

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

APPROVED MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2002
HEARING ROOM C
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
6:30 P.M.

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Roll Call of General Meeting

Colleen Fisher
Keith Magee

Absent

John Semrau
Curtis Metz
Lloyd Brown
Carroll Dillan

Staff

Bob Vaux
Earl Dierking
Patrik Dylan
Mary Ann Dodge

Guests

Jim Vogelsang

6:35 – 6:40 p.m.

Approval of Minutes for January Meeting

The meeting was called to order. Colleen moved to approve the minutes from January 17th and Keith seconded the motion.

6:40 – 6:45

Public Comment Period – This section of the agenda is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board on an issue that is not on the agenda. Comments on issues that are planned for future meeting agendas should be held for that meeting.

Swinomish boat launch update – The project is going well, in-water work was finished last Thursday, a week before our permit expired. Pilings are in and the new dock is very substantial. It should give many years of service. Electrical is done and sewer is in, with foundation for restroom to be finished within a month.

Jim Vogelsang heard there was a work stoppage; is that correct? He also asked about the restroom, water and electrical.

Patrik assured him we did not have a work stoppage although early on one of the subcontractors stopped work on his own. All will be finished by mid-April, 2002.

6:45 – 6:55 p.m.

Staff Updates on Current Events

Bob/Earl/Dennis/Patrik

Keith asked Patrik for any other updates. Patrik handed out a report, plus a color prototype for trail buffers in general. The drawing shows three types of trails with various options.

Keith asked for updates from Earl. He has been working with the fair and operations, fee restructuring at Howard Miller and the playfields.

Keith asked Bob for his comments. The PRAB was updated that the ERA Consulting contract at NSRA has been terminated, and that there is approximately \$5'000 remaining.

Keith has no problem in recommending to the board that the \$5,000 be used toward appropriate NSRA priorities as determined by SCPR staff.

Earl – something that may fit is the final SEPA process in finishing the Master Plan at Northern State. We need to be careful that we don't just get part of what we could have. (Patrik) There is more money in this REET pot than

anywhere else in the Parks Dept. (Bob) The unique thing about this \$5'000 is that is has been approved previously. What we will probably do is work on the SEPA Master Plan.

(Keith) – Let us know how it is used. We've recommended and agreed it can be used as you choose.

A. **Questions from PRAB** – done

B. **Marblemount Community Meeting Update** – Bob – in his report. We had a meeting recently up there. The Chamber is asking *where is Pressentin Park?* The bottom line is that permitting requirements require money and staff. There isn't enough money currently to build an access road. The manager of the Texaco station said his ownership would be supportive of putting a port-a-potty on his property so trail access could be put in at least. The community may help with maintaining the trails once they are in.

6:55 – 8:15 p.m. **Current Business**

A. County - Wide SCPR Priorities

Bob's memo: between now and March 5, we hope to put the presentation together. If the board would like to do something different from what is in the memo, we have to have it ready to turn in by the 6th. We hope to have most of the presentation finished by the 5th so board members can look at it. We are trying to put forth a bare bones request that has some chance of being successful, moving the information, report and memo from this meeting to presentation form.

There was also discussion on development of Big Rock, which was a bottom priority previously. Besides the fact that it is a park which needs access and parking, there has been some level of frustration from the family who donated the property to the County. Strawberry Ridge (800 units) is within five acres of Big Rock. Some green space between that housing development and Big Rock could connect the two.

8:15 – 8:25 p.m. **Miscellaneous Business**

A. Ann Wolford Sale Revenue – Use discussion

There was discussion on money from the Ann Wolford Park sale in regards to how that should be spent. Bob is asking the board to recommend that we hold on to it until we get through the 2003 budget process. There isn't any rush to spend the money (\$186,000). The Resolution regarding the conditions on this property and use of the Ann Wolford name is a Parks Advisory Board Resolution. It could be modified as the PRAB chooses. The Board agrees to keep the money aside until we get through the 2003 budget process.

8:25 – 8:30 p.m. **PRAB Discussion Period**

Earl expressed concern about the missing board members wondering if we would need to re-discuss these items. We'll send the memos and notes from tonight along with minutes from this meeting to each of them. PRAB is in agreement with the priority list.

8:30 p.m. **Adjournment** – 8:02 p.m.