

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

April 20, 2016

7 – 8:30 pm

Location: Presbyterian Church

MEETING NOTES - DRAFT

Action Items are distributed throughout text.

- **Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.**

In attendance:

- Organizing committee: Janice Gerrish - At Large, Bob Gerrish - Dog Walkers, Bill Blanchard – Neighbors, Gary Johnson - Dog Walkers, Aaron Lefohn (proxy for Mike Dierken) – Walkers Mark Garnick – Mt Bike, Jeanette Leach - Walkers, Nicholas Rhodes - At Large
- King County Parks: Mike Crandell/Frana Milan
- Community: George Meredith, Mel Soares
- Facilitator: Nicholas Rhodes
- Meeting Notes: Gary Johnson

Pre-Meeting cross-walk tour (6pm)

Most of the group met early at Big Finn Hill Park to walk thru and assess the proposed cross-walk upgrade across Juanita drive, for safely linking park users between the East and West sections of the park. Multiple access and egress options were observed and discussed for various crossing locations among the group. Mike shared his discussion with Kirkland officials and that they have yet to make any definitive plans on locating the cross walk but that before the next committee meeting would follow-up and provide the group with the latest feedback.

The group discussed various trail re-route options on both the east and west sides but is unable to recommend more specific suggestions until a cross-walk location is determined by the city. However, as a general principal the group expressed a goal to minimize the loss of trail any re-route would impact. This primarily pertains to the east side of the park.

Committee Meeting business

- A quorum was established.
- March minutes approved

King Co. Park Update - Mike Crandall

- Mike shared he will be purchasing clover and wildflower seed for planting in the restored section of the Orchard project.
- Mike Confirmed:
 - KC Parks ready to pay invoice for community meeting facility
 - 10 yards of dirt is available for future trail projects

Annual Meeting

Confirmed annual meeting was a "go" for 4/21; communication was sent by Bill and Accomplishments and presentation compiled by Jeanette.

June 3rd Eddie Bauer Project: Volunteers from Eddie Bauer will be assigned two projects in the park. 1) Initial brush clearing of the new trail - Hall's Pass and 2) trail maintenance (mud reduction) on the trail north of NE138 Street between W4 and W1. The exact trail markings for Hall Pass are still under review, led by Troy and Mark to finalize details and approval with KC Parks.

Reviewed Joe P's trail project plan: The committee along with King Co. approved Joe's project plan with only minimal modifications on feature C. All members agreed that Joe's proposed project plan document was comprehensive and well documented and should serve as the standard outline for future projects requiring approval by the committee.

Action/next step: Joe to schedule work party

Orchard update: Area is ready for clover seeding. Suggestion of next Saturday (4/23) as possible date for spreading; Janice to send email for availability and volunteers.

Request was made for placing a bench in the orchard area. Mike supported the idea and will look for materials.

Rock Garden sign: Mike approved the suggestion to put up a sign to mark the area.

Hazardous Jump in area E30: Mike confirmed KC Parks removed the jump and suggested a future project to review the Bowl area and build approved features. Further input from the committee suggested integrating the community into the effort too. Specifically, local kids to support design and empower ownership of the park trails and features. Signage could be put up in Park kiosks to communicate effort and engage youth, with project timing for a early summer kick-off to execute.

Future Meeting Dates: Troy offered to send a doodle poll to committee members for meeting dates thru summer

Next Meeting - TBD

Proposed Agenda Topics

- Review and approve April minutes
- Welcome new Committee members voted in during Annual meeting
- Annual Meeting debrief
- Eddie Bauer volunteer project - Project leads and preparation status
- Clarity on "bike Features" on a multi-use trail

Facilitator and note taker not identified for next meeting