

**Mason County Parks and Trails  
Advisory Board Meeting  
March 23, 2023  
MCRA Administration Office  
411 N 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
Shelton, WA 98584  
5:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE**

- **Meeting Called to Order:** 5:03 PM
- **Present:** Bill Long, Mendy Harlow, Jeanne Robinson, Diane Zoren, Carl Olson.
- **Guests:** Nancy Johnson, Kathy Geist
- **Zoom:** Shawn Fontana
- **Excused:**
  
- **Approval of Minutes:** January 26 meeting minutes were amended to state the amount donated to the dog park was \$9,235.00 and then approved unanimously as amended.
- **Agenda:** The agenda for the March 23 meeting approved unanimously.
  
- **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 stated they had a beautification plan in place and wants to know what they can do at the park and the boat launch. They would like to beautify the area around the sanican and have a volunteer who would paint a mural on the fence at the park, possibly a seascape. Nance mentioned some issues at the park such as the poor condition of the BBQ and no handle at the water faucet. She would like to see a garbage can at the boat launch. Carol Olsen said when there was one there before it was used for household garbage.

Mendy asked that the Club put a written proposal together.

Kathy Geist also spoke and said the park is used al lot. She noted a light and signs were installed and appreciated the park staff getting that done. She would like to see dog waste bags at both the park and the boat launch.

- **Business Items:**

**Foothills Dog Park:** Carl Olson said that Patriot Fencing were setting the posts today and the fencing would be complete in about 9 days. There will be a grand opening approximately 2 weeks after completion.

Bill Long said the sample sign looked great and he would also like a sign for the small dog area. He also requested that an unused gate in the existing fencing be sealed. He also said they would be providing 4 waste stations to be installed after fencing is complete.

**Sandhill:** Diane gave an update on Sandhill and said we are waiting for the Board of County Commissioners to decide on the all- purpose field before deciding where the batting cages would go.

There is also a new park host for Sandhill Park. They will start on April 1.

**New Members:** Dennis Hamilton will be on the Commissioners agenda on Tue 28 to confirm his appointment. Kathy Geist will be on the briefing agenda on April 10.

**Invasive Species:** Jeanne mention the invasive ivy at Truman Glick Park which was discussed at a meeting last year. Diane is going to contact the County noxious weed controller to get help with removing the ivy.

**Maintenance Report:** Carl said that now that baseball season has started, the staff time is spent on park prep and park maintenance.

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Nancy spoke again about the Union boat launch and said it is used a lot and plants could 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 5:35 p.m.
- **Next Meeting:** The next scheduled Parks Advisory Board Meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. April 27 at 411 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Shelton, 98584.