

KITSAP COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

May 15, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM by the Parks Advisory Board Chair, Larry Walker. Guidelines of the hybrid Advisory Board Meeting were read.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES | ACTION: Dawn Dockter requested correction to the Public In-Person attendance list to include Carol Price. Carol Price was not included but did attend in-person. Linda Berry-Maraist motioned to adopt April 17, 2024, meeting minutes. Dawn Dockter seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Sam Huff– West Sound Disc Golf Association (WSGA)
 - Organization’s goal is to foster a strong community for disc golf in the West Sound region.
 - Recent user agreement to install a temporary disc golf course for 6 special-use events, once month from May to October at Square Lake property.
 - WSGA volunteered 194 hours to prepare the area for the temporary course. General focus was on trail brushing, storm clean-up, and trash collection from illegal dumping.
 - Plans to continue to host work parties to improve the park.
 - WSGA is enthusiastic about the ongoing development of new disc golf course and the collaborations with Parks.
 - First event was held at temporary course on May 11 & 12. On Saturday 52 players participated and Sunday was open for casual play. Total of 73 players participated in 2-day event.
- Mark Libby – Kingston Trails and Open Space Committee and Park Steward at Quiet Place Park, Kingston
 - Advocating for Kingston parks
 - Monitoring and looking forward to mitigation of the erosion issue at Arnes Park
 - Trail enhancements needs at Nike Park to make safe route to school.
 - Transfer of Nike Park property to the North Kitsap school district
 - Restoration of the ADA trail at Carpenter Lake
 - Pleased to host the Discover Kitsap Tour at Carpenter Park in April
- KC Patton – Kitsap Aircraft Radio Control Society (KARCS)
 - April report - 310 hours of field use and 21 volunteer hours
 - Met with Bremerton Airport’s new Airport Director, Cole Barns

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS-

- Board Discussion: Visting Parks & Other Things
 - Suggestion to have Board Members visiting parks outside of their designated area. Board discussed pros and cons, suggestions for focus on locations based on PROs Plan impact areas and areas in need.

PARKS REPORTS

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- Parks did not score well enough to be invited to apply for the RCO Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities grant funding for Gordon Fields development to replace turf field on Gordon 1 and develop Gordon 2 into a new synthetic field. New CIP will now address this need.
- Announced Brain Hauschel has resigned from his position as M&O Program Supervisor. He has taken a position with city of Bremerton.
- M&O Program Supervisor position has been posted and review of application will occur on Monday.
- Stottlemeyer trailhead construction is almost completed. Expect to be completed by end of May.
- PGFHP North End parking lot is at 30% design and still on target for construction in early 2025.

- PROS Plan is close to getting drafts of 4 of 6 sections for review.
- Marketing and Events Program Updates-
 - Annual comparison of Facility rental statics demonstrates increase in usage in past 12 months.
 - Expectation of dramatic increase as weather improves and sport specific activities increase.
- Natural Resources Program Updates-
 - Discover Kitsap Parks Walks
 - Past event at Newberry Hill Heritage Park on April 27 led by Larry Walker and Aaron Bartleson – an opportunity to provide education about the forest restoration at this location.
 - Upcoming event at South Kitsap Regional Park in May led by Kevin Cedar on the topic of forest restoration.
 - Invite to PAM members to attend these events to get to know the parks and what is happening at these locations.
 - Bio Blitzen on April 27 at Port Gamble Heritage Park – a citizen science data gathering event. 54 participants identified 108 species within the park.
 - Three events NR hosted for Earth Day on April 20 –
 - South Kitsap Regional Park – Scotch broom removal work party with 101 volunteers from Kitsap Bank
 - Hansville Greenway – Blackberry removal round a cedar planting with 21 volunteers
 - Newberry Hill Heritage Park – Scotch broom removal with 6 volunteers
 - Overall, 128 participants who achieved approximately 7 acres of invasive plant removal.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- Old Business-
 - South Kitsap Regional Park – Discover Kitsap Parks Walk May 18 at 10am
 - Bench dedication at Haper Park - Jim and Marlene Heytvelt were honored for their 38 years of dedicated service to the park and estuary.
 - Port Gamble Stewards met on May 1 and have an upcoming work party May 18, 9am -12pm.
 - Discover Kitsap Parks Walk at Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park on June 29, 10-11:30am
 - Recent Gambler Graveler event was successful.
 - Restoration meeting May 21
 - Road traffic concerns on Hwy 104. Dangers to pedestrians' crossings highway to enter park. Request to Kitsap County to ask WSDOT to consider reducing speed limit in this area.
 - Next PG Steward ship meeting is June 5
- New Business
 - Who are the new Parks Point of Contact for the Silverdale Rotary? Jason Boddy is already in contact with Rotary.
 - Next PAB meeting lands on Juneteenth. County will honor this holiday. PAM meeting will need to be rescheduled. Email poll will be sent to PAB members.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

- What is the plan to control Scotch broom, especially in logged areas at Port Gamble Heritage park? County can only use mechanical methods for removal, no pesticides are allowed. Removal is focused around the base of trees to shade out future growth.
- WSGA is working to keep Scotch Broom to a minimum at Square Lake
- Reminder that Fairgrounds has an established Disc Golf course.
- Kristen Fabry – Central Kitsap Community Council. Introduction and invite to partner with PAB.

Adjournment | **ACTION:** *Linda Berry-Maraist moved to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Whitaker seconded the motion. Motioned carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11PM.*

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD ATTENDANCE

PAB MEMBERS	STAFF	PUBLIC (In Person)
Larry Walker -Chair	Alex Wisniewski	Online public attendee names not captured
Linda Berry-Maraist	Alex Hardy	
Amy Smalley	Irene Weber	
Grady Martin	Chuck Cuzzetto	KC Patton
Dawn Dockter	Dee Tuttle	Sam Huff
Nancy Whitaker		Evelyn Schwerin
Jon Pearson		Kristen Fabry
		Mark Libby
