

**Mason County Parks and Trails
Advisory Board Meeting
April 27, 2023
MCRA Administration Office
411 N 5th St.
Shelton, WA 98584
5:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

- **Meeting Called to Order:** 5:04 PM
- **Present:** Bill Long, Shawn Fontane, Kathy Geist, Diane Zoren, John Taylor.
- **Guests:**
- **Zoom:** Jeanne Robinson
- **Excused:** Mendy Harlow
- **Absent:** Dennis Hamilton

- **Approval of Minutes:** March 23 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- **Agenda:** The agenda for the April 27 meeting was approved unanimously.

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

As a new member, Kathy Geist introduced herself to the Board and spoke of her 30 years in public service. He worked with the City of Shelton, Port of Olympia and Mason Transit. She has held many positions from Planner to Manager of the Transit Center. She is currently retired and is a member of the Port of Hood Canal improvement club. She believes that parks are essential for both physical and mental growth and a great place for families to get together.

- **Business Items:**

Foothills Dog Park: Bill talked about the grand opening of the Foothills Dog Park on Saturday 22. Bob Burbridge attended the opening and spoke with the Fire Chief. They agreed that there was still enough space for the heli-pad. John said landing lights will be installed at an approximate cost of \$8,000.

Bill spoke about the park closing time. It was agreed that the park host would close the park at sunset.

Bill also asked that the brush down near the entrance be cut back for safety reasons. Jeanne thanked Bill for all his efforts in getting the dog park completed.

Invasive Species: Kela Hall-Wieckert from the noxious weed program will attend the May 25 meeting. She will bring additional information and discuss getting a work party together to remove the ivy at Truman Glick Park.

Maintenance Report: John told the Board that the RCO grant funds for a soccer field at Sandhill will be returned. The focus now will be on the batting cages and where to safely place them at the park. Jeanne asked if the token machine could be placed near the park host for security.

RV covers will be installed at Sandhill, Oakland Bay and Mason Lake parks. We are waiting for approval for Oakland Bay from Capital Land Trust and Mason Lake will probably wait until the current host moves out as it will involve excavating to level the area.

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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. May 25 at 411 N 5th Street, Shelton, 98584.