| <b>Motion:</b> Jenise Bauman<br>Discussion: None<br><b>Action:</b> Agenda Approved | <b>Second:</b> Kathryn Thompson |
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**Nominations Committee Report:** Larry Walker- Nomination for Chair: Jon Pearson  
Nomination for Vice Chair: Josh Hopp

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| <b>Motion:</b> Larry Walker<br>Nomination for Chair -Jon Pearson<br><b>Action:</b> Approved | <b>Second:</b> Kathryn Thompson |
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| <b>Motion:</b> Larry Walker<br>Nomination for Vice Chair: -Josh Hopp<br><b>Action:</b> Approved | <b>Second:</b> Kathryn Thompson |
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Adoption of the Minutes of January 20, 2021

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| <b>Motion:</b> Kathryn Thompson<br>Discussion: Changes -Change language from Port Gamble Stewards to Forest Fund Group<br><b>Action:</b> Approved | <b>Second:</b> Joanne Clark |
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**Public Comment:** K.C. Patton President of ARCS -welcome to Alex Wisniewski. Desires a meeting with the Director. Lynn Schorn-interested in getting on the PRAB agenda to present Forest Fund. Length of time 2 minutes with materials on shared screen.

**Directors Report: Alex Wisniewski-**

Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park:

- Master Plan-process underway led by OAC as the project manager. Fisher Bouma is leading the master planning process. Looking at land use, permitting, restrictions. Most recent developing content for first public meeting 3-16-21 at 6:30 PM. We are working on the agenda now. The intent of the first meeting is centered on information sharing. The

links will be published for the 3-16-21 meeting. March 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the rollout for a website dedicated to the Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park Master Plan.

- Ride Park, Parking Lot, and Access Road -moving slowly in permitting phase, EMBA is under contract and moving permitting forward
- Stottlemeyer Road Parking Lot & Trailhead-in contract negotiations for the Civil Engineering for those sites.
- All three projects are running parallel with a year- end completion date.

#### Square Lake Park

- Restorative Forest Thinning-Arno Bergstrom-this is the project for this year. Map shown of Square Lake Park (See attached) to show which areas planned for thinning. 120 acres are planned for thinning. The roads marked on the map are existing either put in by DNR or County. We are in the permitting phase – DNR has inspected and has made some requests for changes to the plan. Arno has sent out informational flyers to all residents within 800 feet of Square Lake Park. He has heard back from only one who wanted additional information. The trees are not ecologically old and there is not a lot of root rot there. We will leave the bigger trees and take out the younger trees -the ones that look like an overstocked plantation. Start date undetermined until permit is issued. I hope to resubmit for the permit next week. I hope to have the permit by mid-March. The loggers we use may not be available until mid- April. The plan is to thin from 220 to 100 or below.

#### South Kitsap Regional Park

- Playground installation-Brian Hauschel-Buell Recreation will install new playground beginning late February. Buell is the vendor.

Staffing-we hired 4 new M&O and 1 Events Maintenance.

Questions? -None

**Events & COVID-19 Restrictions** -Alexandra Hardy-(See Recovery Plan attached) Tiers 1 - Athletic Fields Tier 2- Picnic Shelters, Parks Outdoor Permitted Events, Tier 3 Community Buildings, & Tier 4- Larger Building Structures

Questions – Linda Berry Maraist – How do you handle the restrooms? Renters must follow CDC guidelines. It is easier to handle with the use of Sani cans. The facility renters will need to disinfect restrooms before and after the event. Compliance falls on the renters. Josh H. – is there an increased cost incurred by the Department? Do you qualify for any funding from the government? Alex H. -yes there is additional cost for materials and labor. We have received some CARES funding for having the Rescue Mission in the Pavilion. We can investigate additional grants or funding.

**Future agenda items and meeting structure** – Alex Wisniewski-open discussion with PRAB-What is the PRAB interested in? Agenda items? Please let me know what kinds of questions the public is asking or information we can provide. Lynn Schorn-sees Kitsap County Parks as needing funding. Can we discuss ways of funding Parks besides Timber sales or grants? Per Alex sustainable funding is a need for Parks everywhere. There are tools at our disposal in the State of Washington that we can look at with the guidance of the BoCC. Josh Hopp suggested

a Finance Sub-Committee of the PRAB. How can we align our meeting and reporting with the PROS plan? Can we use as a tool during our meetings? Kathryn thinks this is a great agenda item. Focus on this would be timely. Larry Walker would like the agenda items fleshed out more. Alex would like to build out the Agenda 2 months in advance this can be challenging. Linda Berry Maraist – think about ways we can connect our parks and make them more of a destination. Alex W. -suggested that Alex H. is our marketing specialist. Jon P. suggested the Visitors Services group work with Alex Hardy, and she agreed.

### Sub Committee Reports

- Community Outreach-Josh Hopp-Amy L. working on a Learning Labs Projects in Parks for students, Land Labs in Parks is under discussion with the Greater Peninsula Conservancy for education and outreach with what GPC is doing, Conservation crews Jenise Bauman is participating in a group like this. No Child Left Inside RCO grant application with the state due 3-1-21. We would partner with Wild Society/Junior Naturalist program. Hands on volunteer component, follow COVID-19 guidelines, PRAB would have a role in evaluating the program. Applying for up to 25K in funding. Thank you to Lynn Schorn who has helped draft this draft application. Asking for PRAB endorsement -Linda Berry-Maraist this has the full support of the Port Gamble Forest Park Stewardship group. Alex W. has presented to BoCC who have requested additional information. County would need to administer the grant and submit the report at the end of the grant cycle. Jackson and Aaron could provide support as staff. Due to COVID the grant does not require any match per Lynn Schorn -structured as a reimbursement per Alex W.

PRAB has recommended unanimously that the effort has their endorsement for the application of the grant. RCO No Child Left Inside Grant.

- Parks & Property-Kathryn Thompson -meeting yesterday discussed the draft E-Bike program. Still under evaluation but is probable to come before the PRAB in March.
- Visitor Services-none

**District Representative Reports:** Linda Berry-Maraist-Port Gamble Stewards met and talked about the Master Plan details. Concerned about timing and how the outreach meeting will be publicized. Would have liked it available by mid -February. Talked about Ranger Trail management. EMBA's proposal has been reviewed and is going before the BoCC in early March. New guidelines for work parties have been published. The county website is slow to sign up for volunteer work parties. Discussed grant (see above), scotch broom removal, E-Bike policy, Sound to Olympics Trail, Bluff Trail signage. Donor sign has been installed.

Larry Walker -Banner Forest -individual work parties happening, patching trail on Banner side, clearing trails.

Joanne Clark-how are the repairs coming along at Anderson Point Park? Alex – Public Works and DCD are running these projects and we do not have an update currently. Was the permit granted for the parking lot? Alex W. – I will check on that. Meeting on the Olalla Boat Launch and the new owners of the store. Brian H. investigated the meeting we do not have any information on the feasibility study at this time.

**Old Business:** Amy Lawrence when is the annual Stewardship meeting? Aaron Bartleson for the 6 Heritage Parks it is something we have talked about. We will get the information out. The District Meetings will include the smaller groups. Josh would like a hi-lighted meeting notes from the Volunteer Coordinators every couple of months. Amy suggested a featured park of the month.

Joanne Clark asked about the status of Coulter Creek and Calvinwood? When will we start planning for this park? Can we get the ball rolling? Alex W. agreed that we need to get something started again on this park. We will need to pick the pieces up again on this once we fill some positions.

**New Business:** Linda Berry Maraist-How will outreach be handled for the Port Gamble Masterplan? Alex W. there will be a big media push -detailing where to access the meeting. The webpage is under construction but there will be a large concentrated push when ready.

**Adjournment - 7:47 PM**

**Motion:** Larry Walker

**Second:** Josh Hopp

**Discussion:**

**Action: Approved**