



Minutes

Illahee Preserve Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

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

1. Welcome & Introductions:

Attendees: Jim Aho, Judith Kringsman, Jon Buesch, Irwin Kringsman, Dale Boyle, John Plant, Lori Raymaker. Note: Jim Aho chaired the meeting in place of Vic Ulsh.

2. Minutes from last Meeting: Minutes of the 4/18/17 meeting were approved as read.

3. Business:

⑩ Almira Shelter Progress Review: The shelter is being built by Michael Kipp, Frontier Log Homes, Shelton WA. Jon Buesch reported that the shelter construction has been completed and is waiting for a final structural inspection. The site has been leveled. Judith to send out three thank you notes-one to Pat Lockhardt of Kitsap Reclamation and Materials, Inc., for the donation of 50 cubic yards of crushed concrete and a thank you to Steve Linder of SAL Development in Maple Valley for the bobcat work to level out 50 cubic yards of crushed concrete. Thanks also to Sound Developmet for the donation of roofing materials. Other topics under discussion were the cost of various picnic tables and the possibility of the shelter being rented out for park income. Jon Buesch stated that an East Bremerton Rotary Club sign will be installed at the gable end of the new shelter.

⑩ Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) Update Comment Period: Judith Kringsman gave public testimony at the CAO meeting at the Presidents Hall pertaining to these topics: *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.

It appears that the Illahee Preserve grant submitted by Kitsap County scored 49th in a very crowded field of grant requests. Although this is designated as an alternate submission, it is highly unlikely to be funded. We will continue to investigate other opportunities.

⑩ Jim Aho attended the East Bremerton Rotary Club where he met the three former presidents who actively supported funding for the shelter.

⑩ Kitsap County Park's Report - Lori Raymaker: Lori informed the committee that 911 and CENCOM have merged to provide rescue efforts in the Preserve through ID GPS coordinates postings at the 27 trail intersections. Thanks to Michael Vandergraf who did the GPS. The Illahee Preserve has been allocated \$1,450.00 for the year. \$567.90 has been spent for the shelter permit, proposed \$500 for trail maps and printing, and relocation of the kiosk \$150. A new lease for the Rolling Hills Golf Course is being negotiated due to unforeseen issues with the Meals on Wheels Program. Lori explained about her program of "A Day of Caring." Judith discussed the meeting she had with Parks Director, Jim Dunwiddie, regarding various issues concerning stewardship.

⑩ Jim Aho gave a presentation regarding the stormwater meeting held at the Sylvan Way Library and the issues affecting Illahee Creek. Plans for three future phases to improve sediment issues in the stream were discussed. Chris May gave an outstanding presentation at the library. The cost of stormwater retrofits when finished, will be 2 ½ to 3 million dollars. There are currently fish in the lower reaches of the stream, despite stream issues.

4. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM A brief meeting of the Illahee Preserve 501(c) 3 ensued regarding AllSecure Self Storage

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 **July 18, 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