

Kitsap County Parks Advisory Board  
Draft Minutes 1-20-21

REMARKS FOR THE BEGINNING REMOTE ADVISORY GROUP MEETING READ BY CHAIR JON PEARSON

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM by Chair Jon Pearson

PRAB Members Present: Jon Pearson, Josh Hopp, Jenise Bauman, Linda Berry Maraist, Kathryn Thompson, Joanne Clark,

Absent: Amy Lawrence, Larry Walker, & Emily Kleiner

Staff Present: Alex Wisniewski, Alexa Hardy, Jackson Lee, Aaron Bartleson, Ashley Dupler, Arno Bergstrom & Leigh Snyder

Members of the Public -3

Introduction of Incoming Parks Director Alex Wisniewski with short biography by Jon Pearson and remarks from Director Wisniewski.

Adoption of the 11-18-2020 minutes

**Motion: Josh Hopp**

**Second: Jenise Bauman**

Discussion: None

**Action: Approved**

**Public Comment:** Joe Lubischer -E-Bike proposal from Port Gamble feels like it was premature and will affect other parks. North Kitsap stewards have had several meetings but were not involved before it went to the BoCC. Feels that the trial period is flawed. Proposal for separate trails for E-Bikes is concerning and problematic. Jon Pearson asked Jackson if this was for Port Gamble specifically. The answer is yes limited in scope to 1 year at Port Gamble. Kathryn Thompson asked if the BoCC has reviewed and yes- they have but it must be reviewed by the new Director and no final decision has been made. Linda Berry Maraist -Port Gamble stewards have been talking about this for a year and felt that due to the size of the park and existing roads it is suited to this park. In rebuttal Joe Lubischer feels if we open the door to PGHP E-Bikes will be at every park. Jackson -Port Gamble Stewards- presented for Port Gamble as a test, intended to inform but not set policy countywide. Jon suggested that the Director gets together with the Parks and Property subcommittee to discuss further.

**PROS Plan Overview and Work Plan-**Alexa Hardy-suggest we delay the annual retreat to allow our new Director to be onboarded. Moving forward we should take our directives from the PROS plan. Asked the PRAB for feedback for standing agenda items. Please share feedback. (See policy directives PROS plan-power point) Kathryn suggested taking one topic at a time. Port Gamble masterplan, erosion shoreline issues, updates Fair Association, E-Bikes as topics. Kathryn suggested park user survey information. Linda Berry Maraist suggested we talk about the impact of COVID-19 on Parks. Worried about the impact of the reduced county budget on Parks. Alex agreed this should be a standing agenda item.

**Events Update-**Ashley Dupler-see power point presentation- Healthy Washington Roadmap to Recovery.

Will be discussing the impacts with the new Director and formulating a plan to move forward with respect to indoor events. Indoor capacity impacts on staff. The capacity guidelines vary by what entity you are looking for State, CDC, Fire etc. We still have the Kitsap Rescue Mission in the Pavilion and they may want to extend through the summer. The sheep barn at the Fairgrounds will be turned from a testing site to a vaccination site. Parks has donated tables and chairs to PCHD for their use in a large vaccination site.

**Stewardship Updates**-Aaron B. and Jackson L. – Volunteer Stewardship Program-staying status quo with work parties and safety protocols. We will discuss with the Director, mirroring State guidelines. Safety Officer training available on the website. Stewardship funds allocation discussed with Alexa, BoCC to give equity across the groups. Heritage Park 2K remainder of the parks \$750 per park. This is a pilot program for this year and will be discussed with Alex. Aaron B. -partnerships SKHS adopt an orchard project Howe Farm with master gardeners and arborists, Youth Build -fencing, trail maintenance -Chico Salmon Park, benches Harper Park working to education group, certificate program with the cohort model. Working with Josh and Janise partner with Wild Society for outdoor education. We want to provide more transparency to our stewardship groups and become proactive, foster more collaboration, buy in from Park Maintenance to partner with our stewardship groups. Please communicate your needs, we plan meet and greets with the new director. Josh Hopp asked if the “all stewardship meeting” will be held on Zoom or will you postpone? Jackson responded that they may look to district meetings North, Central, South- format this year. More discussion and plans to follow may discuss further at the PRAB retreat.

**Nominations Committee** – Appoint Larry Walker as chair. Larry will be asking for another volunteer to serve.

Sub Committee Reports:

- **Community Outreach:** Josh Hopp-Aaron touched on some of these items, 1-grant application pilot education program, partner with Wild Society. Will want to meet with the Director about this and discuss further. Timeline is March 1<sup>st</sup> for the application. Wild Society is a good fit and have the resources we could use. 2- Conservation Crew -new information as to how San Juan County has been successful using this model accompanied with a certificate program. Youth Build would fit this program. Further development and information to follow. 3- Amy Lawrence-working on developing a concept of implementing learning labs in our parks. Supports the education of the public about parks.
- **Parks & Property** -nothing new to report currently.
- **Visitor Services**-no meeting to report.

District Representative Reports: -Jon attended a gathering at View Point Park -now a Facebook page to “Fixing View Point Park” hosted by Westside Improvement Club. Representative Jesse Young attended. They would like a stewardship program, porta potties etc. Port Gamble Forest Fund group is raising money to purchase trees Stewardship group decided not to vote on any action on this at this time, discussed the Ride Park permits, working on several permits. EMBA needs to compete the RFQ (KPFDF). New person will be managing work parties PGFHP. Work party last weekend and will be several upcoming. Thank you to Aaron to get the railings so quickly the stewards requested.

Old Business: None. Joanne Clark asked about Anderson Point Park and the parking lot. Brian Hauschel has the information -Alexa -it is in the works- we are dealing with a clogged drainpipe causing erosion and slides. We need some dry weather to get this worked on. Per Aaron there is a couple slides that maintenance is working on. Alexa stated Stormwater has a plan to fix the situation with the drain that should be permanent. Joanne Clark asked about Calvinwood and the plans for it now? Alex said the director will be taking the lead on this now. Coulter Creek Stewardship group will that include Square Lake and Calvinwood? Jackson Lee said he would like to manage these as a group -one stewardship group with subgroups.

New Business: Alex Wisniewski recognize the work and effort of the Parks Staff over the last couple months with the staffing changes and reductions. Hats off to the staff -especially Alex Hardy. It has been a wonderful two days to see the dedication of the staff -makes it easy for me to see the effort and desire of the staff. Thank you. Linda Berry Maraist -Conservation Futures update? Aaron B. -updated the BoCC and will update the PRAB in February. Suggested smaller meetings/tours of parks with Alex W. Alex agreed that he will take this into consideration as it will be worthwhile.

Adjournment:

Motion: Kathryn Thompson	Second: Jenise Bauman
Discussion: None	
Action: Meeting adjourned at 7:20	