

**Mason County Parks and Trails
Advisory Board Meeting
January 11, 2022
MCRA Administration Office
411 N 5th St.
Shelton, WA 98584
5:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

- **Meeting Called to Order:** 5:01 PM
- **Present:** Andrew Kinney, Jeanne Robinson, Mendy Harlow, Diane Zoren, Carl Olson
- **Call In:**

- **Excused:** Mike DiMatteo
- **Guests:** Bob Droll, Constance Ibsen, Ken VanBuskirk, Teri King, Bob Pastore

- **Approval of Minutes:** Jeanne asked that the Dec. minutes be amended to state that Green Diamond MIGHT be open to having trails on some of their property. It was also requested that the public comments from that meeting be moved to the end of the minutes. The minutes from December 16, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously as amended.

- **Agenda:** The agenda for the January 11 meeting were approved unanimously.

- **Public Comment:** (Up to 5 minutes available per person for citizens to address the Parks and Trails Advisory Board.) It was agreed by the Board to split Public Comment time to 2 minutes before and 3 minutes after the agenda was completed for future meetings.

- **Business Items:**
Introductions: Those participating on zoom introduced themselves to those present at the meeting.

Comp Plan Priorities:

Members of the Board stated they had looked at both the Parks map and the public survey results to aid them in rating Comp Plan projects. There was a brief discussion as to how to prioritize the projects and it was agreed to go through each park individually.

Latimers Landing: Carl Olson said he had 2 contractors look at the boat launch and it needs to be replaced ASAP as it is a safety issue. The members agreed that this facility is **1A**

MCRA: The members agreed there was a need for a master plan- **1A**
Bob Droll said once a master plan was done necessary projects could done over the next few years.

Carl Olson asked that the Board keep in mind the need to replace synthetic infields in the future. They have a life span of approx 14 years and current infields are over 10 years old.

It was also suggested that a pitching cage be installed by the batting cages. This would generate extra revenue.

Foothills: All agreed that new trails signs and nature trail development are **1A**. All new facilities would also be **1A** except lawn renovation and irrigation. Bob Droll noted that the basketball court would need to be expanded in order to use it as a pickleball court.

Mason Lake: The Board agreed to go with staff recommendations as follows: Renovate restrooms **2A**, Small Shelter **2B**, Information Kiosk **2B**.

Sandhill: The Board agreed that this park should have a master plan just like MCRA- **1A**. Follow staff recommendations of projects. Carl Olson said he would like a new soccer field given priority.

Truman Glick: The members agreed the following;
Basketball/Pickleball court **1B**
Shelter Pad **1A**
Paint entrance gate **1A**
Trails and signs **1A**
Remove new picnic tables and memorial marker from list.

Union Boat Ramp: The Board agreed on a master plan for the boat ramp. Attempts were made in the past to renovate the ramp but the County would be required to have an elevated boat launch which was too costly. There are parking issues and repairs to access road that need to be addressed. The master plan is **1A**, all other projects are **B**.

Union Park: Pickleball court **1A**. ADA parking and route to restrooms **1A**. Large shelter and lighting **3A**
Dog park enclosure **3B**

Walker Park: The basketball court would have to be expanded for pickleball. It was suggested to put a Pinata hook in the shelter. The Board agreed to go with staff recommendations on Walker Park.

Rendsland Park: The Board agreed to go with staff recommendations.

Menards Landing: The Board agreed to go with staff recommendations. They also agreed on removing Playground refill, restroom renovation, and basketball court as these do not apply to Menards Landing.

Watson Wildwood: Disc Golf **2C**, Vault Toilet **2C**, Mountain Bike Trails **3A**.

Oakland Bay Park: Interpretive Trail **2A**.

Jacoby Park: The Board agreed to go with staff recommendations.

Coulter Creek: The Board agreed this park also needs a master plan.

Sunset Bluff: The Board agreed with staff recommendations.

Diane Zoren will brief the Board of County Commissioners on the Comp Plan on January 24. Bob Droll will also attend this meeting to answer any questions.

- **Public Comment:** (Up to 3 minutes available per person for citizens to address the Parks and Trails Advisory Board.)

Bob Pastore, Planning Advisory Committee for Board of Grapeview, said the Port was trying to establish water trails both north and south of Grapeview. He noted that the County owned property next to the Boathouse restaurant on Evans Street would be a perfect place to dock kayaks and he would like to add this property to the Comp Plan. He has documentation he will forward for the Advisory Board to review. Bob Droll suggested that this could be added to the list of projects proposed by other Public Entities.

Bob Pastore also spoke about 15 acres he donated to the Port of Grapeview. This is suitable for trails though it would need parking and restrooms. It was suggested that this could be added to list of potential parks.

Ken VanBuskirk asked if December minutes had been approved and was told the Board agreed to split the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Ken also asked about the resignation letter of the Parks Advisory Board former Chairperson. He feels there should be some discussion on the letter.

He also feels that only 3-4 projects with the highest priority should be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners. Focus should be on existing facilities and table any new facility projects.

Constance Ibsen asked that the Board members look at dedicated funding source for projects. She asked if there would be impact fees or liability issues. She would like to see the source of funding addressed.

Teri King mentioned rising sea levels and storm damage that occurred in all parks during the recent winter weather. She would also like the Board to look at alternate locations for drive in boat launch if Union was to be decommissioned.

- **Correspondence/Good of the Order:** None
- **Meeting Adjourned:** adjourned at 6:48 pm.
- **Next Meeting:** The next scheduled Parks Advisory Board Meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. February 24, 2022 at 411 N. 5th Street, Shelton.