

Skagit County
Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board

Minutes

Thursday, February 21, 2008 - 6:30 p.m.
Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room
1800 Continental Place
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

P.R.A.B. Members Present:

District 1

Colleen Fisher
Liz McNett Crowl
Mike Elde

District 2

John Semrau

District 3

Kevin Loy
Nathan Salseina
Jeri Krampetz

P.R.A.B. Members Absent:

District 2

Lloyd Brown
Peter Swanson

Staff Present:

Bob Vaux, Brian Adams, Dennis Lind & Pauli Mickelson

6:30 p.m. Kevin Loy called the meeting to order.

Introduction of New Board Member:

Bob Vaux introduced and welcomed Mike Elde, new board member from District 1, replacing Keith Magee.

Roll Call of General Meeting:

Agenda Approved

Approve November 15, 2007 Minutes:

No additions or corrections. Colleen made motion, seconded by Liz McNett Crow.

Approved as written. The Board also approved Record of Meeting notes from January 17, 2008 meeting, which did not have a quorum.

Chair and Co-Chair Nominations and Elections:

Nominations were opened for Chair and Jeri Krampetz nominated Kevin Loy. Vote was taken, all were in favor. Let the record show that Kevin Loy is Chair for year 2008.

Nominations were opened for Co-Chair and Kevin Loy nominated Lloyd Brown for a second year. Vote was taken, all were in favor. Let the record show that Lloyd Brown is Co-Chair for year 2008.

Public Comment Period:

There was no public comment.

Rexville Park Update:

Tabled to March, 2008 meeting.

Indoor Recreation Center:

Bob Vaux updated the Board on the March 11, 2008 Schematic Design Report to be presented to the Commissioners. Step one was completing the schematic design process. Step two will be the project status. Media attention and promotion to the public will focus on reminding the community it is happening and we are moving forward. Bob asked the Board to save this date on their calendars. There will be two presentations on Tuesday, March 11th. Both are open to the public. The first will take place during the consent agenda in County Commissioner's Hearing Room from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. At this time, the schematic design for the Indoor Recreation Center will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners. The second meeting will take place in the same location from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will be the same presentation but with more public involvement. Bob has asked the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to help spread the word and encourage the public to attend one or both of these meetings.

Skagit County Trails Coalition

Liz McNett Crowl spoke to the need to support Skagit County Parks and Recreation to develop a strategic trail plan for the county. She will work with Bob to obtain this objective. She spoke to the board about great pieces of trails that need to be connected as a link to neighboring counties. We need to bring together key leaders and stakeholders. Our Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan is due for an update in 2010. Colleen asked how often this Plan must be updated. Bob answered every 6 years to stay eligible for grant opportunities. We need a trails master plan to have the opportunity to go after funding. Bob also mentioned that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board may start the paper trail support and act as lead agency.

A motion was made to form a Skagit County Trails Coalition for the purpose of creating a master trail plan as part of the Parks Comprehensive Plan update in 2010, with Liz McNett Crowl to serve as liaison between the coalition and Skagit County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Nathan Salseina seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Unanimously approved.

Northern State Recreation Area

Lauren Rich from the Upper Skagit Tribe and Jeff McGowan from Public Works gave an update on the Alluvial Fan Project at Northern State Recreation Area. Funding is an issue and Lauren is actively searching for matching funds. Lauren gave a visual presentation with commentary.

Staff Reports

Bob mentioned that the Padilla Bay Shore Trail has been getting attention with regards to hunting issues. He also stated that there is a 25 year agreement with the Dike District regarding allowing hunting on this trail and surrounding area. John Semrau stated that we have an opportunity to add more salt water trail systems if we embrace the type of partnership we have at Padilla Bay Shore Trail. No action was needed.

Dennis Lind mentioned that he had emailed his Recreation report to the Board. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Board Discussion

There was no board discussion.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 8:38 pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2008.