

Meeting Notes -- BARC Stewards, Sunday, May 22, 2011

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Dear BARC Stewards -- Thank you all so very much for attending Sunday's meeting. You were well represented by thirteen of your fellow stewards and Commissioner Michael DeBlasi, Skate park staffers Steve Schrock and Shay Fortunoff. It was a most production session and here's what happened:

- All present agreed to become an 'official' Vashon Park District Stewardship group. A copy of the guidelines is attached.
- **ACTION:** Susan will pursue the 501(c)3 process to achieve non-profit status.
- The group agreed to hosting a work party at the park.
ACTION: Tim Heryford will organize the party to do things like groom the disk golf course, clean up the skate park and develop jumps for the BMX track.
- Susan provided an update on skate park funding. We have over \$90,000 in grant income. More of that than was expected will be spent on consultants to answer King County permitting questions. We are still in fund-raising mode with a goal of \$37,500 yet to be raised. Consulting, planning and permitting are going forward with the hopeful intent of breaking ground on the skate park in the fall.
- Beverly Naidus updated the group on her edible garden in the center of the park. "Eden Re-framed" will include edible plants, benches and story 'hives' all applying permaculture principles to create a contemplative center amidst the activity at BARC.

Requests/Suggestions/Needs from assembled Stewards:

- A central communication white board for the whole park. This would live at the Skate Park entrance and provide information about disks rental, opening and closing times for the Skate Park, upcoming meetings and more. Flier holder attached to the board would provide information on special events, concerts, golf course maps, etc.
ACTION: Susan will pursue creation of the central communication board.
- An additional dog poop station somewhere near the golf course.
- Trash/recycle cans on the golf course.
ACTION: Tim Heryford and TJ Moore volunteered to empty the recycle cans if necessary.

- A lockable donation box at the first and last holes of the golf course.
ACTION: Jim Farrell has offered to fabricate a metal box on a sturdy post for this purpose. Funds collected would go toward golf course improvements, disk replacements and course maintenance.
- Tee 'pads' for the golf course. These are basket bases that define the spot. They are often concrete, but Jim Gerlach suggested we collect wood chips from Asplundh for this purpose.
ACTION: Jim Templeton will pursue material sources and pricing for tee pads.
- Signage-- The group was unanimous on the need for more prominent signage marking the park. First would be an 'official' VPD wooden sign with the park's name on it, placed prominently at the entrance. Second would be a vibrant, colorful sign reflecting the park's personality.
ACTION: Michael DeBlasi will bring this request to the Commissioners.
- A tool shed stocked with a few shovels and rakes so volunteers (with permission) can work on the park without having to bring their own tools.
- BMX track development. The track can be developed to a point without King County permitting.
ACTION: Marco Gaul and Marc Brown will develop a design and proposal for minimal track development and bring it to the Commissioners. Jim Farrell will create hardware for the already designed 'teeter-totter' jump and work with others in the group to install it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Artist Marcus Fellbaum is leading the effort to repaint and refresh the graffiti on Skate Park walls.(Marcus' photo-shopped drawings are attached.) He has worked with VPD staff to identify areas that need to be refreshed and those that will be primed for complete re-design. The new designs will be executed between now and an August 20 event which will include willing skate park users, guided by Marcus and other adult volunteers. The goal is to provide current skate park users with an opportunity to make the walls 'their own' while retaining the historically significant art currently on the walls.
ACTION: All stewards who know of artists who may have participated in painting the current walls and/or have an interest in helping with this project will send those names, with contact information, to Susan by June 10.
- A series of Beachcomber articles profiling BARC stewards and their special interests.
ACTION: Deirdre Grace offered to write and submit a series of articles to the Beachcomber to bring attention to the park and grow community support.
- June 25 -- Techno Music at BARC. Marcus Fellbaum will host a FREE techno-electronica concert in the park, 6-9PM. If it rains, we'll go indoors.
- July 2 - Skate Park Awareness Concert,6-9PM, hosted by Rez 1 Productions (Ruben Arnott). This is a fund-raiser. Tickets will be pre-sold.
ACTION: Marc Brown and Shay Fortunoff are working together to develop an exhibit and/or skateboarding competition to precede the concert.
- July 18-21 -- "Beach" Volleyball Camps on the new BARC sand volleyball court. Registration is available at vashonparkdistrict.org
- Three Saturdays each in June, July and August -- Drop-in skateboard clinics for kids age 6-12. Pre-registration is available online, but not required. \$30/clinic
- Disk Golf Tournament -- The disk golfing Stewards will set a date in late July or Late August for a tournament; funds will go toward golf course improvements.
- Outdoor Movies -- The group was buoyant with suggestions for movies to be shown on the West wall of the skate park throughout the summer.
ACTION: Steve Schrock and skate park staff will find a screen to hang from the wall and work with Susan to develop movie nights. These, too, would be aimed at raising funds.

Thanks again to all who attended on Sunday and, to those who were with us in spirit, thanks for your continued support.

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