

**Skagit County
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
DRAFT Minutes**

Thursday, August 15, 2002
Jack Davis Parks Maintenance Shop
690 County Shop Lane
Burlington WA 98233
6:30 p.m.

Roll Call of General Meeting

Attended

John Semrau
Keith Magee
Lloyd Brown
Peter Swanson
Jeri Krampetz

Absent

Colleen Fisher
Carroll Dillon
Liz McNett Crowl
Curtis Metz

Staff

Bob Vaux
Patrik Dylan
Mary Ann Dodge

Guests

Rick Machin
Brad Whaley

Approval of August Agenda

Keith Magee moved that we approve the June minutes. The motion was seconded by Lloyd Brown and all members present were in favor.

Public Comment Period – no comments

Staff Reports

Bob introduced Rick Machin from San Juan Preservation Trust (SJPT) to present an opportunity which has been made available to Skagit County to preserve 37 wooded acres immediately north of Sharpe Park. Money from the sale of Ann Wolford Park could possibly be used along with other sources. The amount needed is 1.1 million. There was no board opposition, but some questions and concerns about Ann Wolford stipulations voiced. Also, John Semrau mentioned his concern over the lack of river access.

Patrik Dylan distributed a variety of maps/site designs, re: HMSP Picnic Shelter improvements and the Clear Lake Beach Special Pathways Project.

Current Business

- NSRA REET FUNDING DISCUSSION
 - Brad Whaley, County Budget Director, explained how the County will pursue a bond for the dollars committed through REET for the NSRA development. REET funds will pay off the bond.
- COMP PLAN REVIEW – board members were asked to review the complete plan by next month. By the time we get the consultant, a few members might be available and ready to be on the interview team. Look for problems or areas that need attention or modification. Much of the current plan may be boiler plate, but some sections do need attention. Bob wants to be careful not to duplicate what the consultant will be doing. Board members should come to the September meeting with questions from the Comp Plan for staff to help begin constructive work towards the updating process. Lloyd would like staff to find what is missing now – like the recreation trail section. Bob hopes to put an RFP together by October.

PRAB Discussion Period

- BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PARKS TOUR RESCHEDULE – cancelled for this calendar year.
- SEPTEMBER 10TH BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS QUARTERLY UPDATE – Bob talked about the current opportunity to participate with Bellingham Parks, Whatcom County Parks, State Parks and DNR in accepting a no-fee quitclaim easement from PSE for the future development and expansion of the Interurban Trail. Because of the tight timeline to participate (PSE needs to know by September 3rd), the County Commissioners are reluctant to pursue, and would like to schedule a public hearing on the issue. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board fully supports the staff in pursuing the interurban trail opportunity, and Keith made a motion that we accept the easement from PSE. Jeri seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and all members present were in favor of the motion.
- WASHINGTON BIRDING TRAIL – Keith reported how the Audubon Society is taking the lead from the Texas Birding Trail. They designate certain areas for the public to view birds around the state, and would like to highlight a part of the Cascade Trail mostly in the town of Concrete. John sees no difference between their brochure and a guidebook that presents information to the public so our approval is unnecessary.
- OTHER - Jeri introduced herself as the newest Board Member.

8:30 Adjourn