

KITSAP COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
October 16, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by the Parks Advisory Board Chair, Larry Walker. Guidelines of the hybrid Parks Advisory Board Meeting were read.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION | *Lisa Hurt motioned to adopt September 18, 2024, meeting minutes.
Dawn Dockter seconded the motion.
No corrections. Minutes approved.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Carol Price –
 - Extended thanks to Irene for decommissioning the Alders trail.
 - What is the Parks process in their decision making? Who are the trail design experts and land managers referred to in last months minutes? Have the wetlands and seasonally wet areas been added to any Parks maps?
 - The Buzz Cut and Hood trail intersection signage continues to be a safety issue.

Response from Parks Staff –

Natural Resources Program Supervisor will respond to questions about the evaluation process for trails running through wet areas in Parks.

Parks Director will investigate the signage issue.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS-

- Alex Hardy - Events Policies and Fees presentation
Overview of proposed changes and updates.
Parks Board member discussion and questions regarding event fees and special use permits. Board members determined the PAB vote on these proposed changes should be held over until the November Parks Advisory Board meeting.

PARKS REPORTS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Administration Program Update –
 - Two recent acquisitions bring total Park land up to 11,400+ acres
 - Illahee Preserve Heritage Park – 4 acres, funded by RCO grant
 - Eglon Forest – 705.8 acres, Kitsap Commissioners approved the acceptance of land transfer from DNR to Kitsap County Parks
- Capital Projects Update –
 - HVAC system is now finally being installed. Heating is currently off throughout the building until November 8th.

CHAIR REQUEST

- Chair requests a motion to send letter to Board of County Commissioners regarding Parks Natural Resources Program Staff salaries be moved from Forestry Fund.

ACTION | *Lisa Hurt motioned to adopt and forward.
Dawn Dockter seconded the motion.
No objections. Motion approved.*

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS –

- Nomination Committee met to discuss nominations for Chair and Vice Chair positions.

Nominated Larry Walker to continue to fill Chair position. Dawn Dockter to fill Vice Chair position.

ACTION | Amy Smalley motioned for Larry Walker to fill Chair position
Lisa Hurt seconded the motion.
Motion approved. No objections.

ACTION | Amy Smalley motioned for Dawn Dockter to fill Vice Chair position
Lisa Hurt seconded the motion.
No objections. Motion approved.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS - NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Joe Lubischer-
 - Usage fees issues –
 - Implied ability for any group under 25 to use parks. That number is too large. Supervision is needed.
 - Bike races do multiple loops which doesn't equally charge the same fees as runners doing one loop.
 - Bike events bring in large amounts of money. There needs to be sensitivity to the type of usage.
- Carol Price-
 - Fees are confusing. Unclear difference between participations fees, trail usage and Park fees.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION | Dawn Dockter moved to adjourn the meeting.
Lisa Hurt seconded the motion.
Motioned carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52PM.

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD ATTENDANCE

PAB MEMBERS	STAFF	PUBLIC (In Person)
Larry Walker – South	Alex Wisniewski - Director	Online public attendee names not captured
Lisa Hurt - North	Bre Ganne – Maintenance and Operations Supervisor	
Dawn Dockter - South	Alex Hardy – Events and Marketing Supervisor	
Nancy Whitaker - Central	Dee Tuttle – Office Support Specialist	
Grady Martin – North		
Amy Smalley – South		
Jon Pearson – Central		
