KITSAP COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
July 17, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by the Parks Advisory Board Chair, Larry Walker
Guidelines of the hybrid Advisory Board Meeting were read.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES | ACTION: *Linda Berry-Maraist motioned to adopt June 26, 2024, meeting minutes. Amy Smalley seconded the motion. Minutes approved.*

PUBLIC COMMENT
- Mara-Lousie – Port Orchard resident. Thank you for Howe Farm Dog Park. This is an incredible resource for the community. Dog Park Inc.is under contract with Kitsap County for maintenance. Recent events have raised concerns regarding the personnel working for Dog Park Inc. There is a need for a better understanding of the Dog Park Inc's staff roles, authority and expected Code of Conduct. Proposes Parks Dept undertake a study of the issues raised and hold a Public meeting to solicit input from the public on the issues and a meeting to discuss how Dog Park Inc individuals are vested with authority, who they act on behalf of and what their powers are, to reduce misunderstanding. Parks Director is aware and looking into the situation. No details currently available.
- Beverly Parsons- Hansville resident.
  - Thanks for removing the draft Port Gamble Forest Master Plan from the Kitsap County Parks Department website. Four links in the text are not working.
  - Requests Parks post next steps for work related to Port Gamble Park. There appears to be confusion among various parties. Requests clarification on what are actual firm legal agreements with OPG/Radiant.
  - Requests to know if, when and how the Parks Advisory Board will have conversations about the implications of the County Commissioners selection of a Preferred Land Use Alternative.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS-
- Staff Introduction – Parks Director introduced new Parks Maintenance and Operations Supervisor, Bre Ganne.
- Parks Director provided a presentation on Parks Budget Structure and budget use details. PAB members discussed and asked questions about budget structure. Further discussion regarding Fee Structure policy changes.

PARKS REPORTS
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- Questions asked about the PROS Plan Update draft. Director shared there has been some movement, but the draft is not available yet.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- Old Business-
  - PGFHP Stewardship – subcommittee working on 2025 work plan with a focus on short term projects.
  - Restoration committee is moving forward with an Evan Stoll restoration demonstration garden project which is funded by the North Kitsap Trails Association
- New Business - none

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Joe Lubischer –
  - Parks impact fees – Due to the volume of Parks acquisitions maybe its time to change laws regarding impact fees. Parks will not receive impact fees from the one thousand units at Arborwood
  - Funding Natural Resources positions from the Forestry Program is inherently unstable. Who is paying the three Volunteer Coordinators
    Director explained that the three coordinators are funded through the general fund source.
  - Evergreen Huckleberry is the material harvested
  - Framework called out annual funding for basic forestry maintenance at Port Gamble. Is that funding being put in?
  - Potential for mining the community and stewardship groups for support of Parks funding. Requires a more sophisticated understanding of the Stewardship groups. Suggests taking a closer look at how stewardships groups operate, how they can contribute and how they can manage.

Adjournment | **ACTION:** *Linda Berry-Maraist moved to adjourn the meeting. Amy Smalley seconded the motion. Motioned carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02PM.*

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD ATTENDANCE

PAB MEMBERS	STAFF	PUBLIC (In Person)
Larry Walker – South	Alex Wisniewski - Director	Online public attendee names not captured
Lisa Hurt - North	Alex Hardy – Marketing and Events Supervisor	
Linda Berry-Maraist - North		
Amy Smalley - South	Chuck Cuzzetto	
Amy Lawerence - Central	Dee Tuttle	
Dawn Dockter -		
Nancy Whitaker - Central		