

*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 Trails Committee Meeting Notes**

Date: September 20, 2017 Time: 7 pm

Location: Kenmore Library

Facilitator: Bill Blanchard

Note taker: Nicholas Rhodes

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### **Attendees:**

Nicholas Rhodes (at Large),  
 Troy Kasper (mtn bike)  
 Debbie Myer (Friend of Friends)  
 Janice Gerrish (at large),  
 Bob Gerrish (dog walkers),  
 Jeanette Leach (walkers),  
 Joseph Hughes (KC Parks),  
 Bill Blanchard (neighbors,),  
 Gary Johnson (dog walkers),  
 George Meredith (walkers )

### **Absent:**

Mark Garnick (mtn bike - excused)

### **Core business:**

**Quorum established: Yes**

### **Meeting notes for Aug 2017 –approved**

#### **KC Parks update: KCP 10 -15 minutes, not tonight. Lots to talk about.**

Cultural review

Still waiting to hear back from KC Roads

Parks just hired their own cultural reviewer

Kevin Brown and Don – attempting to have certain tasks exempted from review (removal of invasive species, etc.)

Crosswalk might be exempted

Juanita Drive cross-walk – How is the trail go to intersect the cross walk?

Backcountry trail should be doing the trail soon after, potentially in the next 3-4 weeks?

Electrical issues are delaying the crosswork work

Storage bins – They are now gone, and will be reseeding soon.

Tiny Trees day care - now open and assessment of trees and some removed. Some cored to determine root rot. In the event of a windstorm ahead of hours, they'll close the daycare. If it happens during school hours, they'll move out into the field and then call the parents. Rounds came from another park.

Wood chips are coming as well. Tiny Trees are more than happy to come to one of The Friends meeting if need be.

Orchard/Park update – Black berries are growing back. Waiting for the berries to drop, and then it will get sprayed. If the weather stays warm, they should be dead in a couple of weeks.

Kiosk update: Troy Lester – Maps need to have a cover (plexi-glass) and be protected (varnish), which they have. East side, would like to see it by the cedar tree by the playground. West side, intersection 51. Carpenters will build a cover, potentially similar to what's been built in St. Edwards park covering bike tools.

[Action Item: George will take a picture of the St. Eds coverings for Joe.](#)

Upcoming Volunteer Projects:

Tuesday Sept 26 – mulching around playground and Tiny Trees.

Saturday Sept 30 at Juanita Woodlands west side – uncertain as to the project, by ivy removal was what they were doing recently. Installing a sign saying the group (Joe couldn't remember name) have adopted Juanita Woodlands

Coming up in October: Environment Adventure School work party

Kirkland Little League: They have funding to replace batting cage and replace it with something larger and have a concrete floor. 3 cages instead of 2, and extra one for softball. They were told they need to stay in the space where they are. They have been invited to the next meeting, if they have something to present. If not, the next.

Baseball side parking lot asphalt replacement and restriping. Ash tree stumps will be removed. Hall of Famers monument stones will be replaced afterwards.

Large cottonwood near the cul de sac by play ground might be coming out. It's dropping large branches.

Entry gate and restrooms repaint work requests submitted

Turnpike to be installed on the west side in the southwest corner. W78-64

Backcountry crew will be replacing the bridges in OO Denny.

Jeanette: has an approved grant (King County Water Quality) to have the culvert near the beaver pond and replaced with a bridge.

Joe: Costs might be quite a bit more, since it's a wetland and will require equipment.

[Action Item: Joe will email the report he was speaking from to The Friends group](#)

### **Committee Business:**

**By Laws – Robert G** - Proposed changes to Section 9  
Changes were approved.

[Action Item:](#) Bob will send the new version to Frana (or her proxy) to be posted on KC's website.

**Fill Vacant Neighborhood Position-**

Jeanette: Recap from bylaws.

**The Friends of group approve Debbie's admittance as a representative of the Neighbors groups.**

**Discussion continued with listing of projects to prioritize for completion (project #'s from BFHT recommendation Plan, where numbered)**

- Numbering Systems for east and west sides

Some members were not in favor of having number posts at all. There was discussion about how to implement a different solution that might be less prone to vandalism.

[Action Item:](#) George will ensure this can be done and does not need cultural review, checking with Joe first. Then, replace missing signs (at locations like East 5, 6, 7, 10. This would be a trial basis before moving on to implementation on the west side.

- 19 Hall Pass

[Action Item:](#) on-site review project progress.

- Magic Log Ride (Action) Troy in process to provide recommendation of work requirements

[Action Item:](#) Troy will email Joe about getting dirt

- West of E38 – Needs to have the surface finished so it doesn't stay muddy. Currently on hold until cultural review has been completed.
- W8-22 – reroute completed.

As per Joe, in KC Parks update, Backcountry trails group will re-route part of this trail to align with the crosswalk.

- W48-49-50 – closure completed.
- New Madrone Trail

[Action item:](#) George is contact KC Park to get Backcountry trail to get this project on this to do list

- Berry patch skills line – new project. Not started. Presently there is more interest in the pump track than this.
- Orchard restoration – in work/ongoing
- New Trails – W54-66, South of 132nd Sidewinder, Playground pump track
- W47 – active project to be completed.

[Action Item:](#) Jeanette need to get some trail closure signs for closed trails.

**Next meeting**

October Oct 11 - Kenmore Library – Jeanette will Moderate