

. *MISSION: The “Friends of Big Finn Hill Park Trails” promote 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) Executive Committee 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Date: June 3, 2020

Location: Video teleconference

Facilitator: Bill Blanchard

Note Taker: Gary Johnson

### **Committee Attendees:**

Ayrault, Lisa (At Large)

Blanchard, Bill (Neighbors)

Gerrish, Bob (Dog Walkers)

Gerrish, Janice (At Large)

Johnson, Gary (Dog Walkers)

Leach, Jeanette (Walkers)

Meredith, George (Walkers)

Hall, Bill (Bicyclists)

Hoofnagle, Wayne (Bicyclists)

### **Absent Committee Members:**

Meyer, Debbie (Neighbors) - Excused

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

Joe Hughes (King County Parks)

**Summary of Meeting Topics:** A quorum was present.

### ***Election of Executive Committee Members***

The following incumbent's term were expiring, and in accordance with Section 3a of FBFHPT Bylaws, they have expressed interest to continue to serve an additional two-year term.

At Large: Lisa Ayrault

Dog Walkers: Gary Johnson

Neighbors: Debbie Meyer

Walkers: George Meredith

Bicyclists: Bill Hall

In lieu of proceeding with individual vote tallying for each interest group candidate a motion was made to blanket approve all candidates. After a motion to second Bill Blanchard, Executive Committee Chair, confirmed approval of all candidates for another two-year term.

### ***King County Update:***

- Bear Creek District has been operating with no seasonal support so far this year due to Covid-19. KCP is focusing on mowing, line trimming, blowing and putting back up signage and caution tape. Joe Hughes is hoping to start brushing back trails once the grass slows up. We are currently in Phase 1, no scheduled activity. KCP is still waiting to find out what each phase means to us.
- King County has applied for a modified Phase 1 start up. This would allow practice for baseball/softball and soccer/lacrosse teams in small groups of 5 to start as long as they follow the Governor's Covid-19 guidelines.
- Kirkland National Little League would like to have fall ball this season. The county has made no decision on this matter.
- Starting June 15th, we will be hiring seasonal. We are budgeted for 3 seasonal this year (we usually have 8). Each seasonal will report directly to one of the following parks: Big Finn, Cottage Lake and Redmond Ridge. Full timers will report as usual to Cottage Lake. I am planning on having the seasonal work 12-hour shift working Friday – Monday. Final work schedule TBD. This start date may change as condition warrant.
- Restrooms will remain closed until King County reaches phase 3. Two more standard porta potty's on the east side of the park and 2 more on the west side will be added. The ADA unit will remain on the west side of the park
- Tiny Tree Day Camp has shut down until this fall.
- Volunteer program update – King County Parks volunteer events are canceled through June 15th.

**Other Business:**

The committee discussed the status of the crosswalk removal/restriping along NE 138<sup>th</sup> PL. Bill Blanchard noted the city of Kirkland is in the process of awarding the project to an outside contractor, but the work date is yet to be determined. It was also noted that Kirkland will require the trail realignment to be completed prior to the contractor doing the cross walk move. Gary Johnson shared that a subgroup had met in February with King county and agreed on where the new trails access/egress and closure points would be located. Bill Blanchard took the lead to develop a work plan and coordinate resources to progress on this project. Prior to starting work, King county is working to confirm whether a cultural review is required (or already completed) and coordinating outside work assistance from WTA or Back county trails.

The Executive Committee revisited the dates and time for the balance of 2020 meetings. It again was confirmed that the quarterly meetings previously agreed would be remain:

September 2, 2020  
November 4, 2020

However, since our recent meeting schedule was disrupted by COVID19, Bill B. made the suggestion to have a possible meeting prior to the next schedule meeting in September. Bill will communicate and schedule as deemed needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.