

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

March 16, 2016

7 – 8:30 pm

Location: Blanchard's office

MEETING NOTES - DRAFT

Action Items are distributed throughout text.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

In attendance:

- Organizing committee: Janice Gerrish - At Large, Bob Gerrish - Dog Walkers, Joe Przychodzen - Neighbors, Bill Blanchard – Neighbors, Gary Johnson - Dog Walkers, Mike Dierken – Walkers Mark Garnick – Mt Bike Troy Kasper – Mtn Bike. Jeanette Leach - Walkers,
- King County Parks: Mike Crandell
- Community: George Meredith
- Facilitator: Bill Blanchard
- Meeting Notes: Jeanette Leach

- Not in attendance: Nicholas Rhodes (at large)

- **Meeting business**

- A quorum was established.
- Feb minutes approved
 - **ACTION:** Jeanette will send to Frana.
- KC Parks Update – Mike Crandell

EAS Project: Replacing bridge between E42 and E43. Tread replaced with rough cut KC Parks milled thick slabs of cedar. Live edges as bumpers turned out well. Project success despite torrential down pour.

Trees down: Mike C says thanks for reporting trees down promptly with locations (intersection numbers). It helps his crew tremendously.

Cross walk across Juanita Drive: Mike Crandell met with Kirkland traffic people related to the crosswalk to connect east and west portions of Juanita drive last week. The trail on the west side will remain in the same location, the east side entrance will be relocated north so it is straight across from the west entrance. This will require some modification of the barricade, and trail rerouting. A portion may need permits from Kirkland when it enters the road easement. The group agreed on looping up at a slope rather than cutting across a damp dip. In addition, Mike C proposes to reconfigure the large rocks on the west entrance (within the park boundary) to mitigate speed approaching the cross walk.

Timing: city expects do this July/August 2016. We need a reroute within the same time frame.

ACTION: We will meet before the next meeting (April 20) to review the area and identify reroute. (Meet 6 pm near lacrosse field entrance on April 20th).

The bowl: Bob G reported unauthorized bike jump construction in the bowl (intersection 30 on the east side).



Mark G asked what was in the plan for the bowl. Jeanette said her recollection was plan was to stabilize/make safe the one jump existing at the time of finalizing the plan. Mark expressed the need to communicate with the students in the area about the issue and involve them in construction of a properly designed jump. *(Note while writing minutes: JL checked plan and it says "fix jumps" on map. No mention found in the text of the plan.)* In addition, concerns were expressed about decline of tree health in the bowl area, especially where borrow pits have been dug around the roots so support continuing education to stop borrow pits.

Slab of maple by intersection W9/10: Janice inquired whether this would make a good bench if relocated. Mike C felt it was too rotten, the good wood has been removed.

April 9: Juanita Woodlands work party for invasive plants overrunning young trees (9 am at 76th/118th).

Capital projects:

Repair fence field 1.

Put request to replace bleachers in budget.

2. Organizing Committee Operations

- **Annual Meeting: Actions**

Troy will identify and reserve a location (group agreed for it to be last week April or first week May)
Joe will edit agenda and send it out.

Some agenda input:

What the Friends group does?

Why are we here?

Who are your reps?

Break into interest groups **before** discussing open position.

Bill B volunteered to MC

Jeanette volunteered to coordinate photos for slideshow running in background (send her photos)

Refreshments: Joe P

Bill B volunteered to write and distribute publicity meeting the 30 d notice (i.e. by March 28th!)

3. Trail Project Planning and Implementation

- **Orchard Restoration Project**

Janice reports good progress and a portion of the area is ready for planting clover. More work is needed for more blackberry roots.

ACTION: Mike C will obtain clover seed for planting when soil is warmer but still moist.



- **Closing W48/49/50:** George proposes March 19 for this project to take advantage of the tail end of the transplanting season for ferns. Meeting 9:30 am at location. Bring shovel and gloves.

ACTION: KC Parks to install signs alerting users to the planned activity.

- **Opening new trail (W47 to just north of current 50):** Joe P has had preliminary flagging walk through with George and Jeanette.

ACTION: Joe P will propose a date/time for the group walk through with advanced notice as defined by implementation plan.

- Mike Dierken updated the group on the request to relocate the trail from 72nd down to O.O.Denny so that it does not cut across private land. While this is not Big Finn, a connection to

O.O.Denny was a common request in the initial meetings for the Big Finn trails planning process.
ACTION: Mike D to distribute communications to group.

4. Next Meetings

- **April 20** Friends of Big Finn Hill trails:
 - 6:00 pm meet by lacrosse field for viewing Juanita drive crosswalk trail reroute possibilities
 - 7:00 pm meet at Inglewood P church on 141st. Primary item is to ensure ready for Annual meeting.

April 27: Friends of Big Finn Trails annual meeting at Finn Hill Middle School commons 7 pm

Facilitator and note taker not identified for next meeting