



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, June 20, 2019

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

Board Members present: John Semrau, Kevin Loy, Chris Allen, and Alex Knighton.

Staff Members and Representatives: Brian Adams and Consultant Patrik Dylan.

Agenda and Minutes:

Motion was made by Alex and seconded by Kevin to accept the May minutes and June Agenda, as amended prior to the meeting by Tim. Both passed unanimously.

Board Discussion

Chapter 8 Review:

Patrik shared the Use Patterns Chapter edits with the Board. The chapter was reviewed paragraph by paragraph and edits were recommended.

John wanted to make sure the language regarding salt water launches was addressed in the use patterns chapter. All facilities are up to capacity during crab season and when there are salmon openings. The board made changes to language throughout the chapter to ensure its compatibility with current issues, trends and patterns.

All changes will be made before the next meeting and reviewed one last time in September.

Staff Update:

Recreation: Spring Sports are finishing up through the end of June with Boys & Girls High School Basketball Leagues and Adult Softball Leagues both set to finish next week (June 24th-28th). We also just held the Mount Vernon Invitational this past weekend (June 15th-16th), which had 70 teams in Grades 5th-8th, as well as High School divisions. The MV Invite was a record year for this tournament. We kick off our summer camps next week w/ the Tiger Girls Basketball Camp, which is for kids in Grades 1st-8th based on grade levels for the 2019-2020 school year. Our next camps will be the Tiger Boys Basketball Camp, Boys Baseball Camps and Girls Fastpitch Camps that will all be held July 8th-11th.

Clear Lake: We will be doing the fence work at Clear Lake in July. The treatment won't happen until the fish window. We tested the water for fecal coliform pre-Memorial weekend and will be testing again pre- Fourth of July.

Skagit Playfields: We submitted the JARPA on December 7, 2018 for our mitigation project and were able to meet with the Corps of Engineers this month. The public comment period is open and the hearing will be scheduled once we have all of our follow-up responses submitted. We have been asked to present an alternative

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analysis, biological evaluation and cultural review, along with a few other items and narratives. Rick Larsen's office was instrumental in persuading a response/meeting with the Corps. The soccer fields will evolve as funding becomes available and as a part of the 2020 YAF grant cycle.

Our grant was confirmed for our synthetic softball infields and a contract with RCO will be routed very soon. When completed, there will be an elevated interest and increase of revenues. We have heard from those who would be interested in softball tournaments--both at the school district level and with the Washington Softball Association. We are beginning discussions and attaining bids from potential vendors. The college is willing to donate 150k towards this project.

HMSP: We continue to bring our infrastructure up to date and have increased 50 amp breakers to another service loop. We are replacing the deck on the old Porter Cabin with tight knot cedar. Weekends (starting June 29) are booked through September.

Pressentin Park: The design and engineering is 90% complete and ready for our review. The 3 million dollar project will break ground in 2019 but with some permits lagging, we are scheduled for the fish window of 2020. There are significant development challenges due to the cultural resources along the terrace.

NSRA: Coffman Engineering provided the engineered drawings and specifications for the waterline and septic. With the final drawings and specifications in hand, Dave Walde is assembling the bid package. The septic has been permitted and the HPA was approved for work through December 31. We are still awaiting a response from the Port of Skagit on their review. They had wanted to expand the diameter of the distribution lines but PUD hasn't been receptive for various reasons. Phase 1 will be completed by October 31, 2019. 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 made available at the State budget signing before an RCO contract is prepared. We have provided SW Rotary with the design for signage.

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 has been building the trails with help from volunteers, including students and staff from the Job Corp. The new trail will give visitors access to the old Spanish tile buildings and loop back to the park. We received approval on our HPA for the new bridgework (from the bridge that collapsed in '03). The footbridge will be completed for the cost of materials. We have a meeting scheduled with WDFW this week. Work parties for the trail will begin in April.

Big Rock: We still haven't seen too much work being done other than some of the cedars near the access road.

Sharpe Park: We are researching and discussing connectivity of Sharpe Park to Deception Pass. The South Fidalgo community is very interested in an 80 acre parcel that's currently on the market. The State is interested in this area for future expansion of Deception Pass. We are still working on a strategy. The forested land will most likely be harvested before the land is sold. The Conservation Fund of Washington State is willing to contribute \$200,000 if the other funds can be raised.

Centennial: The JARPA has been submitted and we are planning another pre-application meeting next month. The JARPA review could take a year or more. We don't anticipate

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any level of construction beginning until 2020. The project includes foot bridges, a large waterline, wetland and road crossing challenges, easements, and other interesting obstacles. We are attempting to hire the engineering firm McCloud Reckord to help us with the design and permits. The new pipeline is the long-term replacement for the pipeline that erupted last week It's a great partnership that will benefit the public in many ways.

Padilla Bay Shore Trail Parking Acquisition: Construction of the tide gate is going to be pushed back to next year. There are concerns from the adjacent farm. Permits aren't yet in hand.

Lynden Fair Agreement: We have talked with Whatcom County who have not yet signed an agreement. We have received a new proposal but it doesn't appear to meet the spirit of the original intentions. It also doesn't satisfy the scrutiny from a legal perspective.

Samish Playground: The playground is scheduled for completion by July 3!

Lake Campbell: The public notice period is open and there are a few comments that have come in. We hope the project can be completed in the late summer/fall. The hearing should be scheduled for July.

Adjourn.

Next Meetings:

July 18

August 15

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