

**Mason County Parks and Trails
Advisory Board Meeting
January 26, 2023
MCRA Administration Office
411 N 5th St.
Shelton, WA 98584
5:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

- **Meeting Called to Order:** 5:00 PM
- **Present:** Bill Long, Shawn Fontana, John Taylor, Diane Zoren, Carl Olson.
- **Guests:** Nancy Johnson, Lola Paillard, Ron Bock
- **Zoom:** Mendy Harlow
- **Excused:** Jeanne Robinson

- **Approval of Minutes:** November 17 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- **Agenda:** The agenda for the January 26 meeting were amended to include Union Park update and then approved unanimously as amended.

- **Public Comment:** (Up to 5 minutes available per person for citizens to address the Parks and Trails Advisory Board.)

- Nancy Johnson is with the Hood Canal Improvement Club and asked if any improvements are going to be made to the Union boat launch. The club would also like to see a sanican at the boat launch.

- Nancy also asked about Union Park now that there is no grant funding. She asked how the club could assist with beauty and safety being high on their list.

- **Business Items:**

Foothills Dog Park: John reported that Patriot Fencing have been awarded the contract to fence the dog park and we are waiting for a start date. Friends of Lake Cushman dog park donated \$9,245.00 and Bill said they also have 4 dog waste stations to be installed when fencing is complete. He also requested a meeting with Foothills Park host and John to discuss park hours. Diane mentioned that there would be a sanican in place during the winter and a plan will be put in place for winter opening of the park. The gazabo at the park will be removed next week.

Volunteer Program: John stated that the Volunteer plan is updated. People can volunteer 1 day over a 3 month period. They must be with a member of staff and no background check is required.

Batting Cages: The new batting cages at MCRA are complete. A request for bid will go out for the batting cages at Sandhill. The location of the cages has yet to be determined as it needs a secure location as cash is involved.

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Nancy spoke again about the Union boat launch and said it is used a lot and could plants be placed in the area to beautify it. She also asked if the structure needs repairs. Mendy asked that the Hood Canal Improvement Club send a written proposal to John.

- **Correspondence/Good of the Order: None**
 - **Meeting Adjourned:** adjourned at 5:25 p.m.
 - **Next Meeting:** The next scheduled Parks Advisory Board Meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. February 23 at 411 N 5th Street, Shelton, 98584.