

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Draft Notes (no quorum)

Thursday, July 21, 2005

Jack Davis Parks Maintenance Shop

690 County Shop Lane

Burlington, WA 98233

6:30 p.m.

6:30 – 6:35 p.m. Roll Call of General Meeting

**Present**

Colleen Fisher, Chair

Kevin Loy

Keith Magee

Liz McNett Crowl

**Absent**

John Semrau

Lloyd Brown, Vice Chair

Nathan Salseina

Jeri Krampetz

Peter Swanson

**Staff**

Robert Vaux

Brian Adams

Tawni Helms

6:40 – 6:45 **June Minutes –**

The June minutes were reviewed by the board. Without a quorum minutes were not able to be approved.

6:45 – 6:45 Public Comment Period – None

6:45 – 7:35 **CREC update:**

Keith Magee reported on the CREC presentation to the Board of County Commissioners. He stated that CREC committee had good speakers and the message was well received by the Board. Keith also expressed his disappointment that the presentation was not fully attended by PRAB members or the public. He went on to state that the ice cream social is the next opportunity to show a lot of public support for the project. Keith stated that we need to have at least 200 people attend. He challenged every Parks Advisory Board member to bring at least 10 people each.

Bob added that he met with Dan Berentson who assured him that there would be a press release for the ice cream social.

Keith also talked about the additional opportunity the softball tournament hosted the same day/night at the Skagit Valley Playfields would bring to the event. With 3000 people expected to participate in the tournament it would surely draw some attention to the need and interest of the recreation and event center. Keith also added that this is exactly the kind of information our legislators need to hear.

Keith also inquired about getting press for the event at the time of the actual event and about in house photographers.

It was also stressed that the Recreation Division needs to tap into participant lists to gather some interest and invite those invested in the project.

Kevin stressed how important it is to demonstrate broad community support at the local level for this project. He explained that public support means people at the local level talk about the project one on one. This kind of effort goes a very long way in demonstrating support and getting the word out.

Again, CREC members were tasked with sending out 10 invitations each to people who are supportive of the project.

Keith gave a brief review of his meeting with Ted Anderson. Ted stressed how important it is to give thanks and appreciation for support. Keith also stated that the next phase of meetings will require us to ask what we can do to magnify/maximize our chances of getting funding for the project. The next question should be whether or not the Board of Commissioners can assist us in getting planning and development dollars for the project.

Kevin again reiterated that supporters need to know this is a long term project. People need to be prepared to provide long term support.

Mike Markin spoke as chairperson of the CREC committee. He's received lots of positive comments regarding the project.

Kevin Loy explained the public needs to know that there may be more than one option to find the funding and we should consider all options.

Bob ended the CREC report by stating that the immediate task at hand is recruitment for support.

### **Staff Reports –**

Bob asked the PRAB for a letter to DOT in support of a lighted intersection at Helmick Rd and Hwy 20. The letter was given to Bob.

Bob also handed out copies of the new SCPR video crafted by Keith Kingslien. We should be seeing the video play on Channel 21 throughout the year.

Bob also told the Board that the Budget call went out and we are now beginning the process for the 2006 Budget request. There was a request for departments to submit narratives that incorporated a 5% budget reduction. This information will be reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners in order to understand the impact such a reduction would create. Bob invited the Board to call him for additional information regarding the budget process.

**Recreation:** Bob gave a brief report on recreation, stating programs and activities are going strong; staff are incredibly busy and participants are being offered many, many activities over the summer months.

**Projects:** In Patrik's absence Brian gave a brief overview of the project report. The NSRA pocket park and kiosk have been completed and have turned out quite beautifully. The new Montgomery-Duban Headlands Park sign is coming along. It's a very ambitious and beautiful project and something we'll hope to see more of in our other parks.

**Best SELF:** Tawni reported that Best SELF is humming along. Staff and students are both enjoying their summer. With few fires to put out at the sites this summer the budget process is going very smoothly.

7:35 – 7:45 Board Discussion Period-

Colleen: It is imperative to have full PRAB attendance at the ice cream social.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 7:45