

# KITSAP COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

April 16, 2025

## MEETING MINUTES

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

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**ACTION |** *Linda Berry-Maraist motioned to adopt March 19, 2025, meeting minutes.  
Jon Pearson seconded the motion.  
Minutes approved.*

### PUBLIC COMMENT

### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

- PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE (PROS) PLAN  
PAB members discussed the language referencing 'classification', the history of stewardship management and comparison of short-term versus long-term volunteers.  
PAB members are encouraged to communicate to their district Commissioner regarding the "extreme disproportion" of Parks staff in relation to acres of land to manage.  
Larry Walker suggests subcommittees meet to further discuss specific items.

**ACTION |** *Jon Pearson motioned to accept the PROS Plan and recommend presenting to the Board of Commissioners  
Amy Lawrence seconded the motion.  
Linda Berry-Maraist requests the classification definition be included with the recommendation.  
Motion approved.*

### PARKS REPORT

#### DIRECTORS REPORT –

- Director shared the 2025 Agenda Items and Sub-Committee Meetings calendar.

#### Capital Project Updates

- Point No Point Beach and Shoreline Repair - permits cleared with US Army Corps of Engineer, Dept of Ecology and Department of Fish and Wildlife. The US Coast guard is the final permit pending approval. Phase 2 is on track for the water work to occur during the designated time frame, August 15 to October 15. The construction contract for this project is being formally solicited.
- Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park North Gateway Parking Lot – Project is currently publicly posted for bidding with a bid opening date scheduled for April 22, 2025. Upon successful bid, contracting and construction scheduling will follow with the bid winner. Completion of project is projected for the Fall.
- Eagle's Nest Deck project is moving forward with the Public Works Capital Facilities Division managing the project and the contract bidding process.
- Collaboration with Central Kitsap School district on athletic complex improvements. Parks is planning to resurface the Gordon Field turf and tennis court resurfacing. CKSD is planning similar projects in the same area.

#### Natural Resources Program Updates

- The Work Party table documenting the months' work parties in the Parks Report has been updated as a result of the PAB member comments at the March meeting. Further details have been added to include Stewardship hours. Reporting of individual stewardship hours is new, and it is challenging to report accurately as many hours are not reported or not reported in a timely manner.  
Dawn Dockter suggests calling out the groups by name.

Linda Berry-Maraist asked if the Rayonier logging road construction at Stottlemeyer parking lot will affect access at the parking lot. The Parks Director shared that it will not affect access to the parking lot.

#### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – No reports**

#### **DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS –**

- North District | Still finding toys at PGFHP but issue seems to be improving.
- Central District | none
- South District | Appreciation for the Banner Forest Port-a-Pottys and the improvements at Horseshoe Lake Park.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- David Onstad – Port Orchard. In the PROS Plan the name of a park, classification of a park and land classification is not as meaningful as we think because environmental assessments are needed before a plan can be implemented.
- Beverly Parsons – Hansville. Forwarded to the Parks Advisory Board, an email sent to the Board of Commissioners regarding her appreciation of the meeting with the Parks Director and Parks Planner. Commends Carmen for her excellent work since joining the Parks Department.
- Carol Price – appreciates the comments made by David Onstad and Lisa Hurt. She is devastated about the logging that will occur at PGFHP.
  - Is the Stewardship Manual still in effect?
  - Is there any way to get an updated copy of the 2025 agenda items and subcommittee meetings chart by the month?
  - How do you get a copy of the work party chart?

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION |** *Linda Berry-Maraist moved to adjourn the meeting.  
Dawn Dockter seconded the motion.  
Motioned carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.*

#### **PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING | ATTENDANCE**

PAB MEMBERS		STAFF	PUBLIC (In Person)
Larry Walker – South	Alex Wisniewski - Director	Online public attendee names not captured	
Lisa Hurt - North	Camern Smith – Parks Planner		
Dawn Dockter - South	Alex Hardy – Events and Marketing Supervisor		
Linda Berry Maraist - North	Irene Weber – Natural Resources Supervisor	David Onstad	
Amy Lawerance - Central	Dee Tuttle – Office Support Specialist		
Jon Pearson - Central			

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