

Kittitas County Parks & Recreation District No. 1
Meeting Minutes
15:00 April 5, 2023 - Cle Elum City Hall

Commissioners Present: Keegan Fengler, Lucy Temple, Kent Verbeck.

Minutes of March 1, 2023 Meeting: Reviewed, no discussion. Motion to Approve: Keegan / Lucy. UA.

Finances: (Kent) Account balance update. Transferred funds from snowpark account to general fund to pay current county debt \$3,054.97. Current snowpark fund is \$5,239.26.

Communications:

Website:(Ira) No current update.

Facebook: (Keegan) Has been featuring our sponsors several times a week since February. Google Workspace (domain) auto renewed.

Discussion on how to “share” posts with others / other groups via either the KPRD or one’s personal FB account. **Keegan to investigate** (ongoing).

Presentations (All): Presentation was updated and suggested to wait until after May, 2023 strategic planning session.

UKC CCRA: (Gary Berndt) Met with consultants and Mark Cook from County to work with electeds (Executive Management) to determine the best path forward for creating a Public Facilities District. Two options: (1) levy for property tax; (2) sales tax (or combination of the two). Board of Commissioners can create this district by vote, and are currently discussing potential districting and terms. Mr. Berndt reported on other taxing opportunities and discussions.

Sno-Park: (Ira) Provided the letter approved at March meeting (with support letters from state parks, groomers council, and upper county recreation association) to BOCC to explore ARPA funding for snowpark updates. Included was a letter of support from state parks, groomers council, upper county recreation association. Ira met with Commissioner Osiadacz who suggested possible county lodging tax funds which would require matched funds (potentially from ARPA), and also offered that the BOCC could retain ownership of snowpark. Ira also contacted Sen. Warnick and Rep. Ybarra for the snowpark gate costs (election cost relief).

Coal Mines Trail: (Lucy) No meetings for several months, but she was able to communicate with a Coal Mines Trail Commissioner regarding the proposed trail signage project being paused.

Checkerboard Coalition: (Keegan) was not able to attend last months meeting. Waiting to see the results of the state budget to better understand next steps. Keega will miss April meeting due to travel. Hopefully Gary Berndt will be able to attend.

Nordic Trail: (Keegan) No new update.

Letterhead template: No new update.

Roslyn Ridge Mountain Bike Track Agreement (Rat Pac): (Keegan) worked with The Nature Conservancy to update the agreement and permit. Will need insurance and a better map. **Keegan will work with Nicky Pasi** of Mountains to Sound Greenway. The new permit will be a 3-year term.

Policies / Procedures: “Strategic Planning” workshop scheduled for May 3 meeting. In preparation,

Mr. Becker requested the Commissioners to consider the following:

- What new commissioners should be provided when they join (written guidelines, mission, etc.) to create continuity and coherence between commissioners.
- Review our current written statements from our website.

Each commissioner should consider:

- Why they wanted to be part of the commission
- What they thought we/it would be doing
- Their vision for what it should be doing

Election Debt: (Lucy) Ira reported to the Commissioners via a March 20 email that the Commission can develop and pass by resolution a request for a "Hardship Waiver" exempting KPRD1 for fees / costs associated with publication of the November election. This would need to be submitted to the BoCC by the end of June. **Kent will ask Ira** to draft this resolution and distribute before the June meeting for approval and submittal by June deadline.

Next meeting is May 3, 3:00.

The meeting adjourned at 4:07.