

**THURSTON COUNTY  
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD**  
Kenneydell Park, Creekside Shelter  
Olympia, WA

**August 14, 2007**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT** Jon Halvorson, Chair  
Bernie Chaplin  
Donna Weaver  
Larry Schaffner  
Candice Rydalch  
Donald Krug

**ABSENT** Grant Larsen

**STAFF** Michael Welter, Director  
Chuck Groth, Parks Operation Manager  
Kerry Hibdon, Capital Projects Manager  
Cheri Johnson, Administrative Assistant

**GUESTS:** Ralph & Karen Munro

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm following a barbecue picnic.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Member Chaplin moved to approve the minutes of the July 10 meeting. Member Schaffner seconded. The motion carried.

**MCLANE TRAIL** – Ralph and Karen Munro gave a presentation on the McLane Trail and its history. Mr. Munro explained that he is interested in having the County assume the role as the lead agency for the trail in order to be eligible for grant money. He is interested in completing pavement of the trail to Allison Springs as the next phase. He stated that the County Roads Department will be paving the last stretch of unpaved trail near the Evergreen State College this month which will complete that end of the trail. His hope is to ultimately have a continual trail from the State Capitol to the Capital Forest. Member Rydalch had concern of the maintenance to the trail since the department only employs 6 maintenance staff. Mr. Munro felt confident that the volunteers who have currently been responsible for maintaining the trail would continue to do so.

**COMP PLAN UPDATE** – Director Welter stated that a briefing with the Board of Commissioners has been scheduled for August 29 at 2:00 to discuss funding for consulting service for the comp plan. He encouraged the board members to attend.

**BURFOOT PARK** – The past caretaker at Burfoot Park allowed people to use the road to the caretaker residence to gain access to the beach. This has not been encouraged by the department because it is not a public road. The current caretaker has been enforcing this but the neighbors who have used it in the past are unhappy that they can't continue walking on the paved road. Staff has taken this under consideration and are proposing that a trail be made alongside the road and branch off to the beach before they come to the caretaker residence. This may be a solution to the neighborhood and Mrs. Rafferty's request that the County provide an additional walking trail access to the park from Boston Harbor Extension Road. This trail would be easier to develop and

would not require a wetland delineation as the one Mrs. Rafferty has proposed. The Board was in agreement with staff to construct this alternate route.

**Member Weaver moved that the board accept staff's recommendation for an alternate access to the beach as proposed. Bernie Seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.