



Minutes
Illahee Preserve Stewardship Committee
Tuesday, March 20th, 2018
6:30 – 8:00 PM in Kitsap Pavilion Building at Fairgrounds

1. Welcome & Introductions

Attendees: Vic Ulsh, Jon Buesch, John Plant, Jim Aho, Don Jahaske, John Parvis, Lori Raymaker, Judith Krigsman, Irwin Krigsman, Dale Boyle.

2. Minutes from last Meeting: Minutes of the 1/16/2018 meeting were approved as corrected.

3. Business:

- a. *Wetland Observation* trail: Appreciation to Michael Vandergrift for wetland delineation-and mapping work accomplished.
- b. Trail marker update for Kitsap County Parks' revised system: Jon Buesch reported that location plates have been made for attachment to existing markers. Correction is needed for the #14 post. Lori will release funds for purchase of necessary hardware. Dale suggested that the new trail be named "Huckleberry Trail".
- c. "No Camping" signage along the park perimeter: Thanks to the donation and installation by John Parvis. 30 signs were installed and 20 signs remain available for further use.
- d. Homeless camping update: John Parvis reported situation is under control at this time.
- e. Update on new trail thru *homeless invasion zone* nearest Almira: Open and actively used by members of the public.
- f. *Trail Agreement* with North Perry Water: Jim Aho reported that North Perry Water District has agreed to a trail agreement through their property. Parks requires an electronic copy of the agreement which will be sent to Lori Raymaker to finalize this action.
- g. *Housing Kitsap* plans for homeless village site along Almira: Nothing new to report.
- h. Kitsap County Parks' Report: Lori Raymaker reported that the County Volunteer Appreciation event will take place Thursday 4/19/18, 4:30 - 6:30 PM in Port Orchard. A discussion took place concerning the establishment of an interpretive trail in the Preserve involving schools, the East Bremerton Rotary Club and the KC Public Works Dept. Discussion followed about the protocol to be followed about public use of Preserve facilities for events such as weddings, parties, family events and mushroom harvesting. Lori will check the Stewardship Plan regarding approvals for such activities and if they are enforceable.
- i. Stream typing: Jim Aho, is working with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Suquamish Tribe and the Department of Natural Resources to finalize stream typing in the Illahee Preserve.
- j. Crossing over Golf Hollow: Jim Aho reported the two issues needing to be resolved regarding stream crossings in the Golf Hollow area. Dale volunteered to become involved in this needed project. Acceptable crossings over streams is being discussed.

k. Garbage dumping at Preserve along Thompson Lane: John Plant and Chris cleaned Thompson Lane, garbage in the area of the Park and Ride and homeless camps. The next scheduled work parties are March 16th and March 23rd.

l. Anyone need a Thank You?: Jim Fox will need one for the use of the Porta-Potty, Wayne Chase with litter control from the Sheriff Office Inmate Project Coordinator with Corrections, and Jerry LeTexier with JPL Habitability.

m. Brush picker season nearly done: No action at this time.

n. Dedication Wall : Vic met with Leadership Kitsap at Almira Dr. to discuss any possibility of working with them on projects within the Preserve. Example of a needed project would be the Dedication Wall and an Interpretive Trail.

o. Leadership Kitsap update: Marie Singleton from Leadership Kitsap will provide info on this in the next newsletter as a possible concept for a project. The next class will run from September to May.

p. Wildlife reports: Dale introduced correspondence from DFW regarding the introduction of pine martins to control the eastern squirrel issue in the preserve. Discussion followed. Canadian geese and mallard ducks observed in the pond area along with an increasing frog population.

4. Issues / Concerns

a. Enforcement items Car camping in Almira lot, dumping in parking lots, homeless camps in forest, dogs off-leash, dumping along Thompson Lane, brush picking, dog scoop, drug dealing, off-trail hiking, rogue trail building, tree poachers, paint ball, & motorcycles.

5. Adjourn at 8:05 P.M.

Please note that immediately following this meeting Jim Aho convened a brief meeting of the Illahee Forest Preserve 501 (c)(3) corporation.

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 **April 17th, 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 G. Krigsman, Secretary