



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, March 20, 2014

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

Kevin Loy, John Semrau, Chris Allen, Mark Dobie, and Elizabeth Detillion. Proxy votes for the agenda and minutes came in from Mike Elde and Liz McNett Crowl.

No additions were made to the agenda. The January and February minutes were passed unanimously.

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

Board Discussion

Hamilton Mayor Request

The gap referred to in the letter was due to a washed out slough-bridge from the '03 flood. SCPR looked to FEMA for funding and the cost to replace was incredibly high, as much as a million dollars. A shoreline/Jarpa permit for the supporting bridge piers could have run up additional mitigation costs. We decided on an alternative path, re-routing to the shoulder of Lyman-Hamilton Highway and back down. Staff decided that the expense of a million dollars was simply not justifiable, especially when considering a section of trail serving a limited number of annual trail users.

HMSP Trail Request

A landowner approached us about a linear parcel of property he is interested in selling. He is willing to sell both parcels for less than \$500 I talked with our attorney and he said he would have to go through the full PSA/County protocol, even for a small purchase. We're not sure of all the complications with this property (primarily of whether it's not been overtaken by the Skagit River. It's not a priority given other pressing needs. John Semrau will research the property further since he has experience with surveys in the area.

Clear Lake

Staff is currently working with Howard Consulting to create the design specifications and bid packets. As per support from the Board of County Commissioners, we will be designing the building with four total toilets,

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a pair for each gender. Bidding process and site plan/survey may take a bit of time. We'll be "bird-dogging" this project to keep it moving.

Partnership Agreement with PNTA/US Forest Service

Since us along the PNTA corridor has already been established, SCPR is not actively pursuing the proposed agreement. We'll leave it to PNTA and US Forest Service to do the work on their end to keep the process moving since it is in their interest more than it is in our interest. Our attorney has no qualms about signing an agreement. His preference is to have an interlocal contract put in place that can be dissolved at any point.

Earth Day

We will have a work party on Saturday, April 19 at 9am. This will be the day before Easter and provide an opportunity to burn off some pre-holiday calories. Bring a good pair of work gloves. We'll be pulling Scotch broom from the new "broom tomb trail"

Presentin

Nothing to report other than habitat improvements are forthcoming.

Letter from neighbor at HMSP

A neighbor would like to see park trees come down, maintenance activity/noise eliminated, the dump station moved, organic means of maintaining weeds abolished and other changes made at HMSP. We can ensure this neighbor that any maintenance activities that require motorized equipment will be done between the hours of 8am and 5pm. Mowers will not be used after 7pm. As far as trees are concerned, we would like to keep as many trees standing as possible, especially in areas that buffer the park from the homes in the area. The dump station cannot be moved. It's currently in the only place it can be. To move it would also require shoreline permits, a long, costly, inefficient and cumbersome process. We will continue to use propane blowers to eliminate noxious weeds, rather than using pesticides.

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Adjourn

Next Meeting: April 17, 2014