

**Mason County Parks and Trails
Advisory Board Meeting
January 25, 2024
MCRA Administration Office
411 N 5th St.
Shelton, WA 98584
5:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

- **Meeting Called to Order:** 5:02 PM
- **Present:** Bill Long, Diane Zoren, Jeanne Robinson, Shawn Fontane, Kathy Geist, Carl Olson
- **Guests:**
- **Zoom:** Steve Payne
- **Excused:**
- **Absent:** Mendy Harlow, Dennis Hamilton, John Taylor

- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for the October 26, 2023, meeting were approved unanimously.
- **Agenda:** The agenda for the January 25, 2024, meeting was approved unanimously.

- **Public Comment:** (Up to 5 minutes available per person for citizens to address the Parks and Trails Advisory Board.)

- **Business Items:**

Budget Requests: A request was made to move seasonal workers fund to cover the cost of a Maintenance I full time employee. The BOCC denied the request. 3 seasonal positions are open for 2024 with several applicants. Interviews begin the second week of February. The board would like to recommend a Maintenance 1 position again for 2025 and will prepare to present to the Commission in July 2024.

Foothills Dog Park: Bill Long presented a pet friendly water fountain for the dog park. Bud will review the system and potential health risks. To be discussed at future meeting. Also requesting gate to be open/closed by gate keeper year-round.

Sandhill Play Toy: Will begin playground installation approximately March 2024.

Noxious Weeds: Kela wanted the Board to know that she would organize a work party for Truman Glick Park in April, preferably on Earth Day. Kela has since left the County. Once her replacement starts, we will touch base to formulate a plan to remove the ivy.

Park Tour: Diane suggested that another park tour be scheduled in Spring especially for the new Park Board members. Cassidy will develop a schedule and arrange transportation if necessary.

RCO Grant: Did not rate proposal high enough. Award has been denied.

Maintenance Report: Staff are currently working on replacing the Truman Glick fence, and routine maintenance of parks to prepare for ball season and clean up debris from windstorms.

Parks Budget: Parks Capital Improvement Budget allows up to 1 million in which the Sandhill playground equipment will be coming out of. Final Parks budget landed approximately \$46,000 higher for 2024 than 2023.

Comp Plan: To be reviewed at our next meeting. Information for comp plan and budget to be provided by Cassidy.

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- **Elect Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2024:** Unanimous vote to reelect Mendy Harlow as Chair, and Jeanne Robinson as Vice Chair.
- **Correspondence/Good of the Order:** None
- **Meeting Adjourned:** adjourned at 5:40 p.m.
- **Next Meeting:** The next scheduled Parks Advisory Board Meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. February 22nd at 411 N 5th Street, Shelton, 98584.