



Illahee Preserve Stewardship Committee Minutes

Tuesday, September 19th, 2017

6:30 – 8:00 PM in Kitsap Pavilion Building at Fairgrounds

1. Welcome & Introductions:

Attendees: Vic Ulsh, Jon Buesch, Jim Aho, John Plant, Dale Boyle, Lori Raymaker, Irwin Kringsman, Don Jahaske, Judith Kringsman

2. Minutes from last Meeting: Minutes of the 7/18/17 were approved as read.

3. Business

a. 2018 RCO Grant: A meeting was held at the Sylvan Way library on August 31, 2017, to discuss and prioritize possible submissions for an RCO grant which will soon be due. First priority was to purchase the Elliott property which contains a large pond and the second priority was the purchase of the Heart of the Park. Jim Aho has agreed to write this grant. Another possibility to investigate was the DOE grants which might be used regarding the AllSecure issue of the wetland concerns.

b. Tiny Homes for Homeless: Jim Aho shared information regarding “Homes for All” a multi-jurisdictional partnership between Kitsap County government and community organizations providing “tiny cottages” for homeless individuals. Kitsap County is investigating possible sites for installing such structures. Almira Drive might be considered as a location.

c. Homeless camps & overnight vehicles: It appears that the homeless situation is increasing. John Plant and John Parvis are doing a great job of finding these camps, disposing of debris left behind and following guidelines to dismantle camps and follow authorized protocol. More police patrols have been observed lately. A homeless camp has been observed east of the AllSecure property. Lori informed the group that a new drug kit has been introduced for needle collection.

d. Wetland Update at All Secure: Jim Aho has given tours of the wetland complex next to the AllSecure property. Frank Strickland and Bill Wasson have been active in flagging the complex, and Jim Aho and others have made ready a temporary pathway to make it possible to flag and allow entrance. The planned visit of the DOE, Corps of Engineers, DCD and others will make their official visit on the 21st of September at 10 am. to designate a correct category to wetlands and stream. Sarah Cooke, wetland scientist, and Alison OSullivan, tribal biologist, will attend this meeting but not give input unless asked. Jim Aho will guide those attending through the pathway.

e. Power line Fire: as soon as a slight trail was made to this area, a homeless person moved in and started a fire. Fortunately, when this fire started it was quickly discovered and clear enough that the fire department was able to access and put out the fire without much loss.

f. Hazard Trees at Almira shelter: Arno Bergstrom went out to look at the hazard trees for removal to protect the newly installed shelter. He did not call Jon Buesch back, but spoke with Dori Leckner about these trees. Jon Buesch identified 7 trees which he felt needed to be removed. \$1500 was needed for their removal. Parks did not approve this as there was only \$500 remaining in the budget and \$1,000 more was needed. Jon asked Lori to speak with Dori about the extra money needed to cut these 7 trees. Judith Kringsman said that she would call Arno to find out why he never called Jon back. Jon wants these trees down before the dedication ceremony on 9/28/17, if possible.

g. Almira Shelter-picnic tables: Jon Buesch said that the four new picnic tables arrived today. Each table weighs 322 pounds. The ground in the surrounding area must be compacted before the table installation takes place. Dale Boyle has offered to see that the ground will get compacted immediately for table installation.

h. Kitsap County Park's Report: Lori Raymaker will make a case for \$1,000 for tree removal to Dori. PROS public meetings will be held on three separate days at three different locations: Eagles Nest on October 3rd, Kitsap County Commissioners' chambers on October 10th and Island Lake community room on October 17th 5:30 – 7:00 pm. You are encouraged to fill out a survey form on line which will help guide the parks department in future park planning. In addition, you need to fill out a form for your stewardship group which contain a photograph of your park, volunteer hours served, what your group has done and future plans. This will be shared with others.

i. Belden property security update: No new report.

j. Signage status around Preserve? Dale to remove fire danger signs. He will replace them with “no brush picking” signs.

k. Garbage dumping at Preserve: John Plant and others are doing a great job of keeping the trails clean on a daily basis.

l. Plans & timeline for Drug Recovery (expanded KMH) facility? No definite date as yet.

m. Anyone need a Thank You? Jim Fox for porta-potty use.

n. Wildlife & Nature reports: Piliated Woodpeckers and Red Breasted Sapsucker and frogs were observed.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The Illahee Preserve Stewardship Committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month to discuss issues associated with the Illahee Preserve. The next regularly scheduled meeting of Illahee Preserve Stewardship Committee is **October 17th, 2017**.

NOTE: Illahee Forest Preserve, the non profit 501(c)(3) corporation which supports the Illahee Preserve, meets the middle month of each quarter on the 3rd Tuesday of that month.

Judith Kringsman, Secretary