

**Friends of Big Finn Hill Trails  
Organizing Committee Meeting**

**September 23rd , 2015  
7 – 8:30 pm  
Presbyterian Church  
7718 NE 141st St, Kirkland, WA 98034**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Action Items**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Who</b>
Bylaws additions and rewording	Jeanette
Review trail marker signs from a bike and general perspective	Mark
Orchard Restoration Project: 11:30 AM, Friday, the 25th at Jill's Bench. Onsite meeting to agree on proposed project	Janice
Eagle Scout Project: Coordinate with Grant and his scout leader to wrap up project.	Mark
Next Meetings: Send out a Doodle for Oct, Nov & Dec meeting dates & locations - DONE	Troy

**Next Meeting**

- o October Meeting: Oct 21st, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Inglewood Presbyterian. Church Choir Room
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**1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.**

In attendance:

- Organizing committee: Jeanette Leach - Walkers, Mark Garnick - Mtn Bikers, Janice Garrish - At Large, Bob Garrish - Dog Walkers, Joe Przychodzen - Neighbors, Nicholas Rhodes - At Large
- King County Parks: Frana Milan, Mike Crandall
- Community: Don Clark, George Meredith
- Facilitator: Jeanette Leach
- Meeting Notes: Nicholas Rhodes
  
- Not in attendance: Troy Kasper - Mtn Bikers, Gary Johnson - Dog Walkers, Bill Blanchard - Neighbors, Mike Dierken - Walkers

**2. Meeting business**

- A quorum was established.
- Meeting minutes
  - o August meeting minutes were approved (DO WE NEED TO SEND THESE TO KCPARKS?)
- Park Updates
  - o KC Parks Update - Mike

- Windstorm cleanup: mostly complete. One outstanding maple down near intersection 19. Beyond KCParks abilities. Will require contractor.
- Hornets nest near 61
- Maps: trying to get some laser etched maps produced. To be placed in frames in 3 locations.
- East side kiosk? Could be produced from down trees, or as a more park system-wide program in kits.
- Back country trail crew is not scheduled for Big Finn at this time.
- General comment: Reorganization plan is in process. Area boundaries may change.

### 3. Organizing Committee Operations

- By-Laws – At the previous meeting Mike D led the group through the resolution of open items in the Google document comments. Remaining open question and action items:
  - Action item:
    - *Jeanette proposed wording for KCParks addition to bylaws, to be added to article 3 section 5 “A representative of King County Parks, the land steward, will participate in Friends’ meetings as a non-voting member. King County Parks’ representative’s role is to provide advice, education, and ensure all projects are designed, completed and maintained to King County Parks trail construction and environmental standards. King County Parks will ensure that activities adhere to the approved trail plan. In addition, the representative will facilitate communication with KC Parks’ management and the broader community.”* Group agreed and she will put in the Google docs by laws.
    - Addition to KCParks roles from Mike K: “adhere to trail plan”
  - Holding for final vote to approve until Mike Dierken is in attendance

### 4. Trail Project Planning and Implementation

- Trail Markers project update – Jeanette
  - Some markers should be moved further back from trails, some need to be plum.
  - Several markers kept getting messed with.
  - ‘Vandal plates’ may need to be installed
  - Action Item: Mark will review trail makers from a biker and general viewpoint and provide numbers on specific intersections where changes are needed
- Annual Meeting
  - Joe proposed we schedule our annual meeting in the first months of next year. We aren’t ready to do it in Oct, and then Nov & Dec are holiday months. The group agreed.
  - Need to finalize by-laws before annual meeting
  - Frana offered to provide guidance to a subset of the Friends group to plan for the annual meeting. Troy, Bill, Joe and Nicholas were volunteered/voluntold. Update: looking for a time to meet.

- o Orchard Restoration Project
  - o Some trees are healthy while others are weighed down with blackberries
  - o Jeanette proposed: start with 3 or 4 apple trees that are in a nice cluster, then add space to what's cleared over time.
  - o Mike: Himalayan blackberries are 'recommended for removal' by KCParks (not required). Clover would be good ground cover and help enrich soil with nitrogen.
  - o [Action item: 11:30 AM, Friday, the 25th at Jill's Bench. Onsite meeting with KCParks to identify a boundary area to be worked, trees that it encompasses, establish initial project boundary.](#)
  - o Mike: clearing work needs to stay under 7,000 square feet (per week? year? project?)
  
- o Eagle Scout Project Update - Mark
  - o Grant unavailable for this meeting
  - o Small amount of work remaining: loose rock needs to be place.
  - o Ongoing work: Mark & Grant to finish up the project.
  - o Mark to encourage Grant to provide an update at October Friends meeting
  - o [Action Item: Mark coordinating with Grant and his scout leader to wrap up project.](#)
  
- o Other Business
  - o Mark: Troy will lead the new trail project, called "Hall Pass". Location to be revisited
  - o Finish up Magic Log Ride: replace rotten 'ride-overs' with cedar rounds, replace some dirt, narrow up the entrance with some replanting.
  - o WTA clearing bike jumps replacement (Phase 1) will be removed from Grant's project, making it an available project.

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- o Troy as facilitator; [Action item: identify note taker](#)
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