



Notes: Equestrian Advisory Group Meeting: December 14, 2009

Members Present: Cheryl Manford, Laurie Burgess, Sue Svendsen, Butch Reynolds, Heidi Holmstrom-Olsen, Kathy Cannon

Staff Present: Laurie Lebowsky, Lisa Goorjian, Jose Alvarez

Public: Sheila Reynolds, Lisa Schuchman, John Cannon, Leanna Noble

Notes:

- Regarding meeting notes from last time, Lisa Goorjian, Vancouver-Clark Parks Department, noted there was interest in a brochure on equestrian activities. She said that an intern at her agency is preparing an equestrian brochure. Sue Svendsen said that Vancouver-Clark Parks Department should include trail information at the parks. And also there should be signs at the parks to indicate who has the right-of-way on trails. Laurie Burgess asked that the Vancouver-Clark Parks Department update its website with regards to equestrian activities. Sue Svendsen suggested that the horse trails include difficulty ratings. Butch Reynolds asked Lisa to send a direct link between the parks website and the Executive Horse Council website. Laurie asked that the parks department provide information regarding horse parking.
- Lisa Goorjian gave a presentation about horse trails and amenities at the County's parks. She passed out maps from the parks department's 2006 Bike and Trail Plan. Sue Svendsen said that she would be happy to assist Lisa with writing a grant to extend or add trails for equestrians. Lisa mentioned the department is in negotiation with BPA regarding equestrian trails.
- Lisa gave an update regarding Lower Daybreak Park. Butch requested that the parking be moved "to the left." Sue Svendsen asked that loop roads be provided off to the side.

- Lisa then gave a presentation regarding Whipple Creek Park. Laurie Burgess said the parks department will need to revisit easements with property owners.
- Lisa said she would return to the group and give an update on Whipple Creek Park. Sue Svendsen suggested that the parks department develop guidelines for proper etiquette on multi-use trails. Butch mentioned that Battle Ground is looking at a trailhead to connect to the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad Trail. Laurie Burgess asked if the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad Trail would include picnic areas and water. Lisa said those amenities would be part of the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad Trail plan. Sue Svendsen asked about equestrian access to Green Mountain. Lisa said the parks department was going to prepare a plan for Green Mountain, but cannot at this time due to funding issues. Lisa said she could return to discuss Green Mountain with the group. Lisa said she would also return to follow-up on parking issues raised regarding parking near the Salmon Creek Trail. She will also come back to discuss equestrian access to the Whipple Creek Park wildlife refuge.
- The group then proceeded to discuss vision for the equestrian plan. Butch said he wants Clark County to be known as a horse community. Cheryl Manford said links should be made between the equestrian community and sustainability. She said the equestrian plan should include language on open space. Cheryl said she would include language in the vision regarding sustainability. Kathy Cannon said the vision should have a tie in to the history of Clark County. Laurie Burgess said that the vision should have a tie to the community.
- Laurie Lebowsky then discussed next meeting dates and topics. Cheryl Manford said that there should be a conversation between the Equestrian Advisory Group and developers, once a draft equestrian overlay is developed. Butch requested someone from the BIA come to a future meeting. Jose suggested that we contact Bart Phillips from CREDC and Kelly Sills from Clark County Economic Development speak to the group.
- Lisa Goorjian suggested the group speak to the owner of Green Mountain Golf Course regarding equestrian opportunities.