

KITSAP COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

February 15, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

Guidelines of the hybrid Advisory Board Meeting were read.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by the Parks Advisory Board Vice-Chair, Lisa Hurt.

- **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES | ACTION:** *Joanne Clark motioned to approve October and December meeting minutes. Linda Berry-Maraist second motion. Minutes approved.*

- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Beverly Parsons, Hansville resident and member of Kitsap Environmental Coalition. Request Advisory Council call for an Open Meeting regarding the current Feasibility Study of the NSTO. Clarity is needed on its purpose and consequences.
 1. History of STO and purpose
 2. Criteria for selecting alternative routes
 3. Link to the Kingston Comprehensive Plan
- Carol Price quoted National Geographic “You have to make conservation pay better than destruction”. Concerns regarding the Eglon Trust Lands.
- Jennifer Denham, North Kitsap resident. Plans to bring “I can Bike” program for people with disabilities to Kitsap. Requesting Parks reduce the facility rental rate of the Pavilion for this program.
- Public Comment email received on February 14, 2023, from Joe Lubischer shared with the Advisory Board
- Joe Lubischer, follow-up to email regarding wetlands delineation at Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park. “The Framework’s use of wetlands was deficient and seriously undercounted.” Several implications:
 1. County use of National wetland inventory is not adequate
 2. Framework in regard to wetlands is deficient
 3. Wetland delineation requires field work, certified professional and best done in Spring
 4. Wetlands delineation needed only when doing projects. Projects involving Landscape classification cannot be done properly without wetland delineation.

Suggests serious consideration for wetland delineations for Coulter Creek and Port Gamble Heritage Parks.

- **PARKS REPORT**

- a. Point No Point – Flooding and Rehabilitation | *Parks Capital Project Planner, Matt Oxford*. Provide brief overview of incident at Point No Point Park on December 27, 2022. Kitsap County coordinated an emergency response with Public Works, Parks Department and Department of Emergency Management. County crews installed a Temporary floodwall to mitigate tidal inundation.
- b. Coulter Creek Heritage Park and PROS Plan update | *Parks Planner, Aaron Nix*. Provided an overview of work in progress regarding Parks Planning.
 - Three meetings have occurred regarding the Coulter Creek Master Planning. Next meeting at the end of March.
Aaron to host a Coulter Creek Public Nature Tour – Saturday, February 25, 10-11:30am
Shared Coulter Creek Heritage Park Landscape Designations map with detailed descriptions.
 - Updating components for Capital Facilities Plan is which a component to the Comprehensive Plan updates in process.
 - Overview of the PROS Plan criteria to be eligible to receive grant funding
- c. Ecological Selective Thinning – 2023 Projects | *Parks Natural Resources Supervisor, Arno Bergstrom*
Provided update on ecological selective thinning plans at Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park (PGFHP) in 2023 and beyond. Last time ecological selective thinning was done at PGFHP was in 2016-2017.

Shared map of park with project areas defined. Six projects totaling 400 acers.

- d. Private Public Partnership – Kitsap Paintball – Update | *Parks Director, Alex Wisniewski*
December PAB meeting hosted a presentation and discussion regarding Private Public Partnership at Coulter Creek Park with Kitsap Paintball. Staff have worked through processes, including conversation with County Commissioner office. Directions to Parks staff is to pause any further discussion until PROS Plan is completed.
- e. Director’s Report | *Parks Director, Alex Wisniewski*
 - o Contract with OAC for project management for four PGFHP Projects, Framework, Ride Park development, and two Parking lot design and development projects. Two projects are near completion. Parking lot projects are pending DCD permit approval. Decision to close contract as of April 30. Parks staff will manage remaining projects.
 - o Parks applied for a new Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) planning grant. Proposed project for site concept plan for Fairground and Events Center was not selected and project will not move forward in 2023. Staff will reevaluate, develop new timeline, and seek other funding sources for this very important project.

- **SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

- No subcommittee reports

- **DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- o Joanne Clark extended thanks to Parks staff for removing parking signs at Olalla Boat Launch. Confirmed Port-a-let installation on April 1. Question regarding donated kiosk.
- o Joanne Clark asked for update on Anderson Point Park parking lot. Director shared project is on Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) which is in a review process to update.

- **NEW BUSINESS –**

- o Linda Berry-Maraist - Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park Stewards report
 - i. Meeting occurred on Monday, February 13, 2023
 - ii. Work party on Saturday, February 18
 - iii. Up-coming work parties for plant harvest and re-planting
 - iv. Restoration committee meets irregularly
 - v. Tails committee meets on the Sunday 8 days prior to the monthly Parks Stewards meeting
- o Nancy Whitaker, Central Kitsap report
 - i. Non-motorized club meets 3rd Tuesday of the month
 - ii. Newberry Hill Stewardship group meeting on February 16
 - 1. Work party on Saturday, February 18 at 10am
 - iii. Community Out-Reach Committee received request from Sons of Italy for Bocce ball courts in a County Park.

- Linda Berry-Maraist provided information and history regarding Sound To Olympics trail (STO).
- **ADJOURNMENT | ACTION:** *Jon Pearson moved to adjourn the meeting. Joanne Clark seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.*

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD ATTENDANCE

PAB MEMBERS	STAFF	PUBLIC
Joanne Clark, Chair	Alex Wisniewski	Carol Price
Lisa Hurt, Vice-Chair	Matt Oxford	Beverly Parsons
Nancy Whitaker- <i>in person</i>	Aaron Nix	Lynn P.
Amy Lawrence	Dee Tuttle	Dawn Dockter
Jon Pearson- <i>in person</i>	Alex Hardy	K.C. Patton - <i>in person</i>
Amy Smalley	Arno Bergstrom	Jennifer Burbank- <i>in person</i>
Linda Berry-Maraist	Sierra Kross	Jennifer Denham- <i>in person</i>

Brian Hauschel

Joe Lubischer- *in person*
