



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, February 15, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 630pm with the following park board members in attendance:

Tim Manns, Liz McNett Crowl, Mike Elde, Kevin Loy, Jason Benson, John Semrau, and Elizabeth Detillion.

Staff Members: Brian Adams

Approved by Tim and seconded by Elizabeth. The January minutes were passed unanimously without corrections.

Public Comments:

Skagit PUD: Mark Semrau

Board Discussion

Waterline Discussion:

~~The~~ Mark Semrau talked about the history of the line, as well as the new plans. The new pipeline planning started in 2007. The pipeline is over fifty years old so maintenance needs to be done and capacity needs to be increased. Currently there are access issues during the wet season with the pipes resting under wetlands. ~~Their~~ PUD's route analysis determined that the trail corridor would be the best place to run their lines, at least for the stretch between Gunderson Road and Clear Lake. The line will be built at 36" diameter. One particular area poses some challenges where the railroad bed isn't evident and the wetlands have expanded. The nationwide permit has some limitations due to caps on wetland acres. One of the options to address the issue is to elevate the pipe above ground, using retaining walls and boardwalks—creating a "pipe bridge"—using girder, decking, and railing to get across the waterway. The micro tunnel option comes with increased risk, not knowing what materials they would run into. The bridge would have a light vehicle load. The challenge for our department will be the highway crossing. Our engineering division will evaluate this issue and come up with plans for a safe and reliable crossing. The trail will have a 12' to 14' gravel surface, when complete. Construction will take place in 2019 and 2020.

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Baker River Confluence:

The proposal for the Baker River confluence property was discussed. Kevin made a motion to support \$12,500 in residual Foundation funds to match \$27,500 from the Port of Skagit. The rest of the funding will be allocated from our special pathways fund. Jason seconded the request. Tim recused himself from the vote. Of those voting, the motion passed unanimously.

Although we have the funds pledged they aren't finalized. There is still a boundary line adjustment to resolve so that the barn can stay with the current landowner. The MOU can be drawn up so that the Port and County aren't in the chain of title. The funds could be held in escrow for the Town of Concrete to acquire.

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Burlington/Edison Track:

Although SCPR is interested in a partnership with the Burlington School District, there isn't really a funding source that fit the criteria for a track. There were no funds allocated in our capital budget and our special pathways funds have specific criteria. The only possibility is residual foundation funds but the Land Trust Board isn't comfortable using funds that were specified for trails to be used for a track. Furthermore, the school hasn't allocated its own funds for this project. Without financial support from the school district there is little interest from a SCPR perspective. The Board thought it may be best to focus on helping with the vault toilet in Edison at a later time.

2019 Comp Plan Preparation: Meetings and Surveys

Meetings to be slated for April 26 on Fidalgo Island, May 3 Mount Vernon, and May 17 in Sedro-Woolley.

Staff Update

Protect Project Funding for Dedicated Accounts within the Capital Budget – ALEA (*Capital Budget*) Full funding for ALEA is in both the Senate-approved and House-passed 2018 Capital Budgets (**ESSB 6095; Striking Amendment to ESSB 6095**). What had been an \$11.665 million allocation will shrink a bit to \$10.7 million or so, because two of the 22 projects (Mercer Island - \$380,000; Snoqualmie - \$560,000) failed to certify their local match requirements. Still, the funding level for ALEA will end up being a historic one and hopefully bodes well for the integrity of the Account going forward.

Recreation and Fairground Reports:

Provided in written form.

Adjourn

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