

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2003  
JACK DAVIS PARKS MAINTENANCE SHOP  
BURLINGTON WA 98233**

6:30 P.M.

6:30 p.m.      **Roll Call of General Meeting**

Carroll Dillon  
Colleen Fisher (Vice Chairperson)  
Curtis Metz  
Jeri Krampetz  
John Semrau  
Keith Magee (Chairperson)  
Liz McNett Crowl  
Lloyd Brown  
Peter Swanson, Absent

**Staff**  
Bob Vaux  
Patrik Dylan  
Mary Ann Dodge  
Mike Elde

6:35 – 6:40 p.m.      **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

The meeting was called to order. Carroll Dillon made a motion to approve the agenda as modified, and Liz McNett Crowl seconded the motion. Lloyd Brown moved that we approve the minutes from January 30<sup>th</sup>. Carroll Dillon seconded the motion.

6:45 – 6:50

**Public Comment Period** – This section of the agenda is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board on an issue that is not on the agenda. Comments on issues that are planned for future meeting agendas should be held for that meeting. There were no guests attending this meeting.

6:52 – 7:30 p.m.

**Staff Reports** – staff reports/highlights will be sent by email. Questions may be brought to the board meeting or emailed for clarification.

1. Colleen asked about the Lake McMurray boat launch located at the southwest shore. There are some neighbor problems as well as a county road right-of-way. Residents have asked Bob to look into the matter and check on enforcement/legal issues.
2. Lloyd asked if the Centennial Trail is open and wanted to know where the trailhead is at the McMurray end.
  - a. Bob – trail is open; the trailhead is just west of the Camp Brotherhood entrance. This is an old railroad grade owned by Skagit County. According to Mike, it is about ¾ mile from Highway 9 to the Snohomish border.

**A. Review February 24<sup>th</sup> Board of County Commissioners Presentation**

1. Monday at 9:30 – the Power Point Presentation emphasized money savings to Skagit County by diligent in-house work and efficient planning.
  - a. Topics included
    - i. taking care of what we have
    - ii. finishing and maintaining current facilities
    - iii. and developing/acquiring new facilities
      1. this included NSRA, others and
      2. the Sares Bluff Opportunity.

**B. Comp Plan Update**

1. The RFQ is on Monday's Consent Agenda. Park Board Members will review the RFQ's and help with interviews. We expect interviews to occur around mid-March, with hiring by April. John, Keith and Lloyd are interested in helping with this process along with Dennis. All board members were invited to send questions to be used for the interview to Bob.

**C. I.A.C. update: Sare's Bluff Project**

Patrik explained about the steps and process involved in applying for IAC grants. Of the two types

available, we plan to submit for the local park state grant with a match of up to \$600,000 possible per grant. We'd have to score first or second, and our hope is to score well. In addition, we are applying for other grants for shoreline acquisition in the \$40,000 range.

**D. Miscellaneous**

1. Keith commented that Tawni should come to the Parks and Recreation Board Meetings periodically. Liz suggested it would be helpful for her to come before and after her program.

7:30 – 7:45 p.m.

**Vice-Chair Election**

1. Peter declined as Vice Chairman from last month's election. He does want to be on the board.
2. Nominations were opened for Vice Chair.
3. Jeri Krampetz nominated Colleen. Liz seconded the motion.
4. Carroll moved that nominations be closed; Curtis seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously to elect Colleen Fisher as Vice Chairperson.

7:45 – 8:00 p.m.

**Current Business**

1. The April meeting would occur on Thursday before Good Friday and a week later doesn't work (WRPA). John suggested that April wouldn't be a bad month to skip since extra meetings will be going on. Bob agreed we could skip April. **No meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Make sure this gets on the web page.**
2. Keith and Colleen met with the Commissioners today as the new PRAB officers to hear what they'd like to see and get their feedback on upcoming issues. They discussed REET, projects, development, expansion and more. They also talked about NSRA with the understanding that we continue to go forward. By resolution the ball fields are the first project to be built at NS. Patrik Dylan mentioned the need for some grant matches. Ken offered to come to a meeting, and **Bob will make sure all commissioners get invited.** All three commissioners were supportive of trails. IN GENERAL comments were favorable to Parks Department Staff.
3. Bob offered thanks to Keith and Colleen for dedicating this whole day to meeting with our Commissioners.

8:00 – 8:15 p.m.

**PAB Discussion Period**

1. Liz brought a copy of the new bike map for Skagit County, mostly developed through SCOG which shows the whole county and several trip routes. The map was approved yesterday by RTO, and the Commissioners approved money for printing using special pathways funds. Some other agencies are also willing to contribute to this project. There will be a walking guide to go along with this, hopefully by June.
2. Lloyd was approached by friends regarding planting trees between Burlington and Sedro Woolley. These volunteers would like to continue through Skagit County with the county's provision of trees. Bob will find a way to work with the community group. Lloyd will coordinate the persons who need to work with the Parks Department on this project.

8:30 p.m.

**Adjournment** – Jeri made a motion that we adjourn. Liz seconded the motion.