



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, ~~March~~ February 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm with the following park board members in attendance:

Board Members present: Tim Manns, Jose Riefkohl, Greg Francioch, John Semrau, Elizabeth Detillion and Kevin Loy

Staff Members and Representatives: Brian Adams

Members from the Public: Teresa Thomas and Jordan Sneva

The February minutes were discussed and passed without changes. Tim made the recommendation to pass the minutes as written and Elizabeth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Discussion

Del Bosque Trail: Teresa Thomas and Jordan Sneva requested to change the name of the trail at the Skagit Playfields to the Del Bosque Trail. Teresa talked about the contributions Jess Del Bosque made to the community over the course of 45 years. Jess was a student/athlete at BEHS before getting his degree at WWU. The Del Bosque family was one of the first Latino families to come to the Skagit Valley. After graduating high school, Jess became the first member from his family to attend college. After receiving a teaching degree, Jess came back to the Valley and began his teaching career at MVHS. Jess taught Spanish and drivers training while coaching cross country and track. He elevated parks and recreation in Skagit County through his commitment to long distance running at the Skagit Playfields. Jess has created a legacy of kindness, empathy, and perseverance. Teresa said she had never met someone with as much integrity, character, authenticity, and humility.

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After deliberations, Tim moved to make a motion to approve the naming of the SVP trail the 'Del Bosque Trail'. After Elizabeth seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

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E-Bike Policy: John spoke of some of the local policies that have been developed. There has been a lot of public process in the greater region as well as local community. Bellingham is now allowing e-bikes in areas where other bikes are allowed. Anacortes is allowing class 1 e-bikes on trails where other bikes are allowed and will be reviewing the policy after one year. Tim talked about the need to keep consistency with some of the other jurisdictions. He felt it was important to duplicate the 15 miles per hour speed limit. There was a lot of discussion about the three classes of bicycles and whether "pedal assist" should be added to the final policy.

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The Board requested that Brian write a motion for their consideration. The motion should (1) allow ~~for all three classes I and III of~~ e-bikes (2) be posted with a 15 mile an hour speed limit at the discretion of the

Parks and Recreation Director (3) be allowed on every path other bikes are allowed on and (4) be reviewed after one year. The motion should be advertised on social media and our SCPR website so that the public can comment if they so desire.

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Staff Report: As written

Skagit Playfields:

Soccer fields: We have all our permits in place but not the funding. The retention pond, bioswales, and detailed grading plan elevated the cost of the project and as a result, we are having discussions with potential partners. MV and SVC are both potential partners. We won't be soliciting bids until we get a funding plan in place. Estimates are close to \$750,000. I am talking with the college and MVCP about a partnership agreement for 2023.

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Softball fields: Permits for the paving and building projects have been submitted with the City of Mount Vernon. There are only 3 tournament free weekends between now and October. By the end of April, we believe every remaining weekend will be reserved for softball/youth hardball tournaments. We are advertising for potential sponsors for funding new wireless scoreboards. Basic estimates ~~for the structures~~ without installation ~~structures~~ range from \$5,000 to \$20,000, depending on the size and features.

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NSRA: We are being told the specs are completed and the Veteran's Plaza design is ready to go out to bid. This project will be completed in the summer of 2022. Bid packets will be distributed soon with construction slated for late May or June.

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Acquisitions: Filipini Falls – Commissioner Janicki and I did a site visit with Brenan and Kim Filipini, the couple from Snohomish County whom own the land. They are prepared to donate the land and would like to create a trailhead before reconveying it. It's an incredible parcel with enormous public value.

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Skagit Flyway - The property will be placed in the Studley will for use as a future park.

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Skagit River Fishing Access—We are putting together the PSA for the donation.

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Park and Rec Comp Plan Docket:

The process with the planning commission is going very well and they are supportive of code adjustments for greater efficiencies. We hope to have the plan completed by April.

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Swinomish Boat Launch:



A report with the estimates for repair ~~has~~ been completed. The assessment will be included with the April agenda.

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, ~~November 21~~ October 15, 2019 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm 5:00 pm with the following park board members in attendance:

Board Members present: Tim Manns, Jason Benson, and Elizabeth Detillion, Jason Benson, Alex Knighton, John Semrau, Greg Francioch, and Chris Allen and Chris Allen.

Staff Members and Representatives: Brian Adams and Eccoc Design consultant Patrik Dylan.

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Public: Andy Basabe from Vamos Project

Board Discussion

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The challenges and opportunities associated with developing the site into housing. Key site characteristics that would essentially be a "showstopper" (i.e., cost prohibitive, environmental, safety issues without appropriate mitigation options, etc.).

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ofon the process itVamos is partnering with Burlington Edison School District to provide programming in Skagit County Parks on Saturdays for Latinx youth. Burlington Parks are all closed, and we are working on transportation to get kids to the Skagit County Parks. They have chosen NSRA for its open and green space to facilitate their bilingual and environmental education activities.

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Vamos Outdoors Project will provide outdoors programming for youth through the Gear Up program. All programming will follow social distancing protocols as laid out by Vamos Outdoors Project, BESD, and the Skagit County Health Department, whichever is the most conservative. Vamos will provide insurance, supervision, and enrichment activities, provided by 2 trained outdoor educators. Gear up will provide outreach, food, and one staff member from Gear up or BESD. Families will arrive at parks of their own accord. Participants will meet at a local green space and spend 2.5 hours with Vamos. Vamos will provide 2 hours of activities, with ½ hour for lunch.

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Vamos Outdoors Project is the culmination of many different inspirations on many different soils. VOP is inspired by a mother taking her sons to the top of Sauk Mountain as toddlers, to the alpine meadows, rivers and peaks of the Cascades as teenagers. It is a Spanish teacher realizing that the outdoors make for an ideal immersive classroom. It is an English teacher in Spain working with Moroccan immigrants in a public school wishing he could share a place as beautiful as Whatcom County through his teaching. It is a young man traveling through South America realizing that language is a key that opens doors to mountains, valleys, and rainforests across the world. It is a group of friends standing on the highest point in North America realizing that the reason they are there is because of the desire to find personal growth through engaging experiences in nature. We work to bridge culture and language barriers through access to Environmental Education. We want the youth we serve to draw upon transformative experiences as they grow to love their bodies, their culture, their communities, and their landscapes.

The Vamos Project is aligned with the goals of environmental education as outlined in our Comprehensive Parks Plan. (Page 5-6):

Utilize parklands, facilities, and programs to promote environmental education and encourage park visitors to become stewards of Skagit County's natural resources.
Support partnerships with environmental education organizations to provide programs at outdoor classrooms and other appropriate gathering places in Skagit County parks.

Brian asked the Board to comment on a "cost-free" partnership with Vamos based on their program being aligned with the goals of our Parks Plan. The Board agreed.

Park Board Recruitment:

We are still working on this. We may have a new recruit from District #1.

Staff Report: A report was provided and discussed. C/r wefor the structures,

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Agenda and Minutes:

Motion was made and seconded to accept the October minutes and November Agenda, Minor adjustments were made to the board attendees. Both passed unanimously.

Board Discussion

Final Comp Plan Review:

Patrik shared the entire plan with the board including the Executive Summary, appendices, acknowledgements and last month's adjustments to the final chapter. Minor edits were made and the executive summary was rewritten to accommodate the Board's changes.

The signature page for the plan has been created and we will be asking PRAB members to sign it at the December offsite event. This will be scheduled for December 19th at 4:30pm. The park plan will be scheduled for adoption as a "stand-alone document" in January. It will be docketed and enter further public process in the latter half of 2020. The resolution and signature page will be sent out for review. The plan will be reviewed further with the planning commission in 2020 as we go through the formal docketing process.

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Project Summary:

Skagit Playfields:

We have selected Field Turf from KCDA as our contractor for the turf. Test holes are being dug in November and will be provided to the contractor. The college is donating 150k towards this project. A cultural Resource report needs to be completed for the infields in early 2020. A contract will be drawn up for getting the scope of work completed.

Pressentin Park: The project will break ground in the fish window of 2020. There are significant development challenges due to the cultural resources along the terrace. Excavation should begin in March of 2020.

We weren't able to get bids from those on any of the pre-bid rosters for replacing the roof of the old Good Foods Building. We will be taking the bid documents for the new Fair roof and repurpose/re-scope it for the new roof.

NSRA: The waterline and septic system are in. We have provided SW Rotary with the design for signage and the signs are currently being constructed offsite. We met with a CXT rep this week and will place an order in November. The permit was approved. The bathroom is being scheduled for a March of 2020 delivery.

The loop trail which will utilize the old connections from the hospital to the Farmstead is officially open. The Skagit Trail Builders have been partnering with us on the trails with help from volunteers, including students and staff from the Job Corp. The new trail will give visitors access to the campus before looping back to the park. The new 34' bridge has been completed at a cost of just under 15k!

Skagit Fairgrounds:

A new roof (funded from a USDA grant) will be completed before the end of the year. There is discussion about moving the Fair but there has been many other times over the past 135 years that the Fair was going to change locations. The advisory board will assist in looking at alternative locations for placement of the Fair _____.

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Next Meetings: December 19 at 4:30 pm at Skagit Brewery

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