

*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 Park Trails (FBFHPT) Committee General Meeting Minutes**

Date: November 7, 2018

Location: Kenmore Library

Facilitator: Bill Blanchard

Note Taker: Debbie Meyer

### **Committee Attendees:**

Blanchard, Bill (Neighbors)

Gerrish, Bob (Dog Walkers)

Gerrish, Janice (At Large)

Hall, Bill (Mountain Bikers)

Hughes, Joseph (King County Parks)

Johnson, Gary (Dog Walkers)

Kasper, Troy (Mountain Bikers)

Leach, Jeanette (Walkers)

Meredith, George (Walkers)

Meyer, Debbie (Neighbors)

### **Quorum of Committee Members was present.**

### **Non-Committee Attendees:**

Fitzpatrick, Tom

Utela, Dave

### **Absent Committee Member:**

Ayrault, Lisa (At Large) – Excused

### **Summary of Meeting Topics:**

Committee approved the Minutes of the September 5, 2018, FBFHPT Committee General Meeting.

Joseph Hughes gave the following King County Parks update:

The annual King County Parks Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) planting event will be on November 27, 2018. The goal is to plant trees and native plants where blackberries once roamed.

The next public Big Finn Hill volunteer events will be on December 1, 2018, and December 8, 2018.

The next public Juanita Woodlands volunteer event was scheduled for November 3, 2018.

Some work by the Washington Trails Association (WTA) is scheduled for November 14, 2018, to help repair some of the drainage issues throughout the park trail system. More WTA work will be scheduled in January/February 2019. The FBFHPT Committee was asked to identify areas that could benefit from WTA work; and the following were discussed:

- Southwest corner between intersection 62 and 134<sup>th</sup> Street on the west side
- Area between the Tiny Trees location and the ball fields
- South side of the beaver dam

The lacrosse field turf replacement is completed.

The 12 cottonwood trees have been snagged, and all 12 trees have been treated. Yesterday the Vactor truck was flushing out the drainage system. Next step will be root removal from along the outfield and its fencing when the weather permits. Once the root removal is completed, new fencing will be installed.

Eastside (baseball side) restroom is now closed for winter.

Leaf blowing of the trails will start within a week or two once parking lots and pathways throughout the Bear Creek district are completed.

The removal of downed trees will be slower since seasonal help is no longer available.

Melissa of the King County Parks Back Country Trails Team will be asked to review some FBFHPT projects at the FBFHPT Committee's request.

#### Committee Project Prioritization/Updates:

Trail 47 (Bill B) – work scheduled for 2:30 pm on November 12, 2018, on the north end of this trail to make the top incline more walkable.

Trail numbers on east and west sides of park (George) – 18 of 26 are installed but waiting on King County (Melissa) to create the remaining and extras.

Halls Pass (Joe/King County) – walk through will be requested with Melissa of the Back Country Trails Team.

Log Ride Loop (Bill H) – George agreed to meet Bill H at 9:15 am on November 10, 2018, to show him where cedar logs could be harvested on west side of park.

#### Proposed By-Law Revisions:

Bob G submitted a number of By-Law revisions for Committee consideration, including:

- a new Sub-Section 1a to Article IV – Executive Committee, Section 1: Committee Role, Size, Compensation to define the At-Large Interest Group;
- additions to Article IV – Executive Committee, Section 3 – Election of Officers to

- further clarify the nomination and voting process; and
- changes to Article IV – Executive Committee, Section 8: Vacancies.

Time did not allow Committee discussion of all submissions so consideration will be continued as part of the next FBFHPT General Meeting. Once all submissions are considered, any Committee-approved revisions will be reflected in the By-Laws and submitted to King County Parks for posting to the public website.

In addition, Bill H suggested during the meeting that the “Mountain Biker” Interest Group name be changed to “Bicyclist” to be inclusive of all bike-type users of the park. While the Committee agreed, given the existing requirement in Article V – Amendments that “Proposed amendments must be submitted to all Friends of Big Finn Hill Park Trails group participants at least three (3) weeks before being brought to a vote”, this will be revisited and officially voted on during the next meeting.

#### Other Business:

Bill B submitted a letter of support on behalf of the FBFHPT to King County Parks (KCP) as KCP requested to help strengthen KCP's grant funding proposal.

The FBFHPT Committee agreed the [FOBFH@googlegroups.com](mailto:FOBFH@googlegroups.com) distribution list should be used for communication among current Committee members only with at least one current Officer assigned “manager” of the list. Towards that end, Troy K, as an existing “manager” of the list, agreed to:

- assign Debbie M (current Secretary) as another “manager” of the list;
- contact his former “Mountain Biker” Interest Group co-representative and existing “owner” of the list and request ownership of the list be reassigned to himself or Debbie M so the list can be updated appropriately; and
- send an email to Frana Milan of KCP, requesting “Subscribe or contact the group” which precedes the list on the KCP website for the FBFHPT to be changed to “Contact the group” to avoid confusion since not anyone can subscribe to the list as it is for Committee members only.

Debbie M agreed to update the FBFHPT contact list with current members and send to Frana M of KCP for posting to the KCP website.

Throughout 2018, the FBFHPT Committee General Meetings were held on the first Wednesday of every other month. Should that practice continue in 2019, there are some holiday conflicts. As a result, the Committee agreed the **next General Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 9, 2019**, and additional 2019 meeting dates will be selected then.

The Committee members were reminded to submit any proposed agenda items to Bill B for the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.