

Kitsap County Parks Advisory Board

Minutes October 20, 2021

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

Meeting called to order at 6:03 by Chair

PRAB Members Present: **Jon Pearson, Emily Kleiner, Joanne Clark, Kathryn Thompson, Amy Lawrence, Linda Berry-Maraist, & Grady Martin**

Staff Present: Alex Wisniewski, Alexandra Hardy, Arno Bergstrom, Brian Hauschel, Leigh Snyder

Members of the Public-2

Adoption of the July 21, 2021, minutes

Motion: Kathryn Thompson

Second: Joanne Clark

Discussion: None

Action: Adopted

Opportunity for Public to Address the Board: Jim Heytvelt-Harper Park-spoke about the underwater park interest at Harper Park, Sunday scuba divers will be out scoping out the area they want. Work party held and planted shrubs and trees at the new bridge area. Concerned about 2 parcels of land that do not have a lease with DNR – this will need to be researched. One parcel is the old ballfield area and the other is the County ROW. County has someone working on the leases- Jim has spoken to Commissioner Garrido about his concerns.

Parks Report-Alex Wisniewski – [See Attached Report]-Discussion about the cleaning up of Veterans Memorial Park and the new county policy being worked on to deal with the unhoused communities in our area. It must be presented and approved by the BoCC. LBM asked if needles are a big concern and AW answered that they are. LBM asked if the Delta variant and new COVID-19 concerns that have affected our bookings will negatively impact our budget and should we be concerned about funding. AW-Kitsap Rescue Mission did pay rent for the time they were using the Pavilion and that helped us. We seem to be on the downside now of the impact of the Delta variant on bookings.

2022 Capital Program is not yet fully formed yet. Would like feedback from the PRAB on Capital projects. Would like to discuss past unfinished projects and what are your desires for 2022. Screen shared with PRAB. Looking for opportunities to combine some of the projects where it makes sense. Joanne C. would like the Anderson Point Park and Banner Forest projects completed first as they are the oldest. LBM asked if the PG Projects are staff or through PFD-they are being handled by PRD through OAC not staff. Kathryn asked that the Port Gamble and NKHP projects move forward. The Silverdale Waterfront Park seawall is very important and needs to be addressed as soon as possible. This will likely be a multi-year project with the process beginning tentatively in 2023. Alex confirmed this will be a multi department project. Emily Kleiner asked what items in 2022 can realistically get done? Alex feels the smaller items can get done but the larger items may get started in 2022 but not completed that same year. Arno provided some background on projects at NKHP and Port Gamble. Joanne asked that the playground be completed at

Long Lake Park. Alex will take these thoughts under advisement and discuss with staff. We will bring back staff recommendation to the PRAB later. Planning projects -Coulter Creek Heritage Resource Management Plan, NKHP Stewardship Plan both in draft form and then the Fairgrounds and Events Complex master plan. Amy would like Erlands Point Preserve added to the list.

PRAB Organization: Remind everyone that nominations are coming up. Sub-committee should be formed in tonight. Jon asked for volunteers for the committee to speak to him.

Sub-Committee-we can modify what we have or add and delete from what we have. We are not bound to stick with what we have now. Joanne wants Parks & Property to stay. Visitor Services could be put on the shelf until after COVID. Park Code is temporary until we finish that. Community Outreach should remain. Have the committees formed and meet as needed more of an Ad Hoc status.

Meeting Content: Pulse check for Alex as to how they feel the meetings are going? Joanne asked if he feels comfortable in the job yet. Alex is getting more comfortable as time goes on. Leans on staff also. Joanne would like a contact number for who to call if there is a problem at a park? Non-Emergency call the leadership staff who the issue belongs to or the normal Parks office number- for Emergency -after hours call Kitsap 1 or 911 whichever is appropriate. Is meeting structure still working? PRAB likes the structure and the Directors Report format.

2022 PAB Priorities: Give thought to priorities for 2022 so we can talk about a work plan next month. January is the target month for the workplan to be approved and set.

Sub Committee Reports:

Community Outreach: None

Parks & Property: None

Visitor Services: None

Park Code: None

District Representative Reports:

North-Linda Berry-Maraist -PG Park Stewards met on the 11th of this month and went over the Master Planning information and the ride park -work parties scheduled, need to update maps on annual basis. Car break- ins are happening at the Trail Heads at Port Gamble and the parking lot at Anderson Point.

South- Olalla Boat Launch -being well used by families and boaters, fishing going on as well.

Grady Martin shared that he is a WA native grew up at Lake Stevens- came to NK in 2018. Family is frequent Park users. Took the position to connect with community and give back. Works for Boeing and lives in Kingston.

Kitsap Transit held a community public meeting regarding their plan for mooring their boats at Harper Park -community is against. KT agreed that Southworth would be a better choice. It is back to their committee.

Old Business: JC asked where we left off with paintball? We have reached out to State Parks to track down information.

New Business: None

Adjournment: Motion: Joanne Clark

Second: Kathryn Thompson

Discussion -None

Meeting adjourned at 7:57PM