



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, April 18, 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, Tim Manns, and Alex Knighton.

Staff Members and Representatives: Brian Adams and Consultant Patrik Dylan

Agenda and Minutes:

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

Board Discussion

Existing Operations Review:

Patrik shared the Existing Operations Chapter edits with the Board. The chapter was reviewed paragraph by paragraph and edits were recommended. All changes will be made before the next meeting and reviewed one last time in September. The LOS chapter will be reviewed in May and sent to the board for review at least four days before we convene.

Staff Update:

Padilla Bay Shore Trail:

The south parking lot officially belongs to Skagit County. Staff will be meeting with the Dike District to discuss maintenance operations and safety precautions for the public. The trail will be closed periodically for changes to flood gates. When all work is completed there will be a joint project with DD12 which will result in a fresh surface of gravel. Skagit County will pay for the rock and DD12 will provide the labor. John Semrau has been instrumental to making the acquisition happen and the partnership successful.

Projects / Grants:

NSRA: The Port of Skagit is providing their review and comments for the plan. When the final drawings and specifications are in hand, Dave Walde will put the bid package together. WDFW has agreed to provide the permit without further conditions. The line will be placed under Hansen Creek and Dairy Tributary. Phase 1 should be completed by October 31, 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, which will be 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 old 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.

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We are in the process of permitting the bridge that collapsed in 2003. A work party is scheduled for May 11.

Skagit Playfields: We submitted the JARPA in December for the Rogers property and finally heard back on May 1. The soccer fields will evolve as funding becomes available and as a part of the 2020 YAF grant cycle. E officially heard that we were awarded funding for the Skagit Playfields. With Centennial, NSRA Veterans Park, Presentin, Building C at the fairgrounds, the playground at Samish, and the comp plan update-- our challenge will be in keeping all of the projects moving forward.

Presentin:

Two foot bridges will be purchased very soon with grant funds. The foot bridges will be stored for placement in 2020. We had to purchase the bridges before the grants expired. The landscape design is 90% complete. Most work is being pushed into 2020.

New Samish Playground:

Will be completed in June. The community has been very involved with the process.

Big Rock: There are signs the harvest has begun.

Adjourn.

Next Meetings:

May 16

June 20

July 18

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