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### AGENDA

#### **YELM PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, February 8, 2021 at 9:00 AM

LOCATION: Virtual meeting using Zoom

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**  
**Board Members:** Sandi Hanson, Chairperson; Michael Malek, Sooze Fitsik, Anne Wahrmund, and Jesse Kellems.  
**Staff:** Cody Colt, PW Director; Patrick Hughes, Project Manager; Becky Jackson, Admin. Asst.
3. **Approval of minutes** – Meeting Notes from January 11, 2021
4. **Thurston County Conservation Futures Ranking Committee – Update:**  
Michael Malek, Anne Wahrmund
5. **Christmas in the Park Subcommittee Report: Update**  
Michael Malek
6. **Park Updates:** Pat Hughes
  - Dog Park
  - Yelm City Park
    - Future Plans for the Park (Veterans Memorial)
    - Community Garden
  - Longmire Park
  - Cochrane Memorial Park
  - Trails
  - Mill Road
  - Skate Park
7. **Parks Committee Updates:**
8. **Other:**
  - YPAC Vacancies
9. **Adjourn:**

#### **Next YPAC Meeting:**

**THE NEXT YPAC MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, March 8, 2021 at 9:00am**  
YELM PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM, 901 RHOTON RD, YELM WA or via Zoom



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### ***YELM PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES***

Monday, January 11, 2021 at 9:00 AM

LOCATION: Virtual meeting using Zoom

1. **Call to Order at 9:02**

2. **Roll Call**

**Board Members present:** Sandi Hanson, Anne Wahrmund

**Board Members not present:** Sooze Fiske, Michael Malek, Jesse Kellems

**Staff:** Cody Colt, PW Director; Patrick Hughes, Project Manager; Becky Jackson, Admin. Asst.

3. **Approval of minutes** – Sandi Hanson moved to approve the January 11, 2021 meeting minutes. Stand approved. The minutes from January 11, 2021 were approved.

4. **Thurston County Conservation Futures Ranking Committee – Update:**

Michael Malek – No new updates. Anne Wahrmund – Nothing new on the trail project but it is one of the top projects on the list for the State Legislature. Governor is calling together the legislature but not sure what the priorities are, setting the budget or securing Capitol. Everything is prepared on our end. Anne questioned if RCO is going to be funded to be able to support the projects because there may be higher priorities such as keeping people safe, feeding people and economy. Should know more by February.

5. **Christmas in the Park Subcommittee Report: Update**

Sandi Hanson - Follow-up meeting January 11, 2021 to talk about all the activities. Will report back at the next meeting.

6. **Park Updates:**

Pat Hughes – Update on the parks

- **Dog Park** –  
Cody Colt - Made offer on property which was accepted. Council gave us their blessing to move forward with drafting up the actual council action to get the property and will officially be approving it on January 26, 2021. It will consist of a future road and possible dog park. Property was listed at \$250,000, we got it for \$150,000.
- **Cochrane Memorial Park** –We will be doing some significant modifications both this winter and next. Received cost estimates for this winter's improvements which are a little high but what is expected. Considering that and that bids for other projects are coming in low, it is encouraging and the thought is to keep moving forward. This winter's improvements include replacing the pedestrian bridge, cleaning out pond #1, cleaning up the landscaping near the inflow fountain, and installing prefabricated restrooms. We will be required to prepare the foundation pad and stub the utilities. Plans have been reviewed to the 90% stage. They have been review and comments made to them. Very close to putting this out for bid for construction. Skillings has targeted the end of January for bidding. We are on track.

- Yelm Prairie Line Trail Project – Anne touched on this above.
- Mill Road – 100% complete.
- Community Garden –  
Cody Colt – Planter boxes will be installed this weekend. Plants will be added within the next couple of months and will be operational by spring. Will then continue with upgrades. Concept sketch was shared and discussed.
- Bike/Pump Park – Put off until 2023 budget but could be moved back
- Longmire Park – No new updates. Anne Wahrmund commented on how nice the drain field approach and the grass looks.
- Skate Park –
- Yelm City Park/Splash Park –  
Anne Wahrmund – Anne looked in to providing shade for the Splash Park. One option is inverted umbrella's that are on concrete stands and are removable for the winter. Pat also mentioned sail shades.  
Cody Colt – Any ideas of Veterans Memorial's for the park, send photos. Derek McCoy would like to participate and connect with local Veterans to help. Anne suggested a few other Veterans that would like to be involved. We are working with JBLA and the local VA group.

7. **Other:**

- YPAC Vacancies – We still have vacancies. Jesse Kellems has been approved by Council. Reach out to others.

8. **Adjourn:** 9:21am

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