

**Joint Committee to Host Parks & Recreation Commission
Visit to Lummi Island
Tuesday July 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM via Zoom**

PRESENT

Terry Terry (*Parks&Rec*), Greg Hall (*LICA*), Alan Krum (*FOIL*), Lane Coury (*PDAC*), Dave Perry (*PDAC*), Chris Immer (*PDAC*). (Notes by Lane Coury.)

DISCUSSION NOTES

1. **Discuss expectations for the commission meeting** (see Background notes on page 2)
 - a. Brainstorm COVID-safe tour ... just driver plus commissioner? Shuttle? Use shared communications to give an audio tour for a caravan
 - b. Hand out a map marked up with key features – we can start with existing map for visitors
 - c. Sites to visit – need to decide best order, but this list should capture all in one place:
 - Grange
 - Chapel
 - Library
 - Post Office
 - Beach School
 - Paul Davis and the Tome
 - Curry Preserve
 - Migley Point – point out need to protect harbor seals, especially pups
 - Beach Condo Community
 - The Willows Inn
 - Sunset Beach (note parking limitations)
 - Isle Aire Community
 - Marina and boat ramp
 - Legoe Bay and reef net fishing
 - Site of Hawley Marina
 - Land owned by Lummi Nation
 - Congregational Church – Elderberries and Gathering Place
 - Cemetery
 - LIFD and Disaster Preparedness
 - Scenic Estates Community
 - Baker Preserve
 - LISECC clubhouse and docks
 - Salvation Army property – need to reach out to County Salvation Army. It is a site for shelter in place with beach access, landing zone.

- Aiston Preserve (point out Parks & Rec partnership)
show road damage to be repaired with help of P&R funds (\$40K)
 - Then over to Sunset
 - Otto Preserve
 - Back onto Nugent
 - The Islander
 - Site of Saturday Market
 - Ferry and county property
 - Library
 - Beach Store Café
 - Post Office
 - Return to Grange
 - Walk over to LI Access Park and tour potential site for public dock
 - **Point out limited shoulders and narrow roads**
- d. Supplemental materials to physical tour on land – get some good pics of island as viewed from the water
- e. Thoughts on dinner:
- Will commissioners plan a bring-your-own dinner?
- Beach Store Café will be open. Could we order ahead?
- * WE CANNOT BUY DINNER FOR COMMISSIONERS ***
- Could we make and serve dinner?
- Terry to check and confirm.

2. Outline of organizations to participate and status ([see document under "Parks & Recreation Commission"](#))

- a. Maybe generate a handout with blurbs on each organization – capture a snapshot of the broad range of resident interests and activities
- b. Handout for the commission on “Lummi Island by the Numbers” – Terry will find us a copy of the one from Birch Bay (see notes on page 3)
- c. Handout sample Tomes from July – are commissioners still receiving a copy?
- d. Begin plan to set up an area at the Grange with display tables and pictures about island life and orgs? Especially if it can be outside. Include businesses, artists, vendors

3. Next meeting July 26 at 7 PM via Zoom (during PDAC monthly meeting)

- a. Review plans and status of outstanding tasks.
- b. Develop action list outlining roles with responsibilities and anticipated due dates.

~~~ Background on Commissioners ~~~

Here are some notes gleaned from Terry's emails:

- The meetings are open to the public. There will be a public comment time. But I think it is very important to have representation from all of our Island organizations.
- Goal – get public dock added explicitly to 6 Year Plan
- *Agenda is still in DRAFT – Any other organizations want to propose a topic for the meeting?*
- At this point we will have 7 commissioners and 1 staff attending the. There may be a couple of more guests.
- *Because of the new COVID-19 restrictions the commissioners have a concern about getting in a car together to tour the island.*
- Meeting will not be virtual.
- The department has been very busy with the retirement of the director and the hiring of a new director during our busiest season.
- A wonderful positive point is that during the pandemic Parks and Trailheads had their greatest number of visitors. The Whatcom Transportation Authority was very supportive by providing **free transportation** to the Parks and Trailheads.
- The July meeting is going to be held at Hovander Park in one of the picnic shelters. This park had nearly half a million visitors in 2020 and was surpassing that number until the flooding last November. Most of the park has now reopened. But, still some work to do.
- Parks&Rec also manages senior centers

TERRY TERRY'S ADVICE TO PDAC TO RAISE VISIBILITY

Suggest using example of Birch Bay. Successful effort to build their berm with safe pedestrian walkway –

- **Council of Governments** was instrumental in getting project off the ground.
- Built awareness of seasonal visitors and impact on getting funded using “Birch Bay by the Numbers”
- Quantified tax dollars generated by visitors spending money – became a very important tool
- Provided data on demographics and illustrated voter influence
- Started to deliver the message ONE council member at a time in a structured way