



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, March 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 635pm with the following park board members in attendance:

Board Members present: John Semrau, Elizabeth Detillion, Kevin Loy, Jason Benson, Tim Manns, and Alex Knighton.

Staff Members and Representatives: Brian Adams and Consultant Patrik Dylan

Agenda and Minutes: Motion was made to accept the February minutes as edited and seconded. Motion was made to accept the March agenda as written and unanimously passed.

Board Discussion

Chapters #4 Review:

Patrik shared the chapter 4 updates with the Board before Patrik went through the chapter one page at a time. Changes were made to a master copy Patrik tracked during the discussion. All changes were made to our master draft after the comments were consolidated to one document. A healthy dialogue resulted in a number of changes. As a result, it will be a much better document.

Staff Update:

Padilla Bay Shore Trail:

A landowner that bought the old grain building property where the PBST south parking lot is located is willing to relinquish the property for County use. The property will be owned by Skagit County Parks and Recreation on April 8 (the scheduled date of closing).

Projects / Grants:

NSRA: Coffman Engineering provided the engineered drawings and specifications for the waterline and septic but will need to modify the specifications as per comments by our engineering team. When the final drawings and specifications are in hand, Dave Walde can start putting the bid package together. The septic permit has been obtained and Brian will be meeting with WDFW on site in April to discuss the HPA. Phase 1 should be completed by September 30, 2019 and phase 2 will be completed a year later. Parking improvements, legacy walk infrastructure, solar panels, historical artifacts, a restroom, and campsites are included in phase 2, funded via RCO.

We continue to work with the Port of Skagit on the loop trail which will utilize the old connections from the hospital to the Farmstead. The Port is sharing the costs associated with the new trail and Skagit Trail Builders be creating the trails. The new trail will give visitors access to the old Spanish tile buildings as it winds through campus. We are in the process of permitting the bridge that collapsed in 2003. Work parties for the trail will begin in April.

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Pressentin:

The design and engineering and park plan is being prepared by Herrera. Additional funding has come in for the project. The 3 million dollar project will break ground in 2019 but be completed in 2020. There is tremendous development challenges due to the cultural resources along the terrace.

Baker Confluence:

The landowner has come to terms with the Upper Skagit Tribe. A recent meeting with David Hawkins, Commissioner Janicki, and George Theodoratos was productive—a purchase and sale agreement was signed the next day. Thanks to all involved! Once the acquisition is complete, trail funds will be available through pre-allocated licensing funds via PSE.

New Samish Playground:

Will be completed in May.

Adjourn: Next Meeting April 18.

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