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

**Feb 19, 2015
7 – 8:30 pm**

**Inglewood Presbyterian Church
7718 NE 141 St, Kirkland**

MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED

Action Items

Topic	Who
1. Impromptu work party, Sun Feb 22	ALL
2. Distribute Grant's Eagle Scout project proposal to cmte	Frana

Next Meeting

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March agenda items identified at Feb mtg:

- a. Organizing committee operations: defining leadership roles and responsibilities
- b. Continue discussion of maintenance standards, improving communications between FBFHT and KCP, identifying opportunities to do work

1. Meeting was called to order (7:05 pm) and introductions made

In attendance:

Organizing committee: Janice Gerrish, Nick Rhodes, Bob Gerrish, Bill Blanchard, Joe Przychodzen, Jeannette Leach, Troy Kasper, Mike Dierkan, Mark Garnick (represented by proxy Aaron Lafohn)

King County Parks: Mike Crandell, Frana Milan

Community: George Meredith, Jill Bartlett, Grant Heisey (Eagle Scout candidate)

2. Meeting business

- a. A quorum was established.
- b. The group reviewed the agenda and ground rules. No changes were made to agenda. Upon Aaron's suggestion, Frana added "Assume best intent" to ground rules.
- c. The committee voted to approve the meeting minutes from the Jan meeting.
- d. Updates / Info sharing for the good of the order...

From MIKE:

- o Lacrosse is having their jamboree on Feb 28.
- o Little league starts back up in March (bullpen upgrades are in progress)

- The restrooms that had fire damage will be ready to open back up March 1
- Parks will have a full-time Parks Specialist II job opportunity opening up soon

From GEORGE:

- c. Crosswalk at 138th is being upgraded

From BOB:

- d. City is upgrading and rebuilding storm drains

From JEANNETTE:

- e. In response to a question about the Juanita Dr crossing improvements near the park: they are more extensive than run-of-the-mill crossings. City has \$50,000 set aside, but still searching for additional funding for the ~\$100,000 project. Existing funds won't expire. Jeannette is tracking this issue through her involvement with FHNA.

3. Trail Project Planning and Implementation

- a. Eagle Scout Project proposal: See attached (submitted by Grant Heisey, Eagle Scout candidate)
 - A motion to approve the concept of Grant's proposal was made and approved by the cmte.
 - Next step in the process is for Grant to get approval for his project from his Scout Master. Then he can start working with Mike and the cmte on the details.
 - Timing is likely March – May; Must be coordinated with the work Mike is queuing up for Backcountry Trails Crew.
- b. Trails plan project status list: See the Google doc for updates, suggestions and changes.

UPDATES:

- Mike will have some of the Backcountry Trails crew's time this spring, is planning for them to focus on west of E38 and the turnpike on W59-60 (going with turnpike, not a boardwalk per the recommendation of the BCTC), as well as the E42-43 area. Mike will give the cmte a week's advance notice of when the BCTC is scheduled, as there may be vol work opportunities.
- Jeannette and George volunteered to get started on installing the trail intersection signs, starting with the main lines to get a feel for how to do the installs and then seek wider involvement on they get it down to a science.

FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

- Trail etiquette signage
 - Yield signs / directional signs (and/or consideration of establishing some one-way trails)
- c. Other Items
 - Impromptu work party to plant ferns to better close W24-25 for the cmte, Sun, Feb 22 at 12:30 pm
 - Mike discussed a material that he would like to test out in the park as an alternative to gravel; needs to get a hold of some first, stay tuned.

4. Organizing Committee Operations

- a. FBFHT structure: defining leadership roles and responsibilities – the cmte ran out of time so this agenda item was bumped to the next meeting.

5. Next Meetings

These meetings will be 7 – 8:30 pm at the Inglewood Presbyterian Church, 7718 NE 141st St, Kirkland

- a. Thurs, March 19

b. Thurs, April 23