

**Mason County Parks and Trails
Advisory Board Meeting
April 28, 2022
MCRA Administration Office
411 N 5th St.
Shelton, WA 98584
5:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

- **Meeting Called to Order:** 5:00 PM
- **Present:** Andrew Kinney, Jeanne Robinson, Mendy Harlow, Shawn Fontana, John Taylor.

- **Approval of Minutes:** February meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- **Agenda:** The agenda for the April 28 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.

- Bill Long attended the meeting as a representative for SUN dogs (safe, unleashed, natural) to talk about the possibility of making Foothills park a dog park. The group has raised funds in the past for a dog park at Chambers Bay. They feel a safe area for off leash dogs is essential in Mason County. They have raised \$8,000 to this end. They also did a public survey and the result showed 51% felt a dog park was needed. He explained that they would like to partner with the County and apply to Petsafe for a grant to help with the costs. John said a site survey would be needed. He will visit Foothills and then follow up with Mr. Long.

- **Business Items:**

Introductions: New member, Shawn Fontana, was introduced to the Board. He is a frequent park user and is now excited to be part of the Advisory Board.

RCO Grants: John briefed the Board of County Commissioners on Monday regarding the cost of the RCO grants for Sandhill and Union. The total cost is \$7,000,000 with an annual maintenance cost of \$70,000. The commissioners were supportive and want to continue with the application process. John has solidified plans that he will send out to the Advisory Board. He is also waiting for more letters of support from North Mason sports clubs.

Sandhill Tunnel: Andrew asked about the tunnel at Sandhill. John explained that is currently not ADA compliant and overall not safe per Risk Management.

Parks Appeal Board: John is still working on the Parks Advisory Board appeal process. He feels the Board should rule on citizen issues. He would also like the Parks Board to be somewhat involved in the budget process.

Promote a Park: Mendy spoke with Mark Woytowich, Shelton Journal, about promoting Mason County Parks. There will be an insert in the mid-June issue of the Journal promoting County trails and Mark will do an article in the same issue covering Coulter Creek, Oakland Bay and Truman Glick parks. He will also pick a park regularly and do an article to promote that park.

Union Park: John informed the Board that a request had been made by a citizen to rename Union park. He explained that the County does not have a policy for renaming parks and he working on developing one.

- **Correspondence/Good of the Order:** None
- **Meeting Adjourned:** adjourned at 5:44 pm.
- **Next Meeting:** The next scheduled Parks Advisory Board Meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. June 2, 2022 at 100 Public Works Dr, Shelton.