

*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: July 17, 2017 Time: 7 pm

Location: Kenmore Library

Facilitator: Bill Blanchard

Note taker: Nicholas Rhodes

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### **Attendees:**

Nicholas Rhodes (at Large),  
 Debbie Myer (walkers; proxy for George Meredith),  
 Jeanette Leach (walkers),  
 Bill Blanchard (neighbors),  
 Mark Garnick (mtn bike)  
 Wilson Gulley (KC Parks; proxy for Joseph Hughes),  
 Don Clark (mtn bike; proxy for Troy Kasper)  
 Janice Gerrish (at large),  
 Bob Gerrish (dog walkers),  
 Jill Bartlett (guest)  
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Absent: Troy Kasper (mtn bike – excused & proxy),  
 Gary Johnson (dog walkers – excused),  
 Joe Przychodzen (neighbors - unexcused),  
 George Meredith (walkers – excused & proxy),

### **Core business:**

**Quorum established: Yes**

### **Meeting notes for June 2017 –approved**

Action Item: Nicholas to forward the June meeting minutes on to King Co Parks for posting on website and ensure prior meeting minutes have also been uploaded for viewing. (Also, will ask May minutes)

### **Update from King County Parks:**

Cultural review

Action Item: Desiree – to find out what (if any) Cultural reviews have already been completed/reviewed for BFH park as well as cultural reviews submitted.

Wilson presented a map. Purple (or pink, Debbie says) has been reviewed. Yellow is the area where KC Parks is going to be starting work with a “skid steer” to clear blackberries.

Juanita Drive cross-walk

Work has started, as in gear showed up, one footing poured, an area cleared, and not much has happened since.

How will the trail be rerouted to reach the new crosswalk? Action item: Wilson will bring this up with Joe. It's assumed that a cultural approval will be needed before the trail can be rerouted.

Orchard update

Kiosk update:

Will be able to start work now that baseball season has wound down.

Update on removal of storage bins and remediation of area.

Waited for cultural review to remove the ecology blocks until cultural review is complete

Orchard: mowed, sprayed/treated. Once we have a handle on the invasive, will work with volunteers to plant trees, so long as they aren't trees with root rot issues (Douglas firs, etc.)

Tiny Trees: preparing area for "classroom" (minimally cleared area that is an area for kids) north of west side playground.

Volunteer groups (Lena): big volunteer group grubbing blackberries on July 27<sup>th</sup> with Amazon (over 100 people) near the playground. On July 22<sup>nd</sup> another group Juanita Woodlands.

### **Committee Business:**

Discussion continued with listing of projects to prioritize for completion (project #'s from BFHT recommendation Plan, where numbered). Some have been started, some yet to begin. All are subject to "cultural review."

June action item: Desiree – to contact Washington trails/Back Country group to ask how far out they plan their work efforts. FBFHT would like to queue them up for future park projects if possible. This was not completed.

Priorities were reviewed and categorized as noted below.

[Action Item: Friends of group \(Bill\) will submit this priority to Joe for Cultural Review.](#)

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Priority - Projects underway:**

- 19 Hall Pass
- Magic Log Ride
  - Troy provided a recommendation of work requirements (Attached document)
  - What supplies does he need? Will probably include 5-6 small pieces of cedar to rebuild roll-overs. Ballfield mix is preferred as it packs nicely, a few years at the most.
  - [Action Item: Mark volunteered to work with Troy to develop list of supplies for next meeting.](#)
- W47 completion (Joe's trail)
- West of E38 (west side trail with a mud hole)
- Orchard restoration

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Priority - Maintenance projects:**

- W78-64 – has not been started, but needs attention as a maintenance project. This project was on KCParks maintenance list for summer of 2017.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Priority - New Projects, but in the plan:**

- 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

**By-Law proposal and changes:**

Bob presented second revision to Section 9, and will revise to reflect: committee member will be removed with 3 unexcused absences within a 12 month period.

[Action item: Bob will create further revisions.](#)

**Joe Przychodzen Status:** After Joe's May 17<sup>th</sup> email, Bill asked Joe to call, and received no response. Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, Bill contacted him and notified that Joe is subject to removal. With 3 unexcused absences, Bill made a motion to have Joe will be removed. Jeanette second and with 7 out of 9 votes, this motion carries and Joe's position in the Neighbors category is now open.

[Action Item: The Friends group will put the word out about the open position and a replacement will be votes for at the September meeting.](#)

Debbie expressed interest in the position.

**72nd Walkway:** Bill is interested in create a walking trail along the west side of the park on 72<sup>nd</sup> and relocated the crosswalk to a place with safer and more visible sightlines. This project would be a joint venture between the city and the parks department. It was discussed whether the trail should be on the west side of the road, along the houses, or on the east side of road along the west side of the park. The largest challenge to placing this on the east side might be the telephone poles and the ditch. Putting the trail along the west side of the road would present a challenge with all the homeowners and variety of vegetation and drainage.

Mark suggested that a subcommittee of the Friends group take on further definition of this plan.

**New Business:**

Janice/Bill provided an update on the Holmes Point Overlay: a temporary moratorium on tree removal. If you are inclined to get involved, get in touch with your city council member.

**Next Meeting:** September.

[Action Item: Nicholas will contact Troy to send out a new doodle pool for the date.](#)