



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, September 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm with the following park board members in attendance:

Mike Elde, Chris Allen, Kevin Loy, Liz McNett Crowl, and Elizabeth Detillion, and Mark Dobie.

Staff Member: Brian Adams

No additions were made to the agenda. The June and July minutes were passed unanimously.

There were no additional matters raised by the public, beyond issues already on the agenda.

Board Discussion

Project Priorities:

The budget is moving forward. Project priorities will be arranged and brought forth once budgets have been approved. Those will be shared and discussed with the board.

Friend of Howard Miller Steelhead Park/Skagit River Award:

Sharon's nomination passed unanimously.

We are reviewing our current policies and will be making a few changes as we move into next year. Rafting season is to be reduced to winter months (November through February) and adherence to policies is going to be strictly enforced. Non-compliance will result in the loss of privileges. Permits won't be capped at a certain number but may be downsized based on compliance issues.

NSRA: Port Proposal and Letter:

Supported and ready for signature. The motion to approve was passed unanimously by all those present. A signature page will be added and brought to the next meeting for signature.

Park Property adjacent to SW High School

A site visit was done and no trespassing signs are posted. Two acres of small alders and remnant vegetation is to be cleared. The SWPD and SWSD believe the open view will help with patrols. It should be known that most

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of the vacant property is not owned by Skagit County but by a private owner. Over thirty acres is being driven on and according to police reports, used for illicit activities. Our clearing will not solve the issues. The City of Sedro-Woolley will be pursuing a corrective resolution with the owners of the larger parcel.

Staff Update: Centennial Trail Update was given, including progress thus far and future needs.

Adjourn

Next Meeting: October 21, 2014 in BOCC Hearing Room, to be followed by meeting in the Copper Room.

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