

KITSAP COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
October 18, 2023
MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by the Parks Advisory Board Vice-Chair, Lisa Hurt
Guidelines of the hybrid Advisory Board Meeting were read.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES | ACTION: *Jon Pearson motioned to adopt September 20, 2023, meeting minutes. Linda Berry-Maraist second motion. Motion carried. Minutes approved.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

- KC Patton – Kitsap Aircraft Radio Control Society.
 - Attended Chainsaw on 10/18/23 with Parks staff Aaron Bartleson and Sierra Kross. Best training, he has ever attended. Videos, Q&A, and practical activities were very helpful and well presented.
 - KARCS is in partnership with the Bremerton chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA). One of their contacts is involved with Young Eagle's, ages 8 – 18 years old. Group has purchased two RC models to build. Saturday, October 21, 2023, is the first build day.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS- NONE

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Staffing Update –
 - New Natural Resources Supervisor, Irene Weber starts October 23, 2023.
 - Capital Project Specialist interviews concluded. Finalizing new hire offer.
 - Forester and Planning Supervisor position are advertised and accepting applications.
- Marketing and Events – Alex Hardy presented to the Board of County Commissioners the Parks Advisory Board recommendation to move forward with Option Three for new BoCC Sponsorship Program. This presentation was provided to the PAB at September meeting.
- Maintenance and Operations – Winterizing specific park restrooms and other cold sensitive systems beginning October 1, 2023.
- Pont No Point Park – US Coast Guard owns the Lighthouse at this park. Coast guard is working on a Soil Mitigation Project that will impact the Park for a short time. Project has been in the works for approximately a decade. Project tentative timeframe is January/February 2024. Removal and replacement of 260 cubic yards of soil directly around Lighthouse buildings.
- Vandalism and thefts – Storage facility at South Kitsap Regional Park experienced a break-in in early October. Approximately \$5000 worth of equipment stolen. Exploring the options for security cameras at target locations and parking lots to provide a prevention mechanism. Additional break-ins at Fairgrounds barns last week. No theft but more evidence for the need of additional security.
- Parks Open Space Plan – Chuck Cuzzetto reported on current activities, focus groups and survey status. Receiving lots of great feedback. Stakeholder interviews have been conducted over couple of months. Moving into Second Phase – Visioning Process. Three Open House to be held in October and November. Parks staff meeting in November to capture staff feedback.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Parks Advisory Board Nominations

- November PAB meeting agenda to include nominations for PAB positions.
- Bi laws call for three-person nominating committee. Linda Berry-Maraist, Larry Walker, and Jon Pearson to form committee.
- Elections due by Jan 2024
- ACTION – Provide rules on nominations to committee.

Capital Improvement Plan update

- Subcommittee will CIP review in November.
- Present to PAB on November 15
- Present to BoCC for Public Hearing on November 27

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS –

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS –

- Lisa Hurt asked about beavers being killed at Point No Point.
 - Standard protocol for US Department of Agriculture. Kitsap County contracts with USDA to remove beavers to assist prevention of water back up.
 - No relocation sites available in Washington
- Nancy Whitaker shared information regarding removal of beaver at Newberry Hill Heritage Park. Pond has suffered since beaver was removed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

ADJOURNMENT | ACTION: *Larry Walker moved to adjourn the meeting. Linda Berry-Maraist seconded the motion. Motioned carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM.*

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD ATTENDANCE

PAB MEMBERS	STAFF	PUBLIC
Lisa Hurt, Vice-Chair	Alex Wisniewski	Hybrid meeting online public attendee names not captured
Nancy Whitaker	Alex Hardy	
Linda Berry-Maraist	Chuck Cuzzetto	
Amy Smally	Brian Hauschel	In-Person Public Attendee
Larry Walker	Dee Tuttle	KC Patton
Jon Pearson		
Grady Martin		
