

**THURSTON COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD**
McLane Fire Station Conference Room
Mud Bay Road
Olympia WA

FEBRUARY 8, 2005

PRESENT: Joel Staloch, Chair
Bernie Chaplin
Mark Lovrien
Judy Johnson
Jon Halvorson
Joseph Shorin
Grant Larson

STAFF: Michael Welter
Chuck Groth
Sue Poyner
Cheri Johnson

Guests: Commissioner Bob Macleod
James Reddick, PARC
Nels Gordon

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

APPROVALS OF MINUTES – The minutes were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Nels Gordon, property owner adjacent to the Friendly Grove property currently under consideration as a park by the department, came to offer his support of the County's interest in acquiring the Friendly Gove property behind his property and turning it into a park. He also stated that his property may offer good access to the site and he would be willing to work with the Parks Department if there is interest. The board thanked Mr. Gordon and stated they would take his offer under consideration.

PARC PRESENTATION - James Reddick, a representative of the Park Foundation of Thurston County came to talk more about the Foundation and to seek Thurston County membership on the foundation. They are non-profit group and their goal is to provide funding for recreation in Thurston County. They raise money through fundraisers and work to distribute these funds equally to all the area parks and recreation departments. A formula for distribution of funds is an ongoing process. The Foundation meets quarterly.

The parks board thanked Mr. Reddick and the other members for their efforts and vision to form this group.

The board felt that there was a much more balanced approach and vision then was presented to them a year ago. They agreed that providing representation would be in the county's best interest. Because there were no volunteers to commit to this, the board requested staff find out when the Foundation's next meeting is and would then decide on who could attend. The board

agreed to send them a letter stating that the board is supportive and encouraged by the group's mission.

Joe stated that staff should let the Foundation know that the Park Board is encouraged by the groups initiatives and efforts to change their mission and moved that the Parks Board join PARC and decide its representative at a later date.

Michael reminded the group that representation on PARC will be done as an individual citizen who happens to be on the Thurston County Parks Board. The Board of County Commissioners must authorize official representation of the County on committees or groups like PARC.

RECREATION REPORT – Sue reported that staff interviewed candidates today for the Recreation Supervisor position and a decision will be made as quickly as possible. One of the challenges this person will have is to look at additional ways to generate more revenue from the sports side.

PARKS REPORT – Chuck reported that Parks staff will be providing lunch for the Roads Department crew tomorrow in appreciation for all their effort and support on park projects.

PARK CODES REVISION PROPOSAL – Changes discussed are as follows:

10.76.030.6 – insert Historic Areas after Natural Areas/

10.76.040 - All-terrain vehicles may be operated () only on such trails....

10.76.080.3 – add except in designated areas

10.76.140 – first line - and/or posted...

10.76.195.2 – insert paintball

10.76.200 – 3rd line – replace Where not so established with Except where otherwise posted, county..

10.76.210.1 – insert yard waste

10.76.230 – Insert Don't allow pets to disturb wildlife

10.76.230.4 – insert or dispose of in an approved....

10.76.280 – Move Games to gun section

10.76.310.3 – Michael will provide citation

10.76.320.3 – insert or non-recreation

10.76.380.3 – insert or athletic fields

10.76.410.1 – Michael will check if civil infraction instead of misdemeanor

Joe agreed to redraft the proposed ordinance with the changes discussed and send them out for board member review. This item will be discussed at the March board meeting.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.