

Skagit County
Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board

Minutes

Thursday, May 15, 2008 - 6:30 p.m.

Jack Davis Shop
690 County Shop Lane
Burlington, WA 98233

P.R.A.B. Members Present:

District 1

Colleen Fisher
Mike Elde
Liz McNett Crowl

District 2

Lloyd Brown

District 3

Jeri Krampetz
Nathan Salseina

P.R.A.B. Members Absent:

District 1

None

District 2

Peter Swanson
John Semrau

District 3

Kevin Loy

Staff Present:

Bob Vaux & 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 Jeri Krampetz, 2nd by Mike Elde

Agenda approved as written.

Approve March 20, 2008 Minutes

No additions or corrections. Motion by Colleen Fisher, 2nd by Jeri Krampetz.

Minutes approved as written.

No April minutes as the Board helped staff the Parks & Recreation Booth at Schmooze Fair

Public Comment Period:

There was no public comment.

2008 Schmooze Fair

Bob reviewed our participation in the Schmooze Fair with the Board. He thanked Colleen for the recommendation. All felt it was a great place to promote our department and the Indoor Rec Center. We will keep it on our schedule for next year. He thanked the Board members for taking shifts in our booth. Colleen mentioned that it would be good to have the PRAB members listed on our display boards. Everyone agreed.

Rexville Park Update:

Schedule site visit. It was agreed that our next Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be held at the Rexville Grocery Picnic Shelter area so that everyone attending can make a site visit to Rexville Park. Pauli will call Joyce at Rexville Grocery and reserve the shelter area from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for the meeting.

Indoor Recreation Center:

Update. Bob handed out a letter from the YMCA to the Board of County Commissioners for review. The letter stated that the YMCA was withdrawing its support of the Indoor Rec Center. Bob said he hoped we will all come around the bend together in the future. He is having conversations with potential fundraisers. The goal is to move forward in a positive light.

Skagit County Trails Coalition

Plan for initial meeting.

Liz briefed the Board on the plan for the initial meeting of this group. It will take place at Port of Skagit meeting room, 15400 Port Drive. The room is reserved from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. The meeting will run from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. approximately. They have invited 60-75 potential attendees. Healthy snacks will be served. Bob suggested having the meeting first and then finish up with the group walk. Liz explained to the Board ideas and direction for this group to go.

Pressentin and Cascade Parks

- A. Schedule site visits. Bob invited and encouraged Board members to schedule site visits if they are interested.
- B. Wolford Park Naming Process. Staff needs to wrap up this process.

Staff Reports

Bob explained to the Board that we have initiated a 2008 fee increase for Howard Miller Steelhead Park Fees and Clear Lake Beach Fees. He asked the board to vote on whether they want to recommend these fee increases to the Board of County Commissioners in preparation of the Public Hearing slated for Tuesday, June 3, 2008, BoCC Hearing Room from 10:30 am – 11:30 a.m. Bob handed out a detailed list of the proposed fee increases. Colleen made a motion to officially recommend their support for the fee increases. Liz seconded. The motion was passed. (Liz wanted to go on record stating that a fee increase might exclude some children from Clear Lake Beach.)

Bob advised the Board that today we tested the three finalists for the Staff Assistant I position in the front office. Our two vacant Parks Maintenance Worker 1 positions are now frozen but we have been given permission to hire more summer help to do the work.

Board Discussion

Bob mentioned that we would send an updated organizational chart to PRAB members.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting:

June 19, 2008

6:30 p.m.

Rexville Grocery Picnic Shelter Area

19271 Best Road

Mount Vernon, WA 98273