



**Spokane County**

PARKS, RECREATION AND GOLF  
Doug Chase, Director

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## MEETING MINUTES

### SPOKANE COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 8:00 AM

Latah Creek Golf Course  
2210 E. Hangman Valley Rd.

**Present:** David Schaub, Mel Fowler, Eric Sawyer, Eric Johnson, Darin Klundt (guest)

**Not Present:** Tom Mackenzie, Doug Kelley, Doug Chase

**Staff:** Paul Knowles, Jamie Kelly, Aysha Al-Hafian, Sean Lanphere, Steve Nelke

#### **I. Call Meeting to Order (Chair, Dave Schaub) 8:03 am**

##### **A.** Additions to the Agenda

None

##### **B.** Review and consider PAC minutes from May 11, 2022 meeting

Motion to approve: Mr. Sawyer. Seconded by Ms. Fowler. Motion unanimously approved.

#### **II. New Latah Creek Interpretive Sign Presentation (20-25 min):**

**Presenter:** DARIN KLUNDT, PRESIDENT | CHIEF CREATIVE OFFICER of KLUNDT | HOSMER

A top marketing agency with decades of experience located in Spokane Washington.

Mr. Knowles introduced Darin Klundt, the Chief Creative Officer of Klundt | Hosmer. Back in 2020, Hangman Valley Golf Course was renamed to Latah Creek Golf Course. While many people have approved and supported the name change, there are some who wanted the name to stay in order to memorialize what happened here. Mr. Knowles stated that there was an opportunity here when the entrance engraved boulders were replaced and the old one was relocated near the ADA ramp. The interpretative sign would be installed next to the boulder to explain the name's significance / place in history.

Mr. Klundt began by stating that the author of the sign, Rick Hosmer, was unable to attend this meeting to present the sign. Mr. Hosmer reached out to the Spokane Tribe to share the content that he had written, and they were able to look it over and add it. They added so much that smaller images had to be used, however it reads very well. It stands on its own as a cool historical story of the whole area and how it became to be.

The idea of "Always Remember" refers to the Spokane Tribe's wishes to not forget the events that happened here. The entire story talks about how Qualchan was lured in by Col. George Wright, and how they captured and hung Qualchan, along with several others. There is a timeline that walks you through what happened in the 1850s and discusses the wars that occurred. Klundt | Hosmer is waiting to see if the Spokane Tribe would like to have their logo added to the sign.

Mr. Schaub stated that the sign is great. It is pleasing to see that the county decided to do something like this with the complexity around the entire name change.

Mr. Sawyer said that in the Golf Advisory Committee (GAC), there was a lot of conversation on which image would be best to use. The chosen one of Whis-Talks was the better of the two and works well with the story.

Mr. Schaub thanked Mr. Klundt for his time and presentation and mentioned that the PAC members are now better informed to explain the name change and the history of the area to the community.

Mr. Sawyer asked if the sign could be added to the website too. Mr. Knowles responded that a pdf version of the sign could be added to the website.

### **III. Member's Report: (Chair, Dave Schaub):**

Park Advisory Committee Members are encouraged to provide a brief report.

Mr. Sawyer asked how and if the rain is affecting the trails. Mr. Knowles responded that most trails that have been made in the last 12 years are built to handle rain and runoff. However, some of the newer trails do get effected.

Mr. Schaub mentioned that he was out at Glenrose and there were some channels forming on some new and old trails, but nothing catastrophic. He followed up by asking if there was a tree thinning project occurring at the Flying L.

Mr. Knowles responded that Avista is replacing three poles for transmission lines that run through the Flying L. The project was not intended to be as impactful as it was, but they have a landscape company on board and are prepared to repair and restore any damages that may have been caused during this time.

### **IV. Latah Creek Golf Course Parking Lot Reconstruction (10 min) (Jamie Kelly):**

Mr. Kelly presented [the sign](#) created to inform the public of this upcoming project. It gives a brief rundown on what the project is, when it will happen, and the timeline. Mr. Kelly explained that he will be working with Mr. Lanphere for improvements on Phase one. Phase One is expected to last four weeks, while Phase Two should last two weeks, making the project a six-week operation.

Mr. Kelly mentioned that due to the steep topography, a shuttle is being considered to help patrons from their car to the course. Mr. Schaub asked what the shuttle might be. Mr. Kelly replied that it is still being discussed. It may be a golf cart that takes you to and from, or it may be something else.

The invitation to bid went out on June 1, and the first walkthrough is scheduled for today, June 8. Bids will be due June 22 and the company will be giving 30 working days. Substantial completion is required before September 15 and final completion is slated for September 30.

Mr. Schaub asked if the project was only paving, or if any grading was to be done. Mr. Kelly replied that there will be no grading, but there cannot just be an overlay of pavement. They will have to do a process where the contractor comes in and pulverizes the current base. Then that will be mixed with water and concrete and poured down. Next is a pre-level followed by layers of asphalt.

Mr. Schaub asked if Mr. Kelly needed the PAC to take action on any for this project. Mr. Kelly said this is more informational. The project is to be done with as little disruption the course's operations as possible. There are also wayfinding signs that are to be made to help direct people.

Mr. Sawyer asked if there are any tournaments scheduled during the six-week period. Mr. Nelke responded that there will be one or two.

**V. Director's Report: (*Doug Chase*):**

Tour of the Facility.

**VI. Written Department Update: (Misc. 0-15 minutes) Time allotted for Questions/Clarification Advisory Committee Members may have associated with the “written departmental update”.**

No Questions

**VII. Tour of Improvements at the Clubhouse, ADA Ramp and More.**

Meeting Adjourned 8:59 am

**Next Regular Meeting:** September 14, 2022; Location: 404 N Havana, contingent upon COVID-19 sanctions.

***Purpose:** The purpose of the Parks Advisory Committee, (PAC) referred to, as the “Park Board” is to make recommendations to and advise the Parks and Recreation Director on matters concerning the operation and maintenance of the Spokane County park system.*

***Spokane County Parks and Recreation Mission Statement***

*“The mission of the Parks, Recreation and Golf Department is to enhance the general quality of life for the residents of Spokane County by providing the highest quality and quantity of parks, recreation, open space, and related cultural opportunities given the available resources.”*

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