

Skagit County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

MINUTES

Thursday, May 28, 2009 - 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

Mike Elde
Colleen Fisher

District 2

Lloyd Brown

District 3

Kevin Loy

P.R.A.B. Members Absent:

District 1

Liz McNett Crowl

District 2

John Semrau
Peter Swanson

District 3

Jeri Krampetz

Staff Present:

Bob Vaux, Brian Adams, Lauren Woodmansee, Tony Tewalt, Amber Kllogjeri

Roll Call of General Meeting:

6:34 p.m. Mike Elde, 2009 Chair called the meeting to order.

May 28, 2009 Agenda stands approved as written.

March 2009 Minutes will be reviewed & approved in June.

Public Comment Period:

None.

Leadership Skagit Presentation/Funding Request:

Lou Ann Reed, Rod Dalseg and Deenie Berrie presented to the board a fitness track project that would be .2 miles in length and skirt around Conway School and fields. This track would provide the school and local community a safe place to recreate. The track is in its last phase of planning. Skagit Leadership has been able to collect in-kind donations, materials and labor for this trail to become a reality. Their last hurdle is raising the remainder of the funds needed to lay .2 miles of blacktop approximately 8 feet wide. The estimated cost of the blacktop is \$10,000. They presented this project to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board in hopes of receiving capital dollars. They feel their goal of enriching the community and providing them with a safe place to recreate is similar to Parks & Recreation's mission.

They are requesting \$10,000 from Skagit County Parks & Recreation. Colleen Fisher wanted to know if they could do the work in phases if the \$10,000 wasn't available. They were sure that they would at least put down the trail in gravel instead of blacktop if

they could not raise the \$10,000. However for the sake of the community and school, their goal was to have a blacktop trail. They felt a blacktop trail would be more permanent and maintenance free compared to other materials. It would also cut down on rocks and debris being tracked into the school. They also hope to add to the trail and install benches, etc. in the future. Bob Vaux has been at the site and evaluated the trail and informed the board that this project would not be eligible for any special pathway funds, it would have to be a request for REET funds.

The board then discussed Leadership Skagit's request and ideas. They all approved the idea and agreed that it would improve Conway's outdoor recreational options. They could not make any official recommendation of an amount of money to support this with since there was no quorum. It will be voted on electronically or at the June meeting.

Board Discussion:

The Dillon Memorial discussion was postponed due to Jeri Krampetz being absent.

The board wants to have an informal meeting in June to re-set their goals as PRAB members and how they operate. Colleen Fisher wanted to know if there were any candidates in mind for replacing Nathan's position.

Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan:

The plan needs to be updated. It's necessary for community support, involvement, and for the eligibility of grant funding for projects. Mostly factual figures need updating (pricing, population, acres of land). A survey would be beneficial. Trails plans would be updated and more inclusive.

Staff Reports:

Staff reports from Brian Adams and Tony Tewalt were submitted (and attached hereto).

Bob Vaux expressed his gratitude for those whose positions were recently cut (Brian Adams - Operations and Lands Manager, Amber Killogjeri – Staff Assistant, ½ of Kyle Peninger – Park Ranger/maintenance, Lou Petersen – Park Ranger and Lauren Woodmansee – Recreation Coordinator for Community Enrichment).

Adjourn

8:07 p.m.