

MISSION: The Friends of Big Finn Hill Park Trails promotes safe, sustainable multi-use trails within a healthy, natural environment while fostering relationships and engaging the broader community.

Friends of Big Finn Hill Trails Committee Meeting Notes

Date: June 14, 2017 Time: 7 pm

Location: Kenmore Library

Facilitator: Jeanette Leach

Note taker: Gary Johnson

Attendees: Janice Gerrish (at large), Bob Gerrish (dog walkers), Nick Rhodes (At Large), Debbie Myer (Neighbors; Proxy for Bill Blanchard), George Meredith (Walkers), Jeanette Leach (walkers), Gary Johnson (dog walkers), Troy Kasper (mtn bike), George Meredith (walkers), Desiree Hodge (KC Parks), Jill Bartlett (guest).

Absent: Bill Blanchard (Neighbors, represented by proxy), Joe Przychodzen (Neighbors), Mark Garnick (mtn bike)

Core business:

Quorum established: yes.

Meeting notes for May 17, 2017 were approved.

Action: Gary to forward the May meeting minutes on to King Co Parks for posting on website and ensure prior meeting minutes have also been uploaded for viewing. (Completed).

King County Parks Update - Desiree

- **Cultural review**
 - The FBFH committee was updated on the Historic Preservation Program (aka cultural review) which broadly requires that all projects be reviewed for cultural significance. Until such project is reviewed and permitted, no breaking of ground or new trail development may be undertaken. At this time only general preservation and maintenance work such as brushing, trimming, pruning and raking are permitted. Any questions on development activities should be directed to Joe Hughes, King county Parks.
 - **Action: Desiree** – to find out what (if any) Cultural reviews have already been completed/reviewed for BFH park
- **Juanita Drive cross-walk**
 - Work is currently underway to create a pedestrian cross-walk connecting the east and west park sections of BFH as well as bike lane improvements on the Juanita drive corridor. Work is expected to continue throughout the summer.
- **Orchard update:**
 - Meeting scheduled in July between King County Parks volunteer coordinator (Tina) and King Co Parks to discuss fall planting efforts. Fall work efforts expected to include planting of native plants and installation of milled bench.
- **Kiosk update:**

- Work is continuing on the kiosk to enable committee access to post information for public viewing (i.e. latest trail maps, committee contact information, King Co. Park info, dangerous/watch areas of the park, bike etiquette, etc.) George and Jeanette are meeting with Joe to discuss updating.

Committee Business:

- Committee agreed that the group prioritize work efforts to close out all existing projects before adding new all while emphasizing maintenance efforts over the short-term.
- **Discussion continued with listing of projects to prioritize for completion (project #'s from BFHT recommendation Plan, where numbered)**

Projects Underway:

- 19 Hall Pass
- Magic Log Ride (Action) Troy in process to provide recommendation of work requirements
- W47 (Bill & George)
- West of E38 (KC Parks)
- Muddy areas between W78 and W64 (KC Parks)
- Orchard restoration
- **Future Projects**
 - Re-routes: W8-22, W48-49-50
 - 20 New Madrone Trail
 - Berry patch skills line
 - New Trails – W54-66, South of 132nd Sidewinder, Playground pump track

Action: Desiree – to contact Washington trails/Back Country group to ask how far out they plan their work efforts. FBHHT would like to queue them up for future park projects if possible.

- By-Law proposal and changes
 - **Adopted** change to Section 3 to read: One (1) Executive Committee members for each Interest Group will be elected by a simple majority vote of the participants aligned with that Interest Group and present at the annual meeting. In the event that both positions for an Interest Group are vacant, two (2) Executive Committee members will be elected for that Interest group. Participants may only be aligned with a single Interest Group for purposes of electing Executive Committee members and may only vote for positions in one (1) Interest Group. An Executive Committee member may only represent a single Interest Group.
 - **Adopted** change to Section 6 to read: There shall be three officers of the Executive Committee, consisting of a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Officers will be elected at the next scheduled board meeting with a quorum present after the annual meeting. The officers shall be elected by the Executive Committee, after certification of the annual meeting elections.
 - **Proposed** changes to Section 9 were discussed but not adopted at this time. **Action:** Bob Gerrish to continue work on proposal and present to the Committee at the next meeting.
- Bill Blanchard through his proxy shared a proposal for an extended pathway along the west side, north edge of the park along 72nd/138th. With increased development/traffic along this

narrow corridor it is generally acknowledged that pedestrians/bikers safety is compromised. Early stages of the proposal call for an easement within the park to develop an off-road pathway. A recommendation by the committee was suggested to re-locate the proposed walk along the west/north edge adjacent to park to along the east side of 72nd along the existing residential homes instead, eliminating any further loss of park land. **Action:** Bill to share any further discussion with City/Park officials at further meetings

- Committee recommendation to skip August meeting due to generally low turnout during this heavy vacation month. **Action:** committee to formal decide at July meeting

Next meeting

- July 19th, Kenmore Public Library