



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, November 20, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm with the following park board members in attendance:

Mike Elde, Chris Allen, Liz McNett Crowl, Tim Manns, Elizabeth Detillion, and John Semrau.

Staff Member: Brian Adams

No additions were made to the agenda. The September and October minutes were passed unanimously.

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

Board Discussion

Pressentin Restoration Project:

A presentation was made by Sue Madsen and Gus Kays. Three options were presented for salmon enhancement projects at HMSP. The alternatives vary from 1) a single connection; 2) a dual connection; and 3) a more substantial project with dual connections and additional habitat grading. Modeling indicates a park that is almost entirely in the flood plain, limiting the potential for overnight and day-use park development. The small portion of parkland above the flood plain may have limitations based on cultural activities that previously took place.

After a long discussion about alternatives, the committee was formed to further discuss alternatives and address park needs. A parking area, access road, trails, bridges, and day-use facilities would attract both locals and tourists. Ralph Rowland, Chris Allen, John Semrau, and Brian Adams will get together in December to create a narrative that addresses these other park infrastructural needs and broadens the scope of the overall proposal. The discussion took us to 9pm.

Centennial Trailhead/Parking/Big Rock Access:

The Johnston property is being considered for parking and trail head needs. Big Rock Access has also been part of those discussions.

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Park Property adjacent to SW High School

The site has been cleared of vegetation. The nomadic visitation now seems to be happening on adjacent properties.

NSRA

There are ongoing discussions about the future of the old hospital campus adjacent to NSRA. The parklands are no longer a part of those discussions.

Adjourn

Next Meeting: October 21, 2014 in BOCC Hearing Room, to be followed by meeting in the Copper Room.

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