

ulMISSION: 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: February 7, 2018 Time: 7 pm

Location: Kenmore Library

Facilitator: Bill Blanchard

Note taker: Nicholas Rhodes

Attendees:

Nicholas Rhodes (at Large)
 Jeanette Leach (walkers)
 Bill Blanchard (neighbors)
 Jill Bartlett (proxy for Debbie Myer - neighbors)
 Joe Hughes (KC Parks)
 Janice Gerrish (at large)
 Bob Gerrish (dog walkers)
 Gary Johnson (dog walkers)
 Don Clark (proxy for Mark Garnick – mountain bike)

Absent:

Debbie Myer (neighbors) – proxy present
 Mark Garnick (mountain bike) – proxy present
 George Meredith (walkers) –

Core Business:

Quorum established: Yes

Meeting notes for January 2018: Revised minutes approved. Gary to send to KCP.

Update from King County Parks:

- Juanita crosswalk update

KCP staff should return in May. Bridge needed from road to trail in design.

Bill offered City of Kirkland's assistance. **Action item: Bill put Joe in contact with Kirkland.**

Old trail to be close using logs, ferns, etc.

KCP wants to make the trail a straight shot to the existing trail.

Action item: Troy to propose reroute suggestions for both sides.

- Lacrosse field replacement update

Turf replacement has been postponed until rainy season abates, potentially in August. KCP has gotten them to move equipment and fencing by Friday. New season starts Sunday.

- Cultural Review update

All current reviews have been approved. Training scheduled for the 21st. Trail markers have not be approved yet – attempting to request one review for all post locations.

- Projects that need help from King County

Packing soil for Magic Log Ride: Troy request it to have it placed on 132nd by entrance sign. Mountain bikers would like 10 yards and think about where to have it delivered.

- Kirkland National Little League

Awaiting final drawings, potentially available on the 12th and could present at the next meeting. Project likely in fall.

- Denny Creek culvert removal and replacement pedestrian bridge update

Meeting scheduled 10th at 10:00 AM to discuss project, with engineers, backcountry trail crew, etc., at the parking long by maintenance shed. To start after July 15th and done during fish window (September). Cultural review is in progress. Former homestead site, so may be cultural aspects found. Related to water quality grant, obtained by Finn Hill Neighborhood. Likely to be disruption of several weeks during project.

- Scheduled volunteer events

Juanita Woodlands to plant native species, Saturday February 17th

Big Finn planting - Saturday February 24th

- New recycling can to be placed around ballfields

First district to try recycling at ballfields again. Hasn't been successful in the past. Signage will be included.

- Denny Creek landslide

Bill asked who ended up paying for it. Joe: KCP, but developer will end up paying for it.

- Encroachments to Juanita Woodlands: notices have been sent. Not much enforcement capable.

Committee Business:

- Discussion around KCP's presence: we want participation throughout the meeting. Ideas proposed: meeting every other month, keeping the meetings to an hour. The group as a whole is in favor of meeting every other month.

Action item: Bill will talk with Joe to find out what works for him, but ensures more participation.

- **New project idea:** Proposed 132nd crosswalk reroute & new walking trail along 72nd.

Introduced by Bill Blanchard

Goals: To create more visibility to crosswalk and safe passage along 72nd.

Opportunity to use money that comes along with development of new homes that could be used for this project.

Aspects of the project:

- Crosswalk will be moved just to the each of the current light pole
- Barriers will be built to prevent users from using old paths
- Trail will be built on the city's right-of-way

- Annual Meeting – Date? Committees?

Potential date: April 19th or the following week. **Action item:** Bill contact Junior High to find available dates. Any other ideas, topics, attendees? Rod Dembowski, others? KCP Animal Control to attend? Bill's 72nd trail and crosswalk reroute project. Park safety & communication. King county archeologist, cultural review education. Projects: visibility to upcoming projects, work parties, etc. in order to generate interest. Juanita crosswalk project update. **Planning Meeting: February 22nd, location TBD**

- Hall Pass – (Debbie's comments). George and some others are okay with reroute. **Action item:** Troy will tape reroute so people can more easily see proposed, so it's clear for all to see what's been proposed.

- Cultural Review Class – Who's going?

Troy, Mark, Bill, Jeanette, Janice, Bob

- Forterra – path to O. O. Denny – not discussed.

- Discussion of Projects – Ordered by phases

Phase 1:

- New signage: Numbering Systems for east and west sides. George proposed revising the height from 4' to 18" and improve anchoring, install a few and monitor. Volunteers could do all the work except saw work. Action Item: Revisit in January
- Major Muddy Areas: West of E38, Mainline loop
- Magic Log Ride repair and maintenance

Phase 2:

- Hall Pass (north of W8-22) Work is pending cultural review.
 - 1) Rotten log jump? Mark is going to approach 'vandal'
 - 2) Trail through tight trees: Action Item: Mountain bikers agreed to review and propose a potential reroute
- Reroutes: , W48-49-50 (now know as W47)
- Reroute: W16-17
- New Madrona Trail - Mark requested Friends group have more of a hand in building this than the KC Backcountry Trail crew

Phase 3:

- Berry patch skills line
- Orchard restoration – in work/ongoing
- New Trails – W54-66, South of 132nd Sidewinder, Playground pump track

Subsequent Meetings:

- Monthly Meetings (first Wednesday of every month): Next meeting March 7th