

KITSAP COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

February 21, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES | ACTION: *Amy Lawrence motioned to adopt January 17, 2023, meeting minutes. Lisa Hurt seconded the motion. Minutes approved.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Beverly Parsons- Hansville
 - When will the survey on community priorities be coming out for the PROs Plan?
 - When will you have a draft of the PROs Plan available for public review?
 - When do you expect to finalize the plan?
 - Alex Hardy responded that Parks is working with the consultant, SCJ Alliance, to finalize the timeline. Final survey expected to be released in a few weeks. Will adjust timeline to provide adequate time for final survey process. Possibly June for final approval of PROs Plan. Will released to Parks Board and the Public, with lots of opportunity for public comment, Board review and collection of feedback before June.
- Carol Price- addressing concerns with Parks Mission Statement. Recommends revising the Parks Mission Statement to broaden the focus of Kitsap County Parks to prioritize the residence of Kitsap County and focus on the restoration and conservation of all its Parks lands. Kitsap Environmental Coalition provided suggested Mission Statement for review.
 - Kitsap County Government or Kitsap County Parks exists to protect and promote a safe, healthy, fair, and sustainable relationship among the people, cultures, and natural environment of Kitsap County for current and future generations. With attention to climate change and the limits of a health eco system. By shifting our focus away from use of park land toward healthy living and living lightly on the land with reverence and respect, we can become true stewards. We must honor our responsibilities to each other and to life on earth. Idealistic as this may seem, it is imperative. And we must change.
- Joe Lubischer-
 - Thanks to Alex Hardy for providing her reports. Shared with Kingston Parks and Trails and people working on sports fields.
 - How or when will public comments on the PROS Plan be accepted?
 - Alex Hardy requests everyone share any ideas on how to go about soliciting public feedback.
 - Submitted suggestions a year ago that were shared with the consultant.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS- NONE

PARKS REPORTS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- First All Parks Staff meeting of 2024 was held on February 13. The focus of this meeting was to review our Vision and Mission. Staff worked on developing a deeper understand of the role they plan in serving the community.
- Capital Projects
 - Point No Point Beach Repair– Parks, WDFW and Suquamish Tribe met to discuss punch list items to wrap up Phase 1. Permitting is in process for Phase 2. Parks staff are working on a Public Communication Update for this project and will be released shortly.
 - Building Demolitions – Contracts are completed, permits have been issued. Expect completion with 6-8 weeks.
 - Stottlemeyer Parking lot- construction in process and expected to be completed by end of

March. The gate has a long lead-time for fabrication, but staff are working on that timeline. Paving of the ADA parking stalls will be on hold pending warm and dry weather.

- Events and Marketing -
 - Proving a new “Events open to the Public” schedule will be included in the PAB agenda packet for awareness.
 - Provided review of the 2024 metrics and graphs on facility and field usage.
- M&O
 - Buck Lake – Presented photos on the new Drainage Installation project.
 - Nick’s Lagoon – Increased vandalism activities. Currently reconfiguring area to create additional parking.
- Natural Resources
 - Updates regarding Restoration Thinning Program at PGFHP – North End, in process January 5th through March.
 - Several tree planting over the past few months. 125 native trees planted in the restoration areas of PGFHP. Shout out to Our forest Fund for their support.
 - Discover Kitsap Nature Walks – 2024 Kickoff event on February 24 at Banner Forest.
 - 19 work parties in January

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Review of four sub-committees and the members on each committee. Are PAB members satisfied with the current assignments?

On February 26, County Commissioners will vote in a new Parks Board Member, Dawn Docker.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Lisa Hurt asked is there a way to scribe the questions asked during the PAB meetings and provide answers. Alex Hardy shared that the specific Program Area Supervisor addresses the question directly to the requestor. Larry suggests a written proposed solution be provided to Parks staff.

- New stewardship group forming for the Wynn Jones Park.
- Coulter Creek is progressing and engaging more with local community.
- Next Tree planting at PGFHP on 3/17/2024

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Marion Allen – Requests Parks develop a way to have Park Stewards share and communicate information regarding projects and activities.
- Carol Price – The Eglon property is before the Board of Natural Resources for transfer to Kitsap County on March 5th. Has concerns regarding protection of the wetlands.
 - Parks is aware and waiting to see how that works out. When/if that becomes a part of KC Parks inventory, we will evaluate the next steps. KPTOS has been involved for many years and will likely continue in the short term.

Adjournment | **ACTION:** Nancy Whitaker moved to adjourn the meeting. Lisa Hurt seconded the motion. Motioned carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51PM.

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD ATTENDANCE

PAB MEMBERS		STAFF	PUBLIC
Larry Walker -Chair		Alex Hardy	Online public attendee names not captured
Lisa Hurt - Vice-Chair		Irene Weber	
Amy Lawrence		Brian Hauschel	
Amy Smalley		Dee Tuttle	
Nancy Whitaker			