



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
May 16, 2013 Minutes

In Attendance

Ralph Rowland, Mark Dobie, John Semrau, Kevin Loy, Chris Allen, and Elizabeth Detillion

Public Comment Period

No comments came from the public

Board Discussion

Conway Boat Launch: A discussion ensued about the history of the Conway Boat Launch. Brian brought up the issue of there being no interlocal agreement on file and that the property appears to be owned by the dike district. To continue to provide river access for launching boats, it is important to formalize an agreement that will suffice with the County's risk manager. John thought that there may be an issue with the information on file with the assessor's office. He thought he remembered a different configuration to the property, placing a greater portion in Park ownership. John will research and come up with information during next month's meeting. Kevin made his self-proclaimed first motion as a parks board member by making the proposing to: "formally open the boat launch as a SCPR park for use by the public, so that they can continue with their ability to launch boats for fishing and hunting, just as they have done for the past several decades." The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

NSRA: Board was updated on the developers' proposal at NSRA. There are no updates on the feasibility/wetland studies from the developers. It is unknown whether they are still pursuing the parkland in the northwest corner and whether they have made movement on their research. The Steering Committee process involving the Skagit Port staff was discussed.

Staff Report

Nysether Property: the property will be analyzed for parking. Brian will ask Forrest Jones to check for "line of sight" distances. The biggest concern may be the structures. The Parks Dept can't end up spending time they don't have addressing "non-permitted grass roots" structures.

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Tursi Trail: Brian updated the Board on the trail connection negotiations. The trail is getting much closer to completion. This trail is one of the longer ongoing project needs from the Comp Plan. The project is listed as a high need in the 1973 plan, the oldest plan on record.

Clear Lake: The Shoreline permitting process is under way. It will most likely be eight months before the permit is approved. The permit review will have to go in front of the Hearing Examiner. The permit will be vested once the amendment to the critical area is complete. The amendment is needed due to a change in the critical area plan policies.

Adjourn 7:30pm

Next Meeting: July 18, 2013

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