

**Greenway Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2009**

Members Present: John Blethen, Scott Dorough, Eric Hirst, Glenn Merrill, Kenni Merritt, Steve Walker, Linda Grant, Rod Dean, Jim Zander

Members absent: Dan Remsen (excused), Damon Gray (excused)

Board Liaisons Present: Jim McCabe, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board liaison

Staff Present: Tim Wahl, Leslie Bryson, Heather Michael

Guests Attending: Cheryl Christian, Adrienne Lederer, Julie Guy

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion made and carried unanimously to approve the February 19, 2009 meeting minutes as submitted.

Agenda Review: Accepted as written.

Public Comment Period: Cheryl Christian, a resident of Chuckanut Village, was representing community members who are in favor of maintaining public water access to the Chuckanut Bay beachfront at the end of Fairhaven Avenue. She presented a petition from fellow community members supporting consideration of other options related to the Chuckanut Marsh Restoration project. Ms. Christian proposed that the Frost property could be considered by Greenways as an alternative to the loss of public parking on Chuckanut Bay. GAC members expressed agreement that public access including parking, needs to be maintained or relocated. Adrienne Lederer, attending as a guest from Guide Meridian/Cordata Neighborhood, presented a list of properties in the Guide Meridian and Cordata area for consideration by the GAC.

Old Business: Scott Dorough said he was concerned about the stalemate with City Council due to the proposed Chuckanut Ridge Development and the delayed EIS. Mr. Dorough said the stalemate is impeding other Southside GAC property acquisitions from moving ahead since the Greenway Strategic Plan for the southside has not yet been approved by Council. Mr. Dorough proposed that the GAC craft a letter to be presented to the City Council and/or the Mayor to encourage a decision regarding Chuckanut Ridge and to reemphasize potential Southside property acquisitions for consideration by City Council. A draft of the letter will be written by Scott Dorough and/or Eric Hirst and Linda Grant and be submitted for review by the GAC at the May 21st meeting.

New Business: Leslie Bryson submitted copies of the Greenway Development Projects Status Report and the Greenway 3 Levy Allocation & Expenditures report for the GAC to make recommendations for property acquisition and project development allocations for the for 2010 budget. Ms. Bryson said that the department budget would likely be finalized in June.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Monthly Walk: The monthly walk to look at property off of Van Wyck Road was scheduled for May 6th at 5 p.m. Meet at Cornwall Office to carpool.

Guest Invitations: Eric Hirst recommended that John Carter be invited to attend the next possible GAC meeting.

Park Advisory Board Update: John Blethen said that in a recent discussion with City Council member, Stan Snapp, it was said that budget cutbacks may require the combining of the GAC with the Parks Advisory Board. Leslie Bryson said that all Boards and Commissions, along with all City programs, are being looked at for budget saving possibilities

Executive Session: Executive session was held from 8:35 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Vote in Open Meeting following Executive Session: A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to recommend that Staff work with the Public Works Department to determine the feasibility of possible acquisition of two properties adjacent to Chuckanut Bay.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.