

Skagit County  
Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Board

Minutes

Thursday, March 20, 2008 - 6:30 p.m.  
Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room  
1800 Continental Place  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

**P.R.A.B. Members Present:**

District 1

Colleen Fisher  
Mike Elde

District 2

John Semrau  
Lloyd Brown

District 3

Jeri Krampetz  
Nathan Salseina

**P.R.A.B. Members Absent:**

District 1

Liz McNett Crowl

District 2

Peter Swanson

District 3

Kevin Loy

**Staff Present:**

Bob Vaux, Brian Adams, Dennis Lind & Pauli Mickelson

**Roll Call of General Meeting:**

6:30 p.m. Lloyd Brown, 2008 Co-Chair called the meeting to order.

**Approve Agenda**

Motion by Mike Elde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan Salseina

Agenda approved as written.

**Approve February 21, 2008 Minutes**

No additions or corrections. Motion by Colleen Fisher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeri Krampetz.

Minutes approved as written.

**Public Comment Period:**

There was no public comment. Bob passed out a letter to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as requested by Ron Carlson. (Please see letter attached to these minutes.)

**Rexville Park Update:**

Tabled to May, 2008 meeting.

**Indoor Recreation Center:**

**Schematic Design Report Update**

Bob updated the Board regarding the Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> morning and evening presentations of the Schematic Design by Sink Combs Dethlefs consultants to the Board of County Commissioners. There was good attendance at both. Bob mentioned that

Gary Rowe, Tim Holloran and the Board of County Commissioners will determine the direction for us to move in. It is very gratifying that the Board of County Commissioners is on board with this project. There will be future meetings so District 1 and District 3 citizens will have the opportunity to give feedback on this project. There was some additional discussion with the advisory board members and Bob thanked them for their support over the years.

### **Skagit County Trails Coalition**

No Discussion.

### **Northern State Recreation Area.**

#### **Alluvial Fan Project: review letter**

As requested, Bob distributed a memo regarding the Alluvial Fan Project to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for their review. (Please see memo attached to these minutes.) This is a ground breaking environmental project. Lloyd asked about this project and whether it was included in the NSRA Master Plan. Bob said it is in the Master Plan. Jeri commented that this alluvial fan project will help manage future flood damage by greatly reducing the amount of dredging necessary. Lloyd asked if he could see a copy of the NSRA Master Plan and Bob said he would send him a copy. After review of the memo, Jeri made a motion to send the memo to the Board of County Commissioners. Colleen seconded the motion. It was approved by all as written.

### **Staff Reports**

Bob gave the following report/updates:

Hiring is going well. He said we have a candidate for the East County Ranger position with still another test to go. Ben Silva has been hired back to fill the Park Maintenance Worker I position for the West County. Ben will be returning to the job he held when he resigned last winter. The Staff Assistant 1 position is still waiting for approval to post. Bob also mentioned that Marshall Pederson will be retiring as of March 31, 2008. He has worked for Skagit County Parks and Recreation for 24 years. Bob invited the board to a retirement farewell potluck breakfast at the Jack Davis Shop in Burlington on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 a.m. Bob also mentioned that Mike McCutchin has been recently promoted from Park Maintenance Worker II to Park Lead/West County to fill position vacated by David Skrinde. Erik Rantschler has recently been promoted from Park Maintenance Worker I to Park Maintenance Worker II to fill position vacated by Mike McCutchin's promotion. This will leave a Park Maintenance Worker I position open.

Dennis handed out his March Recreation Report. (Please see copy attached to these minutes.) He also added that the Spring leisure guide is out...the Senior High School All-Star basketball games are this Saturday....we have over 100 teams registered in the Boys and Girls Basketball Tulip Tournament scheduled for March 28-30. He also mentioned that we hired Skye Dunn as the new Recreation Specialist. Skye's first day was March 17<sup>th</sup>. We also have a Spring Intern from Central Washington University, Nate LeSourd.

Brian reported on projects at the following parks:

### **Youngs Park**

A Skagit Leadership group has decided on a project in Youngs Park on Guemes Island. They will be building a meditation circle with a picnic area.

### **HMSF**

Paving project just went out to bid. Will need to be completed by the end of the first week in May. Expect bids at close to \$80,000.00.

### **CLB**

We are building a picnic shelter at the park and it will be done in a couple weeks. The parking and fencing project has been moved to fall, 2008.

### **Pressentin**

The Pressentin land purchase is scheduled to close 3/27/08.

### **SVP**

The Dream Field pressbox plans are done and we anticipate it going out to bid in April.

### **Donovan Park**

CXT vault toilet coming in soon. The new playground and parking area is done.

### **Board Discussion**

Colleen Fisher recommended the board get a booth at the 2008 EDASC Schmooze Fair slated for April 17<sup>th</sup> at the VanZyverden's warehouse at Port of Skagit. Colleen made a motion to cancel the April 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting and have the board help at the booth at the Schmooze Fair instead. Jeri seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved that the board help with the booth.

Nathan mentioned that he was excited to see so many people at NSRA using the Frisbee golf course, walking the trails and horseback riding. It is so nice to see so many citizens enjoying the NSRA park.

### **Adjournment**

Move to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

**Next meeting:  
Thursday, May 15, 2008  
6:30 p.m.  
Jack Davis Shop  
690 County Shop Lane  
Burlington, WA 98233**