



## **Illahee Preserve Stewardship Committee Minutes**

Tuesday, December 19th, 2017

6:30-8:00 PM in Kitsap Pavilion at Fairgrounds

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

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

### **2. Minutes from last Meeting:** Minutes of the 10/17/17 meeting were approved as amended.

### **3. Business:**

a. Homeless camps & homeless people – continual clean-up: A new concerning matter regarding the increase of homeless people in the Preserve was discussed. Judith discussed her telephone conversation with Stuart Grogan, Executive Director Housing Kitsap, current owner of the village homeless camp at Almira. This location is at the rear of the Fred Meyer Store. This is believed to be the reason for the current increase of homeless in the preserve and Housing Kitsap's plans for their property and the problems it is creating for the preserve. Stuart Grogan is waiting for his board to approve a housing plan for the property at which time the homeless village will be disbanded. Stewardship is worried that this will also increase the current homeless problem in the preserve. Various alternatives to lessen the problem of increased homeless in the preserve were formed. Some ideas were to build a side trail, jog loop trail, and control understory for better visibility. Five stewards will meet tomorrow, Wednesday, to form a formal plan to begin control methods to lessen the current situation in the vicinity of the Spotted Doe Trail. It was felt that the next area of concern once this situation is under control, the homeless may move to the Power Pole area. Vic will talk to George Smalley, North Perry Water District, to share mutual concerns in the area. Lori will discuss this situation with Dori. Parks prefer to handle this concern with the Commissioners rather than our approaching the subject with them. Garbage cleanup has been ongoing since this problem arose and preserve volunteers have had a massive effort to keep things on track and we thank them. Parks Department is working hard to support garbage removal efforts.

b. Housing Kitsap Plans for homeless village site along Almira? See above.

c. Drug Recovery expansion timelines for KMHS: No information at this time.

d. Stream Study of Illahee Creek (Judy);: Currently under study by Kate Macneale of the Puget Sound Partnership.

e. Kitsap County Parks' Report - Lori Raymaker: Lori needs the work plan for 2018. Dale Boyle has requested a top priority item for him is staging rocks for big repair to Golf Hollow for check dams for erosion issues and control. Lori furnished a bundle of trail maps and brochures for use in the kiosk brochure holders. This will be very helpful.

f. Be on alert for brush picker season: Vic Ulsh told the group that November-April are active months to be alert for brush pickers, even though the busiest times are the Christmas season.

g. Tree blow-down season: Ongoing visual lookout for any downed trees and immediate response to reported concerns.

h. Garbage dumping at Preserve?: One garbage pickup is currently needed on Thompson Lane. Judith will call the roads department to see if more Illegal Dumping signs can be attained which list the penalty for dumping.

i. Anyone need a *Thank You*?: Not at this time.

j. Wildlife & Nature reports: Red Breasted Sapsuckers observed, increase in Brown Squirrels activity.

#### **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, tree poachers, 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 **January 16th, 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