

**THURSTON COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD**
4131 Mud Bay Rd SW
Olympia 98502

MARCH 10, 2009

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT Donna Weaver Smith, Chair
Candice Rydalch
Larry Schaffner
Ed Cael

ABSENT

GUESTS Tom Patten

STAFF Michael Welter, Director
Sue Poyner, Recreation Program Manager
Linda Abell, Senior Office Assistant

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm with the approval of the minutes.

Directors Report – Director Welter informed the board that the Parks and Recreation Department is slated for closure effective May 31st 2009 putting an end to over forty years of service to the community. Mr. Welter, Ms. Poyner and Mr. Hibdon will continue to meet weekly with Don Krupp and Cynthia Stewart to discuss possible options for preserving at least some parks and recreation services through the remainder of 2009.

Comprehensive Parks Plan – Director Welter advised members that, based on the briefing with the Commissioners on March 4th, the Commissioners expect the department to take the parks plan public and receive input from the citizens. Instead, Mr. Schaffner suggested holding public outreach meetings to hear what services the citizens would like to see. However, since the decision has already been made to abolish the Parks Department there would be no staff available to provide services.

The board voted unanimously against taking the Comprehensive Parks Plan forward.

Ski Lake Property, Littlerock – The scheduled viewing of this potential park property has been canceled.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Linda Abell
Recording Secretary