

**Kitsap County Parks Advisory Board  
Draft Minutes March 17, 2021**

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

Meeting called to order at 6:06 by Chair Jon Pearson

PRAB Members Present: Jon Pearson, Jenise Bauman, Linda Berry Maraist, Kathryn Thompson, Josh Hopp, Joanne Clark, Amy Lawrence, Larry Walker,

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

Members of the Public-3

**Adoption of the February 17, 2021 Minutes**

Motion: Amy Lawrence	Second: Jenise Bauman
Discussion: None	
Action: Approved	

**Citizen Reports** – Kim Greenwood - PGHP Masterplan reminding the PRAB of the clear-cut area that the adjoining property owners desire a section of the park remain a natural area from now on. Have sent information to the Project Managers. Please re-wild it.

Lynn Schorn -Presentation Our Forest Fund Non Profit-designated 5013C Kitsap Community Foundation-showed website [www.ourforestfund.org](http://www.ourforestfund.org). First project – buying trees from Rainier timber company outside of the forest practice application at PGFHP. Need to raise a minimum of \$500,000 to get the conversation started. Organization is part of the “Great Give”. Please look at the website.

**Parks Reports:**

**Events & Facility Rentals Program-Alex Hardy**-Slide show -Changes to Event Recovery Plan-3-1-21 published plan 3-4-21 State came out with new athletic guidelines -updating user groups with changes March 12 -State announced Phase 3 Plans on March 22<sup>nd</sup> -Parks is awaiting for the guidelines to be published before we proceed. Confident we can move our timeline up-Tier 2-April 1-open picnic shelters, Tier 3-offering community buildings and outdoor venues May 1<sup>st</sup> and June 1 Tier 4 Large Buildings to open. The Fair Association is looking to see if they can open the Fair this year. We are working to finalize the lease on the White House and Thunderbird Arena.

**Forestry Program – Arno Bergstrom**-site visits and verification of sensitive areas at Square Lake have had to be added to the FPA for the forest thinning. Permitted by mid -April. Road Maintenance done that does not require a permit. It will be a dry season thinning and we will start on the east side of the lake. Rainier is transferring trees to the Parks Department – received 290 acres of the clear-cut property which includes Aces the most recent clear cut. In answer to Larry Walker – Rainier commercial reforestation -can they do a sparser plant to save us from restoration thinning down the road? Arno stated we could purchase trees for replanting. We are exploring this approach and it is under discussion. Alex Wisniewski stated we are bound to follow what is in the original agreement. We are looking for alternatives.

**Volunteer Program – Alex Wisniewski**-15,000 volunteer hours across the Park system in 2020. April/May will be a full report from Jackson Lee. March/April Activities-Harper Park- Youthbuild installed benches, interpretive signs, Anderson Landing, Erlands Point, NHHP, PGFHP and NKHP all had activities. District meetings will take place in April/May-being planned now.

**Parks M & O Program-Alex Wisniewski**-variety of items “Springerizing” our parks now preparing for our high use season-irrigation, bathrooms, mowing etc. Square Lake Park-camp host program we are looking into this to move forward as the State had a camp host previously. Extra Help – we can hire 3 seasonal staff for the summer months. May 1 start date target.

Other projects -ADA Pathways Buck Lake Park, Wildcat Lake Park-Point No Point Park - hazardous tree removal, Salsbury Point Park and Arness Roadside -shoreline stabilization plans are underway. Planting to help stabilize the soil. More to come.

WDFW contacted by Commissioner Gelder to ensure the parking lot at PNP remains open in answer to Linda Berry Maraist. We have had discussions to see if a Camp Host for the parking lot might help manage the parking. No firm decision has been made to date.

### **Capital Special Projects Program-Alex Wisniewski**

South Kitsap Regional Park – playground installation-pictures shown. Once final we will have a ribbon cutting ceremony with Commissioner Garrido.

Harper Park – pedestrian bridge installation -aerial map shown for placement of bridge over ravine- installation in the coming months. Graphic of the side view/elevation shown. Western Wood Structures of Oregon has manufactured the bridge. RFP for installation will be out shortly.

Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park-master plan-ride park parking lot and Stottlemeyer parking lot-all projects moving simultaneously. Master plan public meeting held last night 142 attended. Over 200 folks pre-registered. There are a series of meetings planned on different platforms. As we come out of the COVID-19 environment.

Stottlemeyer Parking Lot & Ride Park Parking lot-engineering firm under contract -1 very preliminary design

**Department Administration and Operations-Alex Wisniewski**-we will be advertising an M&O supervisor position soon.

**Advisory Board Workplan -Alex Wisniewski and Board**-start the conversation to see what the PRAB wants to work on for the rest of 2021- between now and the April meeting the three subcommittee could meet and propose work plan ideas. Josh Hopp likes the idea to come up with focus ideas – are we missing something? Alex will give this some thought -perhaps a review of the PROS plan to identify any gaps to prepare us for an update. Revise the Park Code-propose updates.

### **Sub Committee Reports-**

- Community Outreach-submitted No Child Left Inside grant application submitted. Meeting April 8<sup>th</sup>.
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- Parks & Property-last meeting was to discuss EBike situation. Will schedule a meeting soon.
- Visitor Services-nothing to report
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**District Representative Reports:**

3-8-21 PGFHP stewards met discussed the master plan, adjoining property owner requested that park patrons stop using their property as an entrance to the park. Parks stewards are looking at solutions. Update on the Ride Park. Discussed upcoming work parties. Reforestation plan discussed along with removal of scotch broom. Presentation from disk golf group who are interested in using the park for disk golf.

Larry Walker-Banner Forest-unorganized trail maintenance, gravel delivered and spread.

Joanne Clark-Olalla Boat Launch-talking with the new owner of AI's grocery. There will be a meeting with the county the name will change. The new owners have lived here a long time and do not want to repeat the mistakes of the past. They are taking out the gas pumps to create more parking so they don't use the park.

**Old Business:none**

**New Business:none**

**Adjournment**

Motion: Larry Walker	Second:Joanne Clark
Discussion: none	
Action:adjuourned 7:47	