



Illahee Preserve Stewardship Committee Minutes

Tuesday, October 17th, 2017

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

1. Welcome & Introductions:

Attendees: John Plant, Jon Buesch, John Parvis, Vic Ulsh, Mike Vandegrift, Jim Aho, Don Jahaske, Irwin Krigsman, Judith Krigsman, Elijah C.

2. **Minutes from last Meeting:** Minutes of the 9/19/17 meeting were approved as corrected.

3. Business:

a. Linda Owen's Brownsfields e-mail: Jim Aho discussed homeless camps and tiny houses promoted by Charlotte Garrido. Jim Aho discussed at a Salvation Army Board meeting that the KC Housing Authority is looking for potential sites for such a camp. Interest was sparked when Jim mentioned a brownfields site next to the Illahee Preserve known as the former East Side Auto Wrecking. Interest in this concept was expressed by Christine Rolfes' office through an email sent to committee members. A discussion ensued that includes a possible dog park, bike parking and wetland/buffer with the homeless camp.

b. Wetland Survey - All Secure Property: Jim Aho discussed the visit by the Army Corps of Engineers, Dept. of Ecology, Robin Meyers, and DCD regarding the AllSecure project site. Jim Aho, Dr. Sarah Cooke and Alison O'Sullivan participated as observers. Jim Aho introduced Michael Vandegrift who will be using LIDAR mapping techniques to aid the Fire Department to match the GPS trail sign posts and will coordinate with Frank Strickland the possibility of identifying and mapping wetlands. The goal is to lock the GPS to a map. Wetland Rating Sheets distributed.

c. 2018 RCO Grant update: Jim Aho is working on a possible grant with Kim Sellers, Arvila and the Parks Department. Jim says they have a \$700,000 match at 50% and \$1.4 million in acquisitions towards this grant. It is hoped that the new shelter can be used toward the match.

d. Root request & Tree cutting: David Grellier expressed concern regarding a tree root crossing a trail at the Hall of Cedars area. An arrangement was made with the Grelliers to point out the root of concern. It was decided to widen the trail at the root location so as to prevent tripping falls at the root.

Judith Krigsman presented a motion requested by Dale Boyle regarding the recent tree cutting in the Preserve by the Stewardship Committee. The motion was amended and passed to read as follows:

1. *Trees deemed as needing to be cut will be assessed by the county forester or a certified arborist whose recommendation will guide discussion of the necessity of removal .*
2. *After members of the Stewardship Committee have been fully informed of the expert opinion, a vote shall be held of members present being required, to proceed with the tree cutting.*

e. PROS responses: Jim Aho attended the first PROS meeting (2018 Parks & Open Space Plan and Survey Request). Earlier this evening Jim attended the 2nd PROS meeting to decide how the

parks system will be managed in the future and to solicit public comment through its online survey. This survey may be found at kitsapgov.com/parks. As of this meeting, 2,000 comments have been received. Comment period ends 10/30/17.

f. Handicapped Accessible trail circling Almira shelter: Jon Buesch and Jim Aho discussed what they had learned from the recent Port of Illahee meeting with ADA consultant Rachelle Freeguard of Endelman Associates of Seattle who do ADA survey work on accessibility. She is available to assist.

g. Tiny Homes for Homeless update: See 3a above.

h. Stream Study of Illahee Creek: Judith Kringsman reported that Kate Macneale, environmental scientist with King County Water and Resource Division will be conducting a two year stream monitoring on Illahee Creek in coordination with the Puget Sound Partnership.

i. Homeless camps & overnight vehicles: Good month with only one camp identified.

j. Garbage dumping at Preserve: No dumping identified this month.

k. Power line Fire cause: John Plant said that he saw what appeared to be a hole in the ground where possible activity took place.

l. Kitsap County Parks Report - Lori Raymaker was unable to attend due to the PROS meeting at Island Lake. Earlier in the week she informed the stewardship groups about her activities which have been scheduled. We appreciate her updates.

m. Belden property security update: A suggestion was made to possibly blocking the driveway to stop any negative happenings on the property, but this did not appear to be viable for several reasons.

n. Signage status around Preserve: Dale has changed the signs but will check to make sure that the one on Sunset has been taken down.

o. Drug Recovery expansion timelines for KMHS: We do not know the timeline at the moment, however, parking in the preserve has ceased and KMHS appears to be using KRC not Almira.

p. Anyone need a Thank You? Starbucks needs a thank you and Vic will send Judith necessary information.

q. Wildlife & Nature reports: Observation of piliated woodpeckers and frogs.

4. Issues / Concerns

Enforcement items – car camping in Almira lot, dumping in parking lots, homeless camps in forest, dogs off-leash, dumping along Thompson Lane, brush picking, dog scoop, drug dealing, off-trail hiking, rogue trail building, tree poachers, paint ball, & motorcycles.

5. Adjourned at 8:30PM

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 **December 19th, 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