



## Minutes

### **Illahee Preserve Stewardship Committee**

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

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

#### **1. Welcome & Introductions:**

Attendees: Jim Aho, Judith Kringsman, Jon Buesch, Don Jahaske, Irwin Kringsman, Dale Boyle. Note: Jim Aho chaired the meeting in place of Vic Ulsh.

#### **2. Minutes from last Meeting:** Minutes of the 3/21/17 meeting were approved as read.

#### **3. Business:**

- ⑩ Almira Shelter Progress Review: Michael Kipp, Frontier Log Homes, Shelton WA. The shelter contractor will begin construction Wednesday 4/19 /17 with the digging of the foundation holes. Framing and pouring of concrete should commence on Friday, 4/21/17. Judith raised the question of the possibility of RCO accepting the shelter project for matching funds. Jim Aho will check with RCO.
- ⑩ Comcast Care work party 4/22/17: Saturday, 4/22/17, 8:00 – 3:30 PM approximately 50 Comcast volunteers will spread structural crushed rock in the shelter area and help with moving the kiosk. Comcast is donating \$1,000 to include the cost of porta-potty rental.
- ⑩ Brownsville Elementary tour of Illahee Preserve 4/18/17: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders toured the Illahee Preserve Tuesday morning. They carried fill bags and collected interesting specimens, and even enjoyed talking about the 500 year old tree. Jim Aho led the tour. Ken Hegbedt's wife is a teacher at Brownsville Elementary School and helped conduct the tour.
- ⑩ Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) Update Comment Period:
- ⑩ Steep slopes designation
- ⑩ Stream designation missing for Steele Creek headwaters
- ⑩ Wetland designation missing for same area.

A motion was made and approved that Judith should present comments regarding the above concerns relating to omissions and errors in Kitsap County CAO mapping and ensuring that they are entered into the record with Illahee Preserve Stewardship Committee minutes attached.

The approved motion is as follows:

*“The Illahee Preserve Stewardship Committee finds omissions and mistakes in the current draft of the CAO mapping regarding:*

- 1. Steep slope designation for the Illahee Creek corridor.*
- 2. Stream designation missing for Steele Creek headwaters in the Illahee Preserve.*
- 3. Wetland designation missing for the same area.*

*The stewardship group requests that the Department of Community Development address the omissions and accuracy of their mapping regarding the above issues.”*

- ⑩ County's proposal to acquire Lost Continent/Timber's Edge Phase 2: No new information. Currently waiting for legislative action.
- ⑩ Kitsap County Park's Report - Lori Raymaker: Not available at this time. A discussion ensued regarding status of the All-Secure project. A motion was made and approved that Judith would arrange a meeting with Parks Director Jim Dunwiddie to discuss various issues of concern to stewardship members.
- ⑩ Brush picker alert: No activity.
- ⑩ Homeless watch - Almira corridor & car camping: Volunteers are keeping a close watch on the Almira parking lot.
- ⑩ Belden Property Update: Dale Boyle will continue to observe for issues.
- ⑩ Anyone need a *Thank You*? Jim Aho will send Judith contact information for the Comcast volunteers.
- ⑩ Wildlife & Nature reports: Two barred owls were observed during the Brownsville Elementary School tour. Jon Buesch observed an eagle at ground level while walking west on Fuson.

## **5. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM

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 **June 20, 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