

Skagit County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

MINUTES

Thursday, September 17, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
Continental Place
Mount Vernon, WA

P.R.A.B. Members Present:

District 1

Colleen Fisher
Liz McNett Crowl
Mike Elde

District 2

Lloyd Brown
Peter Swanson
John Semrau

District 3

Kevin Loy

P.R.A.B. Members Absent:

District 1

District 2

District 3

Jeri Krampetz

Others Present:

Brian Adams, SCPR Director
Chuck Mell, Skagit County Parks Foundation
Ken Dahlstedt, Skagit County Commissioner
Tim Holloran, Skagit County Administrator
Lauren Rich, Upper Skagit Tribe

Roll Call of General Meeting:

7:02 p.m. Mike Elde, 2009 Chair called the meeting to order.
September 17, 2009 Agenda stands approved as written.
Passed July Minutes 6-0 – Motion (Liz), Lloyd (2nd)

Public Comment Period:

Nicole Garcia-Swanson noted that she was in attendance as a member of the public who is on the Fair staff.

Board Discussion:

- Tim Holloran, County Administrator spoke to the board. The following are some of the highlights: 2009 county budget process (staff and program cuts), Future working relationship with the PRAB (wants to work together), Opportunities to partner with other organizations (School Districts, YMCA, Cities), Updates on current partnerships (example – Clear Lake Fire Dept volunteers at Clear Lake Beach), Desires to protect our assets (properties) that we have and try to gain more when the opportunities come up (noted the property that was recently acquired upriver near Robinson Rd). Tim feels that the 2010 budget will be very

difficult. He agreed to have a retreat with the Parks and Recreation Board in the upcoming year.

- Commissioner Dahlstedt echoed many of Tim's statements and agreed that the county commissioners want to work with the PRAB. He stated that he wants to "regroup and reconnect" with the PRAB. He talked about the two projects that will be happening at the playfields and SVC campus (restroom replacement and tennis court covers). These projects are funded from the money that was going to go towards the new Rec center. The Rec center project might be years away so we needed to use it (the funding) or lose it and these two projects actually will fulfill some of the needs identified during the Rec center planning process.
- Brian Adams brought up and discussed the Samish Island tide flats access. Skagit County has volunteered to be a partner in assuring continued access. The DNR currently owns the property and is looking for ways to remove themselves from involvement in this facility. Skagit County has said they are willing to provide porta-potties from Memorial to Labor Day. We would also service garbage cans during the year.
- John Semrau brought up that we need to better engage the public in the future. He talked about the past and present comp plans and who wrote them (staff/consultant verses staff/PRAB).
- Lloyd Brown mentioned that a lot of planning and money have been put into large projects over the years but very few have been completed.
- Mike asked Tim about timing for a retreat. Tim agreed that scheduling a park tour first and then a retreat in the early part of 2010 made sense to him. Tim and Brian will work together to schedule these two events.
- Lauren Rich with the Upper Skagit Tribe gave a project status report on the NSRA Alluvial Fan project. She discussed the Earth Day event and invited the PRAB to the Hansen Creek floodplain restoration celebration on October 6th at 10 a.m. She explained the project in detail (what has been completed to date and what will be done by the end of November). Construction is to be completed by the end of October and the planting phase should be done by the end of November.
- Liz asked for a PDF of the handout that Lauren brought.
- Chuck Mel offered to work with Lauren to add more information and photos that highlight the project on the website.
- Lauren answered a number of questions and concluded her presentation.
- The Dillon Memorial discussion was once again postponed due to Jeri Krampetz being absent.
- Nomination of a minute taker: The PRAB will rotate taking minutes at our meetings. Mike will create a list and send it out with these minutes. If a person can not make it to the meeting they are responsible for finding a replacement.
- PRAB Vacancies: We currently have one vacancy in District 3. Brian will attempt to find someone to nominate to Commissioner Dillon.
- Peter asked for a list of terms for the current Board.

Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan:

- Brian is going to ask Tim if he can hire Patrik Dylan to help with the comp plan update.
- Peter Swanson asked for a summary of the current plan to read so that he can refamiliarize himself with it.

Capital Facilities Plan for 2010 Budget

- This discussion was tabled for the next meeting

Projects

- Time did not allow us to discuss projects but the staff reports provided good updates.

Staff Reports:

- A recreation division staff report from Tony Tewalt was submitted.
- A parks division staff report from Brian Adams was submitted.

Next Meeting

October 15th at 7 p.m.

Adjourn

9:07 p.m.