

**THURSTON COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**McLane Building Conference Room
5033 Harrison Ave
Olympia, WA 98502**

JANUARY 10, 2012

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Schaffner, Chair
Douglas Bell, Vice-Chair
Chris Colton
David Jamison
Cheryl Simrell King

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ed Cael

STAFF

Cliff Moore, Director, Resource Stewardship
Scott Schimelfenig, Public Works
Kerry Hibdon, Parks Manager, Public Works
Roger Giebelhaus, Public Works
Keith Eisner, Commissioners Office

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Schaffner called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

II. REVIEW AGENDA - The agenda was reviewed and no changes were made.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – There were no public comments.

IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – The minutes from the December meeting were reviewed.

Motion made to adopt minutes. Motion seconded and approved.

V. REPORT FROM BOCC BRIEFING – Doug Bell reported on the January 5th Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Quarterly Update. The BOCC offered feedback on the proposed draft policies and Comp Plan update. Regarding policies, the PB was asked to maintain flexibility when considering changes and was cautioned against using language that could be considered too limiting. The BOCC stated they want the Parks Department and Recreation Services to remain unified in the Comp Plan and reminded the PB that the updated plan should include an element of enterprise recreation, impact fees and a Metro Parks District. They also gave a thumbs up for using in-house staff, Mr. Giebelhaus and Mr. Eisner, to update the Comp Plan. The BOCC recognized the hard work put into the process so far and congratulated the PB for bringing forward many thoughtful ideas. Attendees felt the feedback was very constructive and helpful.

VI. PRELIMINARY WORK PLAN AND TIMELINE – The group welcomed Comp Plan consultants Roger Giebelhaus and Keith Eisner. A brief question and answer period about the pairs work experience followed. A proposed timeline for the Comp Plan update was distributed as well as examples of plans from other jurisdictions. Members were asked to review and red-line the plans and note comments. Mr. Eisner will collect the copies and comments when he meets with members one-on-one or at the next meeting. Members reminded the consultants that having public input was something they feel very strongly about and would like to see it included in the timeline. In addition members are requesting the team help facilitate a discussion of policies and goals. Mr. Schimelfenig reminded members that the goal is to complete the update by the end of 2012. Mr. Eisner stressed the importance of meeting benchmarks in order to finish the plan this year. It was agreed that the policy review needs to be completed by the end of February and a special meeting was proposed.

The group agreed to choose a Saturday to meet. The date, time and location will be confirmed at a later date.

VII. REGIONAL PARKS BOARD MEETING – Mr. Schaffner confirmed agenda items for the regional meeting on January 18th. They include a presentation by Ms. Huff about Specialized Recreation and a discussion on Inter-Jurisdictional Collaboration led by Mr. Moore. The meeting will begin with dinner at 5:30 and conclude at 8:00 p.m.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Moore announced the appointment a new PB member. Lois Sauvage will fill the vacancy in District 2 starting with the February meeting.

Mr. Moore reports the BOCC have requested that PB look for a way to include a Youth Member to fill the vacancy in April when Mr. Caels' term ends. This would require changes to the by-laws in appointment terms and district representation. Further discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Doug Bell would like approval from the board to represent PB at the BOCC briefing on “Tobacco Free Thurston County” presented by Kateri Wimsett from Public Health. A brief discussion followed. Mr. Bell will carry forward that the Thurston County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board endorses a tobacco free policy.

Mr. Bell attended the December PARC foundation meeting. He learned about grant opportunities through the Nisqually Tribe. He also suggested that a representative from Specialized Recreation be in attendance at PARC meetings. Mr. Bell will follow up with Ms. Huff on both subjects.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – There were no reports.

Parks: There was no additional report.

Director Reports: There was no additional report.

Future agenda items: None suggested.

ADJOURN - Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for February 14th 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Linda Abell, Recording Secretary