

**Mason County Parks and Trails  
Advisory Board Meeting  
October 24, 2024  
MCRA Administration Office  
411 N 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
Shelton, WA 98584  
4:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE**

- **Meeting Called to Order:** 4:02 PM
- **Present:** Bill Long, Jeanne Robinson, Mendy Harlow, Steve Payne, Kathy Geist, Shawn Fontane, John Taylor
- **Guests:** Heidi Steinbach, Monty Ritter
  
- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for September 26, 2024, meeting was approved unanimously.
- **Agenda:** The agenda for the October 24, 2024, meeting was approved unanimously.
  
- **Public Comment:** (Up to 5 minutes available per person for citizens to address the Parks and Trails Advisory Board. 10 minutes total.)
  
- **Business Items:**

**Budget Requests:** John Taylor reports that all equipment requests were approved by the Commissioners for the 2025 budget, but that the additional requests are still under review (FTE and seasonal line increase).

**Status of Parks Manager Position** – Job posting closes 10/25/24. We have received several applications which Diane is sorting through in hopes we can begin the interview process during the week of November 11<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is to have this position filled and someone starting by the beginning of December 2024.

**Truman Glick Park – Ivy:** Our County noxious weed coordinator, Heidi, provided a flyer for review and tentative dates of December 7<sup>th</sup> and January 7<sup>th</sup> to begin ivy control at Truman Glick Park. She reports they will prioritize ivy growing on trees near structures. WSU Extension will be donating some trash bags, along with lending some tools for the volunteer group to use. Cassidy will email a link for volunteer forms as well as the flyer for board approval to circulate and gather more volunteers for this project.

**Marina/SHS to MCRA Trail** – Monte Ritter presented several picture documents outlining potential trails from the Shelton marina to MCRA, as well as Shelton High School to MCRA. He asks that the Parks Advisory Board make a motion to authorize said trail plans and to include them in our comprehensive plan, to make it possible for this idea to come to fruition and to have grounds to begin looking into funding options. John Taylor recommends Monte provide more official language and a solidified proposal with estimates. Mendy suggests a

sub-committee be gathered to assist Monte with this. The sub-committee has been assigned to Steve Payne and Kathy Geist.

**Solicitation for New Member** – The Parks Advisory Board has an official opening and are seeking applicants.

- **Correspondence/Good of the Order:**
  - **Meeting Adjourned:** adjourned at 5:01 p.m.
  - **Next Meeting:** The next scheduled Parks Advisory Board Meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. December 5<sup>th</sup> at 411 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Shelton, 98584.