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KITSAP COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES MARCH 16, 2016

Meeting called to order y Chair Ani Gatz at 6:02 PM.

Introduction of the Board -PRAB Members present –Frank Stricklin, David Tucker, Brian Kilpatrick, Jon Pearson, Elizabeth Grady, Kathryn Thompson, John Grinter, Susan Cruver & Ani Gatz.

Excused Absence – Joanne Clark, Larry Walker & Keith Grellner

Staff Present: Jim Dunwiddie, Dori Leckner, Billie Schmidt, Arno Bergstrom, Steven Starlund & Leigh Snyder.

Members of the Public -13

Motion:

Motion by: Susan Cruver **Second:** Frank Stricklin
Motion to accept the February 17, 2016 minutes as presented.
Discussion: None
Action: Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

Correspondence & Communication – None

Public Comment –

- Tom Huffman new President of the SK Kitsap Live Steamers introduced Ted Karanson who will be taking the lead on the stewardship group for the park on behalf of the KLS. Don Rogers is the new business manager and Carole Moss a KLS volunteer who will work on educating patrons about the flora and fauna in the park. New Memberships for military at a 50% discount are being offered.
- Dean Reynolds a partial owner of the Blue Jackets baseball team inquired about the fees being raised and how that process happened. Jim Dunwiddie explained that a cost analysis was done, the PRAB recommended adjustments last year, and the BOCC approved in November of 2015. There had been no increase in fees for 9 years previous to this.
- Susan Anderson –Kitsap Mycological Society – asked if there had been a reconsideration of policy to rent one half of a facility at a reduced rate. Jim Dunwiddie answered that this issue will be brought before the BOCC on April 25th and will likely be on the consent agenda.

Directors Report – Jim Dunwiddie – KLS has provided the information to move forward on the lease agreement. Ribbon cutting ceremony for the new playground equipment at Silverdale Waterfront Park will be held on Saturday March 26th. The 6 year partnership with Key-Pen Parks for the maintenance of Horseshoe Lake will continue this year. This has been a very successful partnership for us, saving maintenance costs and allowing for the extension of the Park season.

The staff has met with various community groups regarding the Kola Kola park ball field. Through cooperation with the community will be available for practices for the age group 5-9 year olds. Kathryn Thompson thanked the Parks Department for bringing the park back to usefulness and their partnership with the community do make improvements with no funding.

County Forester – Arno Bergstrom – Contractor anticipates the thinning will be completed at Newberry Hill Heritage Park by next week. We continue the planting at NHHP as well as North Kitsap Heritage Park. This activity will be wrapped up in the next two weeks. The Urban Forestry Grant starts April 4th and we will use the work crew this funding provides for Park enhancement – invasive weed removal, and pruning. The NKHP plan attached includes RCO plan for public access and how land is used per RCO requirements and regulations (See Deed of Right). Elizabeth Grady asked why only 2 species of trees were planted – Arno answered that the two species were what were available for him to purchase but these are different than what was planted last year. Frank Stricklin provided additional clarification to her question and stated that the first thinning was not as expected. The contractor has been changed and the process refined to make sure the goal of a diversified forest is reached. Refinements have been made. Arno will provide information regarding board feet vs truckload pricing regarding the timber that was sold at April's PRAB meeting. A member of the NKHP stewardship group spoke up and stated that only Douglas Fir were marked for removal and his group was very pleased with the work the contractor did and felt he was very in tune with being gentle to the forest.

Operations Superintendent – Billie Schmidt – Tennis Court improvements Crowd funded with a \$15K Fund Your Park campaign that will run March 29-April 28th. Visit the site at www.fundyourpark.org. Lobe field improvements are behind schedule due to weather. Improvements are anticipated to be completed by April 15th. The lower arena roof is just about complete. Drainage will need to be altered to meet inspection requirements. Village Greens Golf Course is open for the season. Pavilion lower restroom floors will be replaced. Site walk March 17, 2016 for the Pavilion roof repair and paint with bids pending.

Parks Resources Superintendent – Dori Leckner- Silverdale Community Center site walk for the demolition of the building scheduled for March 23, 2016. Hansville volunteers have removed deck and rails, and part of the boat shed that was damaged in the recent storms. Public works will re-grade the area for picnic space. Anderson Point Park held up well against the recent storms there were several trees that came down in the wind. DCD will visit the site to inspect the erosion coming from the neighboring property.

Parks Planner – Steven Starlund – Port Gamble Heritage Park waiting for approval of the Hydraulic Permit for a new pole stringer bridge. On April 9, 2016 staff will be working with the Greater Peninsula Conservancy group to remove oysters from pilings and relocate them as those pilings will be removed in the fall. Howe Farm Barn restoration work continues. Gutters will be installed. The 1946 barn is being stabilized so it may be used for storage.

Subcommittee Reports – Forest Subcommittee – Planning to request revisions for the next round of Brush Leases with the following points in mind: health and sanitation of the workers –contractor to supply portable restroom for workers use, notify the stewardship groups when they begin to harvest, pick up litter (gloves, rubber bands etc.) wear orange vests so as not to scare patrons/horses. POV's ok or not?

- NHHP – CK Lighthouse group helping to install a cottage stone wall at the wetlands and improve disabled access. Navy volunteers planted Kinnikinnick to grow down over the wall. Landscape land classification plan has been submitted to the landowner. Thank you to Arno and his intern for all the work they have done.
- Port Gamble – approximately 70 trees down from recent storms. Volunteers working to clear. Normal work parties are held the third Saturday of each month. Formal Stewardship plan is in the works.
- North Kitsap Heritage Park – Two representatives attended to request the formal recommendation of the NKHP Forest Stewardship plan. Thanks to Arno for his help and guidance in working through the process.

Motion:

Motion: Frank Stricklin **Second:** Kathryn Thompson
 Motion to recommend the adoption of the NKHP Forest Stewardship Plan to the BOCC.
 Discussion: None
Action: Approved by unanimous vote.

- Historical Users – Plan/recommendations should be ready for a presentation at the April meeting.

Old Business: Brian Kilpatrick presented his poster design as the first step in public education to pick up dog waste in parks. He envisions this as the first of a series. Ani Gatz stated that she sees this as part of the Communications Committee that has been proposed. Brian volunteered to serve on the committee. All agreed that such a committee is needed to assist in communicating, and educating the public. Kitsap County Water Festival on April 1st might be a good time to start a campaign, as the issue of dog waste that can effect water quality.

New Business – The Chico Salmon or Time Oil property stewards approached Frank Stricklin to make a motion to formally change the name of this park to the “Chico Salmon Park” by means of a resolution to the BOCC. Dori Leckner stated we will need to look into and see if this is possible due to the way the county acquired the property via a DCD Salmon Enhancement grant.

Amended Motion:

Motion: Frank Stricklin **Second:** Jon Pearson
 Motion to recommend the renaming the Time Oil property to Chico Salmon Park. After research is completed.
 Discussion: Favorable in doing the research and making the recommendation to the BOCC.
Action: Approved by unanimous vote.

Invitation from the Hansville Greenway folks via Kathryn Thompson to come early for the PRAB meeting scheduled there in April for a tour of the grounds. **Suggested time 5:00-5:30.**

Meeting adjourned by Chair Ani Gatz at 7:20PM

KITSAP COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT

Director's Monthly Report

March 2016

Upcoming Important Dates

Saturday, March 26 – The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new playground at Silverdale Waterfront Park is scheduled at 10:00am.

Tuesday, April 12 – The County Commissioners' Annual Volunteer Recognition Reception will be held at the County Administration Building from 4:30 to 6:30pm.

Lobe Field #1 Improvements

Due to the extremely poor weather conditions, the project completion date has been moved to April 15. A change order to accommodate the movement of the accessible seating area closer to the field of play, and enlarging the social area is being processed. The Kitsap County Public Facilities District is funding the project.

Silverdale Community Center

The work on removing the asbestos from the Silverdale Community Center was expected to be finished Friday, March 11. During the evening of March 8th, all the contractor's tools were stolen from the building. Project completion is now estimated to be March 15. The bid solicitation for the demolition of the building will begin March 16, as scheduled.

Horseshoe Lake

Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will continue to participate in a shared maintenance agreement at Horseshoe Lake County Park for the 2016 season. Key Pen will perform regular maintenance tasks Mondays through Thursday. Kitsap staff will be responsible for routine maintenance Fridays through Sundays, and holidays. Kitsap will continue to be the contact with the Health District for water sampling, and will perform playground safety checks and beach cleaning. The park season will run May 7 through October 2.

Kingston Community Center

We are coordinating efforts to securing the building at the time Kitsap Regional Library vacates. A walk through is scheduled April 14. The County Commissioners, after conducting a public hearing, declared the property as surplus via resolution.

Event Center Tennis Court Renovation

The County and Central Kitsap School District recently adopted an MOA for the cooperative funding of repairs to the tennis courts at the Events Center/Fairgrounds. Parks Capital will provide \$30,000 and CKSD will provide \$20,000 for the project scheduled to start early July.

Kola Kola Park

Staff continues to meet with the Kingston Trails/Parks Committee and local organizations to discuss potential use and maintenance of the fields at the park. The County Risk Manager joined me and Commissioner Gelder to inspect the site. A meeting with North Kitsap Little League and Kingston Youth Sports Association is scheduled to discuss use, site improvements, and potential maintenance responsibilities. Community members are working towards funding the estimated \$4,000 water utility costs to operate the irrigation system.

Parks Briefing Executive Summary

I will continue to provide the Executive Summary prepared for the County Commissioners for my monthly Park Briefing. The summary is filed a week prior to the meeting, so you may find a few discrepancies with dates, etc.....news may be old news by now.

Parks and Recreation Department Superintendent of Operations Report

Fairgrounds & Events Center, Village Greens Golf Shop, Permitting Process, Marketing
March 2016

A. Facilities

- a. Roof leaking along the seam of the storage section in the Pavilion – this will be addressed with the bid for roof repair, sealing, and painting.
- b. Due to rain baseball fields have been unused since March 1.9)
- c. Staff adding flowering plants at entryway.
- d. Eagle Scout Projects – 2 completed, 3 in progress, 1 starting soon

2. Grants

- a. Lower Arena Roof
 1. Roof and Announcer's booth are completed
 2. Drainage didn't pass inspection – contractor needs to change pipes and install clean outs.
 3. Build up base at announcer's booth for entry pad is needed.
 4. Contractor has to paint the stairs and railing
 5. May opening anticipated.
- b. PFD Funding
 - i. Lobe Field Improvements.
 1. Wall is up, Concrete slab has been poured
 2. Backstop backing board, netting, fence repositioning, and dugout changes remain. Completion date April 15.
- c. USTA Grant – Volunteer to submit this month with a request of \$10,000.
- d. Department of Agriculture Health & Safety Grant – Contract signed by all. Bid packages being put together for paving and L-Barn Roof gutters. Anticipate early or July completion.

B. Rental/Events

- a. Successful event season opened – 3 events brought in nearly 9,000 people the first weekend in March.
- b. In February, 5 events attracted 4,000 visitors. Events held included: West Sound Business Expo, Kitsap Wedding Show, Kitsap Quilt Show, Awana Games, and Antique Show. **March:** Vintage Market Redeemed Revival, Roller Derby Wild West Showdown, Falcon Gun & Knife Show, Kitsap Conservation District Tree Distribution, Twin Lakes Spaghetti Feed Fundraising Banquet, New Life Youth Conference, Doo For You (free aged manure distribution).
- c. Upcoming Events in later March and early **April** include: Peninsula Home & Garden Show, Peninsula Dog Fancier Dog Show, CCA Fundraising Banquet, RAGS, Derby Brats Bout, Water Festival, Just between Friends Children's Consignment Sale, South Kitsap FFA Spring Fair, Puma's Exhibition game, Military Appreciation Day.

C. Staffing/Training

- a. Staff attended the following webinars: social media marketing; Fund Your Park campaign and practical asset management.
- b. Permitting staff to begin cross training March 14.

D. Marketing

1. Naming Rights Bid for Pavilion sent out on March 10. Contract with Kitsap Sun expires at the end of April.
2. Press releases sent out for:
 - a. Fund Your Park/Tennis Court Improvements
 - b. Events Season
 - c. Village Greens Golf Course opening Day
 - d. First Tee Program at Village Greens Golf Course
3. Multiple ads placed in Kitsap Sun newspapers included:
 - a. Vandalism campaign
 - b. Facility rentals
 - c. Next Big Thing (Fairgrounds & Events Center)
 - d. Village Greens Golf Course opening
 - e. Village Greens Golf Course May special
4. Websites were updated for Parks (www.kitsapgov.com/parks) and Village Greens (www.Villagegreensgolfcourse.com) and Village Greens website re-directed to parks website.
5. Facebook page was updated.
6. County SharePoint Intranet.
7. Ads placed on www.kitsapgov.com on the county calendar
8. Events posted to Govdelivery – county mass e-mail list.
9. Events posted to County Bulletin Board for staff.

E. Permit Process

- a. Lean Process – Process improvement is going well, staff have completed approximately 50% of the PEAK Plan (to do list).

F. Village Greens Golf Shop

- a. Opens March 14. Free Golf provided on this day. Contests, Clinics with golf instructors, and First Tee will be on hand to answer any questions.
- b. First Tee is scheduled to begin April 25. Registration is open on their website at www.thefirstteesps.org.
- c. Cancelled arrangement with GolfNow.com due to it not producing new business.

G. E-Tix Program

- a. March - Roller Derby Showdown went well
- b. Home & Garden Show scheduled
- c. Destruction Derby events beginning in May
- d. In need of additional ticket sellers – have requested position be posted

H. Work Parties

- a. Volunteer David Grant will be returning to his post at the Kitsap Kids Playground. was
- b. Volunteer Cliff Hanson continues to put in many hours each week to assist Fairgrounds maintenance with a variety of tasks.
- c. Washington Youth Academy assisted maintenance in grounds keeping work

I. Vandalism

- a. Vehicle cut across Concert Park leaving large ruts to be repaired.

J. Capital Projects 2016

a. 1st Quarter

- a. **HVAC units in the Pavilion** – Contractor is waiting for delivery of units
Ideal time is mid to last two weeks of April or all of May as there are few events to worry about.
- b. **Concession Equipment** – Staff discovered that the electrical GFI was causing issues with the equipment. Electrical contractor is near completion.
- c. **Hood** - Presidents' Hall Kitchen type 1 hood – 4 companies have looked at the area. One estimate received to date. Staff is also investigating the costs of portable units.

b. 2nd Quarter

a. **Tennis Courts Improvements** –

- 1. Tree removal is in process. Bid is out for resurfacing.

- 2. \$15,000 Fund Your Park campaign will run March 29 through April 28 – social media crowd funding campaign – nationwide reach through the National Recreation & Parks Association. Identified projects include- adding steps, opening restroom, re-grading parking lot and walkway to upper levels and adding crushed rock to make it ADA accessible, addressing drainage issues.

- b. **Pavilion lower Restroom Floor** – Contractor selected. Projected completion is May.

c. 3rd Quarter

- a. **Pavilion Roof Repair & Painting** – Bid is out. Contractor site walk took place on March 10. Bid is due on March 22.

d. 4th Quarter

- a. **Concession Upgrade** – No new report on this.

- b. **Storage Building** – Staff seeking estimates on stand alone structures. The doorway from Presidents' Hall will also need to be enlarged to accommodate equipment. Gordon Sound may pay a portion of the cost.

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Parks Resource Division Monthly Report February 2016

Central Parks

Anderson Hill Athletic Fields

Tree removal along the fields still a work in progress. This will increase air flow and more sunlight onto the fields, thus allowing the fields dry out, and increase play on the fields.

SWF Park

Parks staff to install new park lighting – bollard style. KC Public Works to make sidewalk repairs, to eliminate liability and trip hazards to the public.

Anderson Point Park

Parks staff to work with park volunteers in planting hillside and placing logs and tree root wads. Continue to monitor the park ditches and culverts.

Silverdale Community Center

Contract signed and contractor starting on abatement. KCSO and CKFR may conduct training at the building prior to demolition.

North Parks

Kingston Community Center

Parks staff to meet with KRL staffing to discuss the closure of the building. Meeting to take place February 17th.

Norwegian Point Park

U.S.S. Nimitz sailors to perform general park maintenance on February 8th. Community member offered his assistance and equipment to remove decking and boat house add-on. FEMA denied our request for funds. UST removal contract being routed.

Point No Point Lighthouse Park

. Navy volunteers to perform tasks in the park February thru May. Building an ADA ramp to the wildlife viewing platform, removal of the small retaining wall and resetting of the split rail fencing near the wetlands.

Salsbury Point Park

Navy volunteers to come and conduct general park cleanup on February 9th.

South Parks

Anderson Point Park

Staff still working the trail and ditches, clearing and removing trees. Signs and restoration work to follow.

SKRP

Siding removal from field #2 and #3 slated, and the installation of chain link for replacement. The installation of the irrigation weather station component slated for installation.

Veterans Park

The removal of dead trees along the frontage of the park ongoing.

Park Stewardship Reporting

Banner Forest

Stewards partnered with the Parks department, GPC, REI, and Evergreen Mountain Biking to build a trail turnpike at the bottom of Crocking Frog Trail.

Stewards are working on constructing a new trail reroute between Echos and Flying Squirrel trails. Most of Echos and Flying Squirrel will be decommissioned once the new reroute is completed.

Anderson Landing

Park stewards and stream stewards partnered with WSU, Public Works, and the Parks Department to plant native plants along Little Anderson Creek estuary.

Newberry Hill Heritage Park

Stewards and working with US Fish and Wildlife to apply for a grant to replace 5 culverts with a new bridge.

Updates –

- Posting for the last (2) new FTE position in the parks. Applications being reviewed.
- Work plans and budget requests are being completed by all stewardship groups.



Community Forestry Program Update

March 2016

Restoration Thinning

Status: Restoration thinning has been underway at Newberry Hill Heritage Park since early September; as of this March 15, approximately 90 percent of project acres have been thinned. Thinning operations are expected to be completed in late March. Net revenue as of 3/03/2016 was \$166,015 with 391 loads. Forest Practices Applications are being prepared for the 2016 restoration thinning projects.

Tree Planting

Six thousand western red cedar and 1,000 western white pine have been planted since early January in understory of units that were thinned in 2015.

Urban Forestry Restoration Grants

Two Urban Forestry Restoration Grants were submitted and awarded: one for Newberry Hill Heritage Park; and the second for Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park. Washington Conservation Corps Crews completed their work at Newberry Hill and will be at Port Gamble in April 2016.

Tennis Court – Tree Removal

Projected for mid March.



Community Forestry Program Projects

Project List	Timeline
Timber Removal @ South Kitsap Regional Park	Deadline: December 2015
Restoration Thinning @ North Kitsap Heritage Park	Completion: September 4, 2015
Restoration Thinning @ Newberry Hill Heritage Park	September 2015 through March 2016
Fairgrounds & Event Center Tennis Courts – tree removal	January/February 2016
Park Wildfire Protection Planning	September 2015 through December 2016
Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park - Forest Stewardship Plan	September 2015 through March 2016
North Kitsap Heritage Park - Forest Stewardship Plan	September 2015 through March 2016
Park Steward Training/Education	September 2015 through March 2016
Restoration Tree Planting	January through March 2016
Planning 2016 Restoration Thinning	November 2015 through March 2016
Relocation of Oysters @ Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park	April 2016
Restoration Thinning @ Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park	May 2016 through July 2016
Restoration Thinning @ North Kitsap Heritage Park	August 2016 through October 2016
Coulter Creek Heritage Park – Forest Stewardship Planning	May 2016 through December 2016
Banner Forest Heritage Park – Forest Stewardship Planning	May 2016 through December 2016
Urban Forestry Restoration Program Projects	January through April 2016

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – March 2016

Parks Planning Report

Steven Starlund | Ric Catron

PORT GAMBLE FOREST HERITAGE PARK – Stewardship | Trails

Staff is awaiting approval of the Hydraulic Permit (HPA) to WDFW and a DCD Building Permit for a new pole-stringer bridge/boardwalk design and construction. Anticipated construction now moved to mid-April.

Forest Block property acquisition is currently in negotiations with Olympic Property Group (Pope) to determine timber values and acreage to be acquired. Ride Park acquisition process is underway with a 2017 schedule for purchase with RCO grant monies.

Staff is working with the Great Peninsula Conservancy and the North Kitsap Trail Association are applying to REI for a grant to develop approved trail extensions within the park. Included in these proposals is an improved trail to the beach from the Shoreline Parking and an extension of trails beginning from the Trailhead parking lot.



Staff is working with WA Dept. of Transportation to develop and locate new highway brown signs to denote the Trailhead parking areas and hiking opportunities.

KOLA KOLE PARK –Historic Schoolhouse Exterior Restoration



Staff is awaiting new bids for the removal of contaminated soil and to begin to develop a new landscape plan. Bids close 3/29. Contract approval period – 1 month. Anticipated work -- 2 wks.

Front page “Saving Kola Kole” article appeared in Kitsap Sun Sunday, March 6 edition, recognizing local support for improvements to the play field.

A new park entrance sign was installed.

Park staff and Kingston Historical Society will be applying for state grants this spring, to pursue further schoolhouse improvements.

Pt. No Pt. Restroom

Contract for Romtec Restroom Kit purchase has been approved by Board of Commissioners. Parametrix Engineering can now proceed with permits. With permits approved, we can go to bid for a contractor to construct with the Romtec kit. Construction anticipated to begin before summer, 2016. Our Pt. No Pt. design is a custom design and exterior white siding, black doors, and red roof shingles to match the lighthouse architecture.



Historic Howe Farm Barn – Restoration & Farm-Park Planning

Barn restoration is well underway. New concrete perimeter foundation complete. Walls are up and roof framing and sheathing is underway.



Orchard: Staff is working with Peninsula Fruit Club, WSU Extension and Howe Farm Stewards to begin a seasonal pruning of the old orchard remnants and look at the health and stewardship need for the new orchard plantings. Staff visited the long-standing Curran Park in the City of University Place, a 7-acre legacy orchard, to learn more about active farming/orchard parks with recreation events. March 26 is scheduled for an old orchard pruning event with volunteers.

Community Gardens: Kitsap County’s Veterans Alliance will be submitting a proposal for a Veteran’s Victory Garden. A 60ft. x 80ft. plot has been staked out adjacent to the Youth Garden area at the Farm Park. The Veterans Alliance is seeking funds to develop their garden plot with ADA paths, greenhouse and irrigation water supply.



South Kitsap Regional Park -- Park Expansion

The re-scoping of the work plans for this park improvement project, with additions to the Skate Park, parking, and interior trails, are being revised for a re-bidding of the project, which had an initial bid amount well over Parks' capital budget. Revised plans received from BCRA 2.8.16.

Estimated timeline:

2/26 – Purchasing requested additional information from consultant, BCRA. Next to advertise (3-week window)

3/___ – Bids close

5/___ – Contract awarded, allow up to 60 days.

5/___ – Start of construction, allow up to 10 weeks.

7/___ – Construction complete.

2016 Capital Budget has a new project slated for upgrading and expanding the playground on the north end of the park. Planning will begin this spring.

Silverdale Waterfront Park –Replace Playground Equipment



Old playground equipment has been removed. Contractor discovered a thick concrete base under the rubber fall-surface. This was not detailed in the 1991 site plans. Therefore more concrete was removed and additional drain rock and Fibar fill is needed to match the surrounding concrete walkway.

Ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Saturday March 26, 10am at the park. BYOK – Bring Your Own Kids! [See attached ceremony press release.]

<--Install of the fantasy ship pieces.

Harper Estuary Restoration Project

Project Description: The County has plans for the restoration of the Harper Estuary and update roadway improvements at the site. Currently a Kitsap County Park, it is used for passive recreation with an informal boat landing used for kayak and small boat launch, along with small boats on trailers at higher tides.



The proposed project will not alter the existing use of the property. The fill removal and channel improvements will restore the estuary. The boat landing will be relocated and reduced in size as part of the project, maintaining the current use with less impact to the environment. During construction, the boat ramp will not be available for public use.

Note: Kitsap County will accept accountability for maintenance, liability and the DNR lease of aquatic lands at Harper Estuary after the WDFW is finished with the Phase 1 of the Harper Estuary restoration project.

OTHER RELATED PARK PLANNING:

North Kitsap Heritage Park Shared-Use Travel Corridor Project – A Public Works (PW) Project planned for construction in 2017 (paved trail).

Public/Park Concerns: Need to provide trailhead parking and accommodations for equestrians along the route. Public Works is presently conducting research and preparing preliminary cost estimates to determine the best way to accommodate this user group. Further discussion with PW is needed to finalize this “shared-use” paved travel corridor use and ADA compliance construction challenges.

Landscape Scale Management Forest Plan

Park and DCD Environmental staff submitted a grant proposal letter of interest to WA DNR for a long-range forestland planning project. A region-wide planning process would look for commercial forest lands which may be available for potential park use. The study would develop decision making tools to determine which forested lands are appropriate for parks management, recreation or open space opportunities. And costs associated with that potential transition. Successful proposals would be further developed and recommended to the USDA Forest Service for a 3-year funding.