

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

**Nov 18 , 2015**

**7 – 8:30 pm**

**Presbyterian Church  
7718 NE 141st St, Kirkland, WA 98034**

**MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Who</b>
Review and approve meeting minutes from Oct 21st meeting	Group
King County Park update 1. General 2. Scout project review 3. Beaver pond update	Mike
Annual meeting progress and update	Joe P
Feedback on apple orchard work party	Janice
Status of future trail projects: what,when, who	Group
Facilitate next meeting	Nick
Notes at next meeting	Nick

- **Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.**

In attendance:

- Organizing committee: Bill Blanchard - Neighbors, Janice Gerrish - At Large, Bob Gerrish - Dog Walkers, Joe Przychodzen - Neighbors, Troy Kasper - Bikers Gary Johnson - Dog Walkers, Mike Dierken - Walkers, Mark Garnick - Bikers, George Meredith - Walkers
- King County Parks: Mike Crandall/Frana Milan
- Community: None
- Facilitator: Gary Johnson
- Meeting Notes: Gary Johnson
- Not in attendance: Jeanette Leach – Walkers (notice provided in advance and proxy provided) , Nicholas Rhodes - At Large (notice provided - storm recovery)
- **Meeting business**
  - A quorum was established.
  - October minutes approved with edits already on google.docs **ACTION**: Frana to post to King Co site
  - KC Parks Update – Mike Crandell
    - General – Mike C noted the restrooms have now been shut down for winter. Spring re-opening anticipated in March, weather depending.
    - Scout Project - Mike C confirmed having signed off on a successful project for Grant after a long discussion with him about what was learned during the project. During this discussion the group surfaced a potential drainage issue that was created or exacerbated during the Scout project along the bike trail.

Some disagreement was noted as to the extent of the issue within the group and is looking for Mike to assess and provide his opinion at next month's meeting.

- Beaver pond - Completed planting of willows sticks and are taking hold...all looks good.
- Misc - Felled and leaning trees against wires along 72nd Ave scheduled for removal by contractor over next couple of weeks.

- **Annual Meeting progress and update**

- Organizing committee scheduled to meet Monday, Dec. 14th at Nine Yards Brew Pub(9Y), Kenmore, 7-8:30PM
- All committee members are welcome to participate.
- Meeting feedback to be provided at Dec. meeting

- **Action: Joe to send confirmation email and invite**

- **Apple Orchard Work Party Update**

- Successful work party of 5 hardy participants met during a rainy Saturday clearing blackberry growth and rescuing tree limbs.
- As a reward for the group's efforts they uncovered loads of additional garbage, anticipated to be taken out some time later in the Spring.
- As a true reward of their efforts Jeanette shared they met a park historian walking thru the park sharing details of BFH and other park's local history. Jeanette suggested that once clean-up efforts progress to a point of opening the space we might recognize the area with a commemorate plaque recognizing its local historical significance.
- The need for extensive pruning on the trees was noted and Mike D offered his expertise and offered to train any individuals interested in the proper techniques. Mike C also offered some King Co resources for pruning.
- **Action: Mike D to send email on pruning training at a time place and place of his convenience to group.**
- Access to the apple orchard was discussed and Mike C suggested having multiple access points along the trail perimeter
- A tentative plan was set to have the next work party on Sat, Dec 12th.
- **Action: Janice to send confirming email to the group and FBH**

- **Trail Projects Update –**

- Nearly finished with phase 1. Group agreed to resurrect copies of the plan for deeper review at the Dec meeting.
- As part of finishing phase I Mark and Troy noted that further planning to finish work on Hall Pass was underway in addition to necessary work to complete jumps in the clearing and entrance to the magic log ride.
- It was noted that winter season is in general a good trail building time, but Mike C noted the County is out of budget for material.

- No members had copies of the trail plan for reference so further discussion was deferred to the Dec meeting.

## 1. Next Meetings

- Next Meeting: Dec 16th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Inglewood Presbyterian. Church Choir Room  
**Nicholas Rhodes to facilitate.**
- Proposed topics:
  - Trail Plan - general review to identify remaining phase 1 projects and phase 2 priorities
  - Park update on drainage issue surface during Nov meeting
  - Trail intersection markers
  - West side markers- when, where, what have we learned
  - Annual Meeting update