



Illahee Preserve Stewardship Committee Minutes

Tuesday, January 16th, 2018

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

1. Welcome & Introductions

Attendees: Jon Buesch, John Plant, Michael Vandegrift, Jim Aho, Don Jahaske, Irwin Krigsman, Judith Krigsman, Vic Ulsh, John Parvis, Lori Raymaker

2. **Minutes from last Meeting:** Minutes of the 12/19/17 meeting were approved as amended.

3. Business:

a. Consider how/if to accomplish these tasks. *Leadership Kitsap* team? (Aho)

Is Leadership Kitsap available for project?

- Update trail map: Pending, upon completion of new trails.
- Brochure for surrounding neighbors: Possibility.
- New/revised intersection markers using new parks' system: Possibility/discussion.
- Marketing effort for "Forested Central Park" master plan: Possibility/discussion.
- *Power Line Trail Agreement* with PSE: Judith and Vic will check for possible

documented easements.

- Log benches: Jon Buesch said the Stewardship group can make benches.
- *Wetland Observation* trail: Discussion about spur or loop trails.

b. Response to Ed Chesvick's email: *"Hi Jim. I just walked the west side of the golf course. The trail head has markers both ends but it hasn't been maintained. I cleared out some branches. There is standing water halfway up the trail. If we didn't want this to be a trail anymore we should take out the markers and replace them with keep out signs."*

Jim Aho will respond to the above email. Trails made by neighbors exist along the perimeters which have not been an issue, so far.

c. Homeless Trash piles - Ask Kitsap Health District to check for identity info: Lori informed the group per Dori's input, that no longer should volunteers remove garbage from homeless sites because of the risks involved. Garbage and trash will be removed by Doug Washburn's department, Human Resources. Lori will make the appropriate contact

d. Update on new trail through *homeless invasion zone* nearest Almira: The trail site has been hogged out, raked, logs cut and out of the way, trash hauled up to the pump station from Spotted Doe Trail to south of marker 22. Jim Aho can use sign boards to advertise work parties. Lori has heard from the crew of the Nimitz that volunteer workers have made contact with her for work projects. Vic will coordinate work parties.

e. Under Seige: Report on recent homeless camps, homeless people, and homeless trash: The recent influx of homeless encampments have been successfully cleared by our great volunteers, John Plant, John Parvis, Jon Buesch, Jim Aho, and Dale Boyle with the help of Park staff.

f. *Housing Kitsap* plans for homeless village site along Almira?

Judith described the current situation and proposed plans of Stuart Grogan, Housing Kitsap. Judith shared communication received by Keith Grellner-Kitsap County Director of the Health District. It appears that the target date for notification to the encampment has begun. We anticipate increased activity in the Preserve.

g. Kitsap County Parks Report - Lori Raymaker: Lori discussed protocol for removing homeless trash from the Preserve. Please report volunteer hours ASAP. The annual stewardship program is scheduled for February 8th 2018. Preserve volunteers to represent their group have been appointed. The stewardship meeting will be held at Island Lake at approximately 6pm. The program will be on sustainability and the speaker is from the Washington Trails Association.

h. Be on alert for brush picker season: No sightings.

i. Garbage dumping at Preserve along Thompson Lane?: Judith contacted Mr Cotton from Kitsap County Roads Department to see if the "No Dumping Signs" were available for posting on Thompson Lane. Roads does not post signage on unmaintained county roads. Cotton suggested that they only attract people on where to dump and serve no purpose. However, we may post signs out of the right-a-way. Lori will work with the group if they want signage.

j. Anyone need a *Thank You*?: Kitsap County Deputy Sheriff Heller, for his help and support. Notify Judith if you need thank you notes.

k. "No Camping" signage along Almira Drive: John Parvis will order signs to post along vulnerable spots.

l. Dedication Wall: Plans briefly discussed with no resolution.

Addendum to minutes: Lori Raymaker requested a correction to the minutes under Business, item c. Homeless trashpiles. Per Lori, correction reads, "After further consultation with staff, the correct information is that Dori is actively working with the County to find a solution for cleaning up the homeless camps. As of now, we are status quo in cleanups, meaning that it is up to staff and vounteers to clean up these camps."

4. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

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 **March 20th, 2018**.

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 Krigsman, Secretary