



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Preliminary Minutes

The April agenda and March minutes were approved as written. There was no outside participation nor were there comments to issues beyond what was on the agenda.

Board Discussion

The board discussed beach naming rights for a small cove at Sharpe Park. The landlocked property which includes the cove is owned by John Decker from Seattle. John has been paying taxes on a piece of property that was assessed in value from between 40 and 60k over the past few years. The property has been appraised at only 9k. The board voted to recommend other enticements, including a bench at the location of the old cabin, naming rights for the small cove, and a park stewardship award.

Bayview Ridge—The board briefly discussed the LOS for Bayview Ridge and they were updated by staff on the latest correspondence between the County and the consultants. The board will review the draft plans once the first site plan has been completed.

Centennial Trail—The board discussed the half mile of trail located at the Snohomish County line. Finding a way to pave south from Highway 9 and connecting to Snohomish Park was generally supported. The board thought it was important for staff to meet with Chris Kowitz to discuss tree removal as a first step. The board wanted to get a better look at what it may take to complete the section of trail between Clear Lake and Big Rock. Liz showed some of the missing sections in those areas. Liz also explained the Barney Lake proposal. Liz proposed a financial partnership on the Barney Lake parcel. A portion of the upland acquisition will be earmarked for trails. Kevin asked for more information, including amount of money in Special Pathway fund and the appropriateness of sharing this fund for this use. Staff suggested a representative attend from the Skagit Land Trust at a future meeting. John made a motion to table the discussion of the financial partnership until May. The motion carried.

Comp Plan—Update was given to the board on the support from the board and the steps that will be taken in 2013.

Projects

Projects were discussed and updates on summer hiring were given.

Adjourn Next Meeting: May 19, 2011

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