

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF FALL CITY METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT
OF KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
HELD APRIL 27, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fall City Metropolitan Park District (FCMPD) of King County, Washington, was held April 27, 2009, at the Fall City King County Library, 33415 42nd Place SE, Fall City, Washington, at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners Harris, Moderow, Pettersson, Schneider, and Wilkins were present.

Also present were Kevin Brown, King County Parks Director; Christine Jensen, Policy Director for Councilmember Lambert.

1. Call to Order.

Commissioner Harris acted as Chairman of the meeting and business was conducted as follows. He stated that Commissioner Moderow has volunteered to take minutes of this meeting. Business was conducted as follows.

2. Minutes and Resolutions. None.

3. Financial Report and Vouchers.

The Financial Report was reviewed. Various vouchers drawn on the Maintenance Fund were reviewed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved and authorized payment of Maintenance Fund Voucher Nos. 16 through 20 in the amount of \$795.08.

4. Business from the Floor

Kevin Brown, King County Parks Director and Christine Jensen, Policy Director for Councilmember Lambert presented to the Board and audience their understanding of the current status of the access to the Snoqualmie Valley Trail via SE 39th Place.

Mr. Brown reported that the segment of the access on SE 39th Place from the ecology blocks placed by members of Rutherford LLC to the trail is now marked as closed. The issue was moved out of committee to the council as a whole. The Council will meet on May 17th and they will take public input if anyone wants to attend at 11:00. If the motion is approved by the Council, the County will proceed with condemnation proceedings to acquire the current easement area in fee. The position of the Rutherford LLC will likely determine how long it takes to reopen the access from the end of SE 39th Place. For now, Mr. Brown recommends that the community use other access points until this issue is resolved.

Commissioner Harris asked about time line for reopening the SE 39th Place access and the condemnation process itself. Mr. Brown indicated that state law allows for condemnation proceedings. The time line requires an appraisal and a review appraisal before they can enter into negotiation. If the County hits another stalemate with the

owner, it will likely take the case to court to settle the issue. At that time the County will request the removal of the existing barriers (ecology blocks and other materials). The County will need to take the necessary time through the legal proceedings.

It was asked as to whether the County can we get an injunction to remove the barriers while the condemnation proceedings are ongoing (if approved by the Council). Mr. Brown will check with attorney on how and if that may be done. There are trigger times to which Rutherford LLC needs to respond to process. If receptive the LLC will go faster and be more open to other options.

Earlier today the County gave approval to move the issue out of committee and the council of the whole. County staff generated a report for the committee members. A member of the Rutherford LLC spoke as did Commissioner Schneider and Vanessa Allan, President of the FCCA. The issue was pushed out for further consideration by the sub-committee but without a recommendation. It will go for a public hearing May 17th.

Mr. Brown does not expect push back from property rights issues because of the length of time the access was in use since 1911.

Commissioner Harris suggested to Mr. Brown that while the topic of access to the Snoqualmie Valley Trail via SE 39th Place is quite active, it would seem to be appropriate for King County to approach Puget Sound Energy (PSE) in regards to acquiring an official easement between the area set aside for equestrian parking and SR 203. Commissioner Harris noted that he had provided Jeff McMorris, Chief of Staff for Councilmember Lambert, this same request at the most recent FCCA meeting.

5. Correspondence

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6. Committee Reports

A. Administrative Committee: Commissioner Harris

1. Office Manager Position

Commissioner Wilkins reported that he had received interest letters from three candidates. He and Commissioner Pettersson offered to interview the candidates and report back to Board.

B. Vision, Mission, and Goals Committee: Commissioner Pettersson

Commissioner Harris reported that the on-line survey results are now posted and made available on the District website.

C. Park Lands Committee: Commissioner Moderow

Commissioner Moderow reported that she was continuing to communicate with County staff on the issue of improving the park maintenance frequency at Fall City Park.

7. Representative Report: Commissioner Wilkins

Commissioner Wilkins reported that there was no change in status regarding the MOU with the County on the topic of transferring Fall City Park.

Commissioner Wilkins reported that the Snoqualmie Tribe would be holding their next planting event at Fall City Park on May 22, 201 and to check out their website for additional information.

8. Old Business

A. SE 39th Place Access to Snoqualmie Valley Trail (SVT)

See Guest Speaker.

After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved attendance by the Commissioners at the County Council, to speak on behalf of the FCMPD, and to be reimbursed for any appropriate expenses incurred for attending.

B. Quigley Park Stage (FCCA)

The FCCA is continuing moving forward with its application with DDES in the hopes that the project will be completed prior to Fall City Days.

C. State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Grant Application

Commissioner Harris reported that he was able to start the Local Parks acquisition grant application process for the Wells Site acquisition project and would submit the initial application prior to the 5-03-10 submittal deadline as initially authorized during the 3-09-10 meeting.

C. FCMPD Comprehensive Plan

Commissioner Harris reminded the Board to review and provide comments to the draft version provided at the 3-09-10 meeting so that they could be incorporated into the document prior to the 5-11-10 public open house.

8. New Business

A. Fall City Days on 6/19/10

Commissioner Wilkins reminded the Board that he had reserved a booth again this year for the District for Fall City Days. Specific preparations would be discussed at a later date.

B. Comprehensive Plan Public Open House

Commissioner Schneider suggested moving the proposed open house date from 5/18/10 to 5/11/10 to comprehensive plan and grant application to acquire the former Wells Nursery site and to not have a special meeting to prepare for the open house since most of the preparations were completed already for the 4-20-10 open house.

Commissioner Wilkins offered to distribute the notice of this meeting electronically to user groups in his database via e-mail in the FCES Friday Folder, to the Friends of Fall City Parks e-mail distribution list, to fallcity@yahoogroups.com, and to the leadership of the Falls Little League as well as having it posted at the Post Office and Water District. Commissioner Harris offered to post the agenda for the open house meeting at other non-governmental locations such as the two espresso stands in town (The Grind and Mercury Espresso), the Farmhouse Market, Fall City Elementary School, Fall City Park, and Olive Taylor Quigley Park.

After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved holding a Special Meeting on May 11th at 7:00 at the Fall City Fire Hall to hold the public open house and to solicit input for the comprehensive plan.

10. Adjourn

The next public open house/special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fall City Metropolitan Park District of King County, Washington, will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at the Fall City Fire Hall, 4301 334th PL SE, Fall City, Washington, at 7:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fall City Metropolitan Park District of King County, Washington, will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, at the at the Fall City King County Library, 4301 334th PL SE, Fall City, Washington, at 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

President and Commissioner

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ATTEST:

Clerk and Commissioner