

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

DRAFT MINUTES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2003
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

Carroll Dillon
Colleen Fisher, Vice Chair
Jeri Krampetz
John Semrau
Keith Magee, Chairman
Liz McNett Crowl
Lloyd Brown
Peter Swanson

Absent

Curtis Metz

Staff

Bob Vaux
Brian Adams
Jim Rabenstein
Dennis Lind
Mary Ann Dodge
Mike See
Patrik Dylan

Guests

Approval of July & August Minutes – A motion was made to approve July Minutes by Colleen, seconded by Lloyd and approved by all. A Motion to approve August Minutes as amended was made by Carroll and seconded by Liz. All were in favor.

Addition to September Agenda - John requested an addition under current business to discuss the schedule – insert it just before the update. A motion was made to approve the agenda addition by Liz and seconded by Lloyd.

6:32 – 6:45 p.m. **Public Comment Period** – none received

6:45 – 7:00 p.m. **Staff Reports**

- a) **Cardinal Cove Site Visit** – this 1.1-acre piece of property on the east side of Big Lake is owned by SVC. It has a new dock and doublewide with live-in apartment including classroom-size meeting room. It may be for sale and we might be interested. It will be included in the BOCC tour. Keith wouldn't want it to compete with more important opportunities. Liz asked if there could be a partnership instead of buying.
 - a. Patrik was asked to report on the Summer 2003 Activities Review with Commissioners. Each division highlighted activities and accomplishments.
- b) **Introduce Jim Rabenstein – new parks manager.** Jim has returned to Skagit County after working a number of years with Burlington Parks. Mike See was also introduced for those who had never met him.

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. **Current Business**

- a) **Schedule update (from Bob's schedule)** John thinks we need more time to complete the comp plan update than what Bob has proposed. Bob suggested it would be helpful to select specific chapters for a focused review. Keith thinks much of what is included has been seen before. Brian stated that we would talk about Chapters 10 and 11 tonight. Chapters 1-9 are kind of familiar with a few changes so it should be do-able in

two weeks. Then we could finish after that with Chapters 10-12 and the appendices. Jeri & Carroll will be away, but Keith asked them to review the material and turn in comments. Bob invited anyone who wants to spend an afternoon to work on this together as an option.

1. Do we want a regular meeting in November (two weeks after the 6th)? Keith said to keep the date open on the 20th and decide on the 6th if we need it.
- b) **Comprehensive Plan Update** – start with Brian's report to get the information needed to fill out the chart. John – Neighborhood Park is still in the comp plan. Should it be? Define use of parks. We need a broader way to include all the different kinds of categories of park properties. John – in levels three and four the rankings made sense for their acceptable uses. Levels 1 and 2 are earlier in the plan. Levels 3 and 4 are less used or undeveloped parks. This information should remain in the plan (not in the analysis). One more level would help clarify the information.

1. **Patrik** – a combination of input from staff and parks board together with the survey and other public input will make up the analysis. We will work together to complete the chart. Copies of the analysis were given to board members. The ratings are listed in four types: Survey, Level of Service, Use Patterns and Other.

Going through the analysis – In Table 10.1 the scoring was done as follows: 5 = highest level of desire, 3 = some desire, 1 = low level. The Level of service (LOS) was based on the comparison with the tri-county aggregate. The Survey category included all three...Northern State, Jerry Draggoo and the latest one. John would like the analysis to state which parks are regional parks or reference what are proposed to be regional parks. An example of "Other" or Additional factors rating could be a large donation from an outside source. **Final Ratings for Regional Parks were 5, 5, 5, 5.**

Community – The definition comes out of Snohomish, Whatcom and Spokane Counties. They had good data and were willing to work with us. John would like to see the wording of #3 revised. Change wording to talk about wanting to pursue park opportunities at whatever level they are when opportunities arise. **Final Ratings for Community Parks were 5, 3, 3, 3.**

Neighborhood – the feeling from other counties was that counties would help finance neighborhood parks and then let another agency maintain them. Playgrounds are important, people like them and they are heavily used. **Final scores for this category = 3, 3, 3, 1.**

Open space - Priority in the old plan was water access. Where do we put boat ramps? There needs to be a category for land for future development. We need justification in comp plan – other categories may also be needed. More broadly define open space. **Final ratings were 1, 5, 3, 5.**

Table 10.2 page 10-7; remove the level of service column. Use patterns were taken from public input and surveys. Rankings were discussed and some were changed as follows;

Senior Baseball Field; change to 3,1, 3

Youth Baseball Fields; change to 1,1, 5

Softball Fields; 5,3,3 – all OK

Adult/Junior Soccer Fields; in the soccer survey 62% said we need more soccer fields. Change to 1,3,3 for both.

Football fields – leave in for discussion (3,1,1) – flag football was good until tackle FB started.

Camping – RV & Tent 3, 3, 3 – because of survey results change to 3, 3, 5 (need for RV hookups).

Group Picnic – 3, 5, 3 – increased use since State parks started charging for parking.

Trails urban, rural and winter – change name to motorized 3, 3,1 and non motorized 5,5,5.

Skateboard Parks – no change, 1,1,1

Swimming Pools – due to cost of operation this should really be 3, 3, 5.

Indoor Recreation Center – no change

Take out Habitat Corridors (3, 5, 3) unless it becomes important with Northern State

Boat Launch – information on page 10-11; 5, 5, 5, this is a disappearing resource.

Public Shoreline – 5, 5, 5 no change.

Community Enrichment – take it out.

Golf Courses – was 1,1,1, change to 3.1.1.

Shooting Range – change name to shooting and training facility – 5, 3, 1

For recommendations, using the worksheet, give input to Brian in some type of priority for categories.

Schedule – review Chapters 1-9; decide within a week on key topics we should address from these chapters by email. At the next meeting Brian will have new material from 10-12. At the meeting on October 23rd the purpose will be to work on the comp plan only.

October 22nd BoCC Parks Tour – Bob distributed a preliminary agenda for this event. They plan to visit Clear Lake, Skagit Playfields, Cardinal Cove, Howard Miller and Northern State.

8:30 – 8:45 p.m.

Board Discussion Period –

Questions to Bob : Keith asked for some clarification on the history of the Frailey Mountain reconveyance process. Bob was able to answer these questions.

Lloyd – is staff actively involved in the Baker Dam Relicensing project?: yes, Brian Adams has been playing a key role in the process.

Adjourn – a motion to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. was made by Colleen and seconded by Carroll. None were opposed.