

North Kitsap Trails Association

Board of Directors Regular Meeting/Teleconference

September 24, 2020

Directors on Teleconference: Amy Sutton, Linda Berry-Maraist, Evan Stoll, Doug Maraist, Don Willott, Caroline Perisho, and Patsy Bryan

Directors Absent: John Kuntz, Duke Bourgeois, Deborah Weinmann
Recording Secretary: Doug Maraist

Attending Guest: Lynn Shorn, PGFHP Steward

A. Business:

1. Call to Order - Agenda Review

The Board of Directors meeting of the North Kitsap Trails Association was convened at 4:30 P.M. on September 24, 2020. Due to the State/County COVID-19 rules on social distancing, this meeting is being held via ZOOM teleconferencing services.

2. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: June 2020 board meeting minutes reviewed. Linda Berry-Maraist moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Caroline Perisho.

Approved Unanimously

3. Treasurer's Report:

No update by Treasurer. Amy Sutton discussed recent account activity. Reported Balance of \$45,429.94, of which approx. \$20k is already allocated to project funding.

MOTION: No action was taken.

4. President's Report:

- a) Lynn Shorn (Park Steward) attended the meeting to report on the following:
 - i. Question: Status of STO route "way-finder" signage? Blade signs marking the future route were included into the REI Grant Funding request. Requested a different color than the trail name signs.
✓ **ACTION ITEM:** Doug Maraist will get with Don Willott to coordinate the STO logo & final artwork to prep for printing the vinyl stickers. Discussed presentation to Park's Commissioners.
 - ii. Question: Status of STO route "promotional" campaign? Presented the Board with graphic artist Brian Kilpatrick's (dba: *AtomicFUZE*) proposal valued at \$4,500. Discussed Steward's desire for NKTA to help in funding this effort. See additional info & recorded **Board Action** on this below.
 - iii. Ride Park Update: Permits have been delayed again. WA State DOE is now requiring:
 - a Storm Water Study/Evaluation due to the amount of soil being disturbed; a 30-day review.
 - County officials are coordinating issues with a phased plan for parking.
 - State is also requesting the County to provide an IDP (Inordinate Discovery Plan) for potential historic & cultural artifacts being uncovered.
- b) GPC Letter of Support: NKTA to endorse Great Peninsula Conservancy's efforts on a Community Forest Grant Acquisition.

MOTION: Linda Berry-Maraist moved for Amy Sutton and Evan Stoll to write a letter of support from the Board in support of GPC's efforts to obtain this Community Forest acquisition.

Seconded by Doug Maraist.

Approved Unanimously

B. Reports - Committees/Projects/Updates

1. Heritage Park Updates:

- a) **Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park (PGFHP):** Trails are open for public access again.
 - i. **REI Grant:** See Vice-President's Report for update.
 - ii. **Ride Park - Kitsap PFD Funding Update:** See President's Report on Ride Park update.
 - iii. **Trail Improvements/Repairs:** Upcoming NKTA Sponsored Work Party(s) are still canceled.
 - iv. **PGFHP Trail Map:** No update.
- b) **North Kitsap Heritage Park (NKHP):**
 - i. Evan Stoll will attend the Stewards next meeting for their discussions on E-bikes on 29th.

2. Vice-President's & Committee Reports:

- a) **Don Willott – VP Update:**
 - i. **STO Trail Signage:** See President's Report on Ride Park update.
 - ii. **STO PSRC Funding:** See President's Report on Ride Park update.
 - i. **STO - Bainbridge Parks Foundation:**
 - a. Attended meetings to discuss maintenance guidelines & planning for BI's "**Scenic & Rural Highway Planting Restoration Plan**" along the SR 305 corridor for the next possible STO extension between High School Road and Madison Ave. Fire Station.
 - b. They are coordinating easement for the STO trail along the SR 305 corridor.
 - ii. **Rails-to-Trails Conservancy:** No Update.
 - iii. **"LEAFLINE" - Central Puget Sound Regional Trail Coalition:**
 - a. Will launch their promotional video to broaden & promote regional recognition on Sept. 30th. These and other efforts are coordinating trail connectivity between 4 counties.
- b) **Evan Stoll – VP Update:**
 - i. **REI Grant Proposal –** No Update.
- c) **STO Updates – Misc.**
 - i. **STO SR Hwy. 305 Update:**
 - a. Johnson Way Roundabout: No update
 - ii. **"Friends of the STO" Community Committee:**
 - a. Doug Maraist noted that the community sub-committee will be meeting in October, TBD.
 - iii. **STO Promotions and Publicity:**
 - a. Promotional photography proposal by graphic artist Brian Kilpatrick was discussed by the Board. Brian has an opportunity in the coming weeks to fly in an airplane, pending weather conditions. The Board's preference was to spend the money on aerial photography of the whole STO route from the ferries to the Hood Canal Bridge, using all the recognizable backdrops like the ferries, Seattle/Puget Sound, Hood & Agate Pass bridges, etc. along with the PGFHP park. Board will consider approx. 20 photos for \$1,000.00.

MOTION: Linda Berry-Maraist moved for NKTA to spend up to \$1,000.00 for approx. 20 aerial photographs by Brian Kilpatrick's (dba: *AtomicFUZE*) for the upcoming & future STO promotions. Seconded by Caroline Perisho.

Approved Unanimously
- d) **Kitsap County Parks Commission:**
 - i. **Linda Berry-Maraist** reported that the Kitsap County Park Commission voted unanimously to allow a group of "Tiny Houses" to be constructed by Church Groups and installed in a south county park that has been closed. Park has a group kitchen and restrooms.

3. **Peninsula Water Trails:** No update.
4. **K.C. Non-Motorized Committee Meeting:** No update.
5. **NKTA Promotions & Communications:**
 - a) **NKTA's new WIX Website:** Evan Stoll will launch the final version of NKTA's new WIX website.
 - b) **NKTA's brochure** and NKTA's Operations Manual - No update.
6. **New Business:**
 - a) See Committee Reports on new business.
 - b) **North Kitsap Trails Association Board Mtg.:** Next regular meeting will be on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 4:30 ---**LOCATION TBD.**
MOTION: Doug Maraist moved to adjourn the meeting.
Seconded by Linda Berry-Maraist.
Approved Unanimously.
Meeting Adjourned at 6:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Maraist, NKTA Board Member