

**Mason County Parks and Trails
Advisory Board Meeting
February 24, 2022
MCRA Administration Office
411 N 5th St.
Shelton, WA 98584
5:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

- **Meeting Called to Order:** 5:10 PM
- **Present:** Andrew Kinney, Jeanne Robinson, Mendy Harlow, Diane Zoren, John Taylor.

- **Excused:** Mike DiMatteo
- **Approval of Minutes:** January meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- **Agenda:** The agenda for the February 24 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: John Taylor, new Parks Manager was introduced to the Board members.

Chair/Vice Chair: Mendy Harlow was voted in as Chairperson and Jeanne Robinson was voted in as Vice Chair.

Prost: Diane will post the PROST plan on the County web site. Andrew asked about creating an overall Parks master plan. John and Bob Droll may work on this.

Jeanne talked about using County dollars for safety and ADA compliance before starting new projects.

Grants: Board of County Commissioners agreed to enter into an agreement with Bob Droll to submit the RCO grant applications. Letters of Support from the public would help and Mendy said she would ask the Rotary and Kiwana clubs. Letters need to be in by mid April.

John said that new restrooms at Union would be added to the grant. The current restrooms are not in good condition and not ADA compliant.

Also, the court at Union needs to be extended to allow for pickleball. When the new shelter is installed there would no longer be room for basketball.

Parks Appeal Board: John spoke about the Parks Advisory Board serving as an Appeal Board for Parks issues such as extended schedules, safety on fields, etc. . He said every policy should have an appeal process and people have an

opportunity to represent themselves. He will work with Diane to put an appeal process together for the Board to vote on.

Monthly Park: The Board talked about promoting a different park each month. Diane mentioned that the Parks brochure online is now interactive. Mendy said she will make enquiries with the Journal and see if their outdoor journalist would cover a park each month. Diane will speak with Rachel Hanson who works with Tourism and Outdoor Recreation.

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