



Minutes

Illahee Preserve Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, December 20th, 2016

6:30 – 8:00 PM in Kitsap Pavilion Building at Fairgrounds

1. Welcome & Introductions

Attendees: Vic Ulsh, Jim Aho, Jon Buesch, Irwin Krigsman, Don Jahaske, Dale Boyle, Lori Raymaker, Judith Krigsman

2. Minutes from last Meeting: Minutes of the 10/18/16 meeting were approved as read.

3. Business

a. TE Phase 2 Final Comments: Jim Aho reported that despite attempts at funding, it remains doubtful at this time that a grant for purchase will be secured. An attempt will once again be made to secure funding with an appropriation from the legislature. Jim shared engineering drawings and reports given to him by John Johnson as required by the hearings examiner. There was a three week comment period for review of the plans by interested community members.

b. 2017 Long Range Plans: Lori Raymaker will take Jim Aho's long range plan for the Illahee Preserve expansion to Parks Dept. staff (Steven Starlund) for review and approval prior to general distribution.

c. All Secure Update : This topic has been transferred to the Illahee Preserve 501 c3 non profit. Kitsap County will be posting the Stewardship minutes on the Parks Dept. website. Legal issues will not be discussed at Stewardship meetings as this presents a conflict of interest for the County and for the Stewardship Committee.

d. Almira Shelter & Fill Dirt Update: Jon Buesch reported that the shelter is

on track. The contractor will take care of the engineering. Jon Buesch needs to get additional dirt and gravel resource, approved drawings, and get stamped structure plans. The Rotary Club will donate 1/3 of the money before the plans, 1/3 to the contractor for wood logs, and 1/3 upon completion. Jon would like to see the structure completed by the end of March or April.

e. Illahee Preserve to Manette Path - Paul Dutky proposal: It appears that the plan has run into difficulty because the school property along the path's route is now questionable and may not be available.

f. Kitsap County Park's Report - Lori Raymaker: Lori offered to post the committee's minutes on the Parks Dept's website. Correction regarding the 2017 work plan. Funding does not roll over to the next year. Lori needs the 2017 work plan and volunteer hours for the Stewardship Committee.

g. Brush picker alert: Looks good. No reports of illegal brush picking.

h. Homeless watch - Almira corridor & car camping: Two months of no reports. Current watch plan appears to be working well.

i. Belden Property Update: Don Jahaske checked on this property one month ago and states that it is becoming a dumping ground. Parks Dept was notified and Dale Boyle will check the situation out. Also, Dale will remove the fire danger signs.

j. Anyone need a *Thank You*? Starbucks and Lowe's have been sent thank you notes.

k. Wildlife & Nature reports: Deer reported near the Thompson Lane parking lot.

l. Eagle Scout Projects - status report: It appears that the Scout projects have not materialized.

4. Issues / Concerns: None cited.

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The Illahee Preserve Stewardship Committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month to discuss issues associated with the Illahee Preserve. The next regularly scheduled meeting of Illahee Preserve Stewardship Committee is **January 17th, 2017**.

NOTE: Illahee Forest Preserve, the non profit 501(c)(3) corporation which supports the Illahee Preserve, meets the middle month of each quarter on the 3rd Tuesday of that month.

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Secretary