



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, November 17, 2016

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

Chris Allen, Kerri Cook, Kevin Loy, John Semrau, and Tim Manns.

Staff Members: Brian Adams

No additional items were added to the agenda. The minutes were approved as written, as per the approved motion.

Board Discussion

Naming Policy Updates

Tim suggested we should separate facilities/parks from topographic features in naming policy discussions since the USGS already have a formal process for naming topographic features. John wondered if facility and park naming policies should include a process in which the proposal is advertised in the newspaper. In the application before the board in October, the advocates thought all along they had informal approval to name the park for Vern Sims. The application process needs to be clear and introduced early in the discussion. The previous policies were written in 1989 and rarely used. John mentioned the process used for Montgomery-Duban Park. A resolution was created in advance to commemorate any individual, group, or family that could come up with the 100k to finalize the necessary funds to secure the property. We will send our copies of the resolution in advance of the December meeting. The December meeting will be at an "off-site" location.

The Board shall further revisit the policies for park naming currently in place at the December meeting.

Access WDFW: Cedar Grove

Brian is pursuing to keep the access open to the Skagit River at Cedar Grove near Concrete. This will transition to a walk-in access, rather than a drive-in access. The fish passage will need to be narrowed to accommodate a foot bridge. After conferring with WDFW, RCO, the neighbors, and Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group, we have come up with an agreement that all parties can live with. The fish passage will be narrowed to accommodate continued access. Both Fish and recreationalists win. The Public Works department will need to first review the right-of-way permit. John felt the area would need a porta-potty during humpy years. The members felt there was no need for a vehicle bridge. Kevin made the motion: "the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board supports the pedestrian bridge at the Cedar Grove Site for sustaining access to

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the Skagit River by recreationalists.” Skagit County Parks and Recreation will help maintain the site. Tim provided the second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Update

Walberg Field

The dug-outs and drainage are completed. The fencing will be completed in the Fall. The backstop will be completed before April.

Campbell Lake

Skagit County helps maintain the boat launch facility at Campbell Lake. After years of complaints, WDFW is applying for grant funds to improve the site for boaters. SCPR worked with them to enhance the site with other amenities. A picnic shelter will be added. SCPR has been working with the community to get input for the final site plan and to write letters of support. This has been completed. If successful, construction will commence a year from now.

Gribble Creek

We have found a solution that we believe works for the landowner, our department, and WDOT. The landowner has been using our trail for transporting heavy manure trucks from one end of his farm to the other. The new foot bridge proposed for fish passage will no longer accommodate large loads of poo. WDOT has agreed to allow for two access points so that the farmer can go around our trail the bridge and avoid our trail. A win for all!

Adjourn Next Meeting: December 15, 2016

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