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

**April 23, 2015  
 7 – 8:30 pm**

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Action Items**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Who</b>
1. By-laws adjustments and re-send to group	Mike D
2. Review by-laws 'flagged items' for next meeting and be ready to discuss in further detail	All
3. Check for room space at the church for May/June	Frana
4. Add John Turner to FBFHT org cmte Google group	Mark

**Next Meeting**

Thursday, May 21  
 7 – 8:30 pm  
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May agenda items identified at April mtg:

- a. Organizing committee operations: By-laws 'flagged items'
- b. Trail project planning and implementation

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

In attendance:

Organizing committee: Janice Gerrish, Bob Gerrish, Bill Blanchard, Joe Przychodzen, Jeanette Leach (Represented by George Meredith as proxy), Troy Kasper, Mike Dierkan, Mark Garnick, Gary Johnson

King County Parks: Mike Crandell, Frana Milan

Community: Don Clark, Jill Bartlett

**2. Meeting business**

- a. A quorum was established.
- b. The group reviewed the agenda and ground rules. No changes were made.
- c. The committee voted to approve the meeting minutes from the March meeting.
- d. Updates / Info sharing for the good of the order...

From MIKE:

- Mike’s crew is finally going to be able to fill the vacant FTE, whoot! The crew has been down a person for over a year.
- The volunteer event (Neil’s) in the SW corner will be on Sunday May 17. The work will focus on using dips to address water problems.
- It’s baseball season – Little League is ramping up so the park will be hopping! New scoreboards will be installed soon.

From BILL:

- The Finn Hill neighborhood-wide garage sale will be on Sat, March 25. A map of locations is on FHNA website.

From MIKE D:

- Mike has started a website for the neighborhood’s parks and trails and is looking for volunteers to help with content and other tasks. Check out: <http://parktrails.org/>

### 3. Organizing Committee Operations

- a. FBFHT structure: defining leadership roles and responsibilities
  - Per the original meeting creating the FBFHT organizing committee, members agreed to a one-year commitment, which technically will be up this June. Since the org cmte hasn’t come to full agreement on the future operating/governance structure for FBFHT, the group agreed to stay on a few months longer to hash out those details and to start planting seeds about queuing up potential new organizing cmte representatives. For now, the group will continue to operate under the same structure.
  - Both Frana and Mike will be absent from the May meeting, so no time like the present to start easing over leadership to the organizing committee. Bill agreed to facilitate the May meeting and we’ll ask Nick to be notetaker.
- b. FBFHT by-laws
  - Since the March meeting, Mike D took a crack at refining the by-laws document. The group walked through the document to identify which sections/issues they all could agree upon and which needed more development/discussion.
  - Mike D will send out a revised version of the by-laws, making tweaks as agreed upon. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sXwT9ZK8VOdwTAUVIs4CM1fs9iHYnYAGNGLc4E8nXOM/edit?pli=1>
  - Need to add:
    - Ability to name proxies
    - Clarify definitions for specific terms (org cmte vs. “member” vs. exec cmte; annual meeting vs. regular meeting vs special meeting)
  - At the May meeting, the group will start to tackle the sections that need more discussion, which include:
    - Membership
    - Meetings and notices
    - Exec cmte:
      - a. Election of exec cmte and officers
      - b. Resignation and termination
      - c. Terms
      - d. Duties
      - e. Voting
      - f. Vacancies
    - Define what are the different types of “majority votes”

#### 4. Trail Project Planning and Implementation

- a. Eagle Scout project (Grant Heisey, Eagle Scout candidate)
  - Grant has gotten started on the projects he proposed (and the cmte and Parks agreed to) as his Eagle Scout project.
  - The rocks were perfect, but since there was no gator, there are still rocks to move
  - There's work still to be done...adjustments once things settle and replanting
  - Approx 20 people participated
  - Grant will coordinate another work party soon to complete the rock garden and finish jumpline area
- b. Backcountry Trails Crew work
  - Worked at Juanita Woodlands to repair damage from unauthorized trails there (KCSO is on watch, think they have identified the responsible person)
  - For the project east of the beaver pond, the trails crew used small gravel "dust"
  - There has generally been positive feedback and it seems like there's been good progress on Phase I projects
- c. Trail Markers
  - Jeanette and George have been working on the markers and trying to get a system down pat for assembly.
  - July 9 work party: Microsoft interns. The focus will trail marker sign installation on the eastside of the park – Jeanette and George will be marking locations between now and July
  - Overall trail map – KC Parks is still working on this...it will be on wood using the laser router. Coming soon, hopefully by July.
  - There was some discussion among the group about how many markers are enough and concerns about 'sign pollution'. Orientation within the trail system is an ongoing issue and trail wayfinding was called out specifically in the plan. Installing the trail markers will be an art more so than a science, so this process will be iterative – adjustments can always be made later.
- d. Future potential projects
  - Need to revisit Plan's project list and identify the next projects to tackle.
  - Some suggestions:
    - Wet area near W62 (addressing wet areas is an ongoing thing!)
    - Installing other types of plants / more habitat restoration type work (ex: edge of the beaver pond)

#### 5. Next Meeting

According to the Doodle poll that Troy sent out, the best available times for upcoming meetings are:

- Thurs, May 21
- Weds, June 24
- July is still up in the air...looked like it could be the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>, but decide later when people have a better hold on their summer plans
- Frana will check with the church to see if the space will be available for May and June.