



Chinook Scenic Byway Board Meeting

June 1, 2017
Commenced 2:00 pm

Board Members at Alta Crystal Resort and by phone:

Trip Hart – President, Westside Citizen at Large Representative

Steven Cadematori – Vice President, Community of Greenwater Representative and proxy for Enumclaw Chamber of Commerce

Danielle Surkatty – Secretary/Treasurer, Eastside Citizen at Large Representative

John Ernster – State Parks

Tiana Enger, Crystal Mountain Resort Representative

Mayor Liz Reynolds – City of Enumclaw

Excused:

Thomas Noyes – Washington State Department of Transportation

Guests:

Curt Warber – Parametrix

Road Closure near Skookum Falls: The westbound lane of SR 410 near the Skookum Falls Viewpoint will be closed until further notice. A flagger will alternate traffic through the open lane at the top and bottom of the hour between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. Drivers should prepare to wait for approximately 30 minutes. A signal will alternate traffic through the open lane during the overnight hours and on the weekends. Several board members received a report that the lane would be reopened by mid-July, but the length of the wait time is estimated to be shorter after mid-June.

Changes to the CMP: Trip will send changes to Curt in the next week, before they are reprinted. Curt is not re-writing anything, just correcting mistakes. Before he does the second printing, please inform Curt of any errors, ASAP. Suggested that Wapiti Woolies consider opening a branch in Naches. 😊

Portal Sign in Enumclaw: Trip went to the City Planning Department to get application information for a sign placement on the North side of the road (by 284th). In the course of discussions with City staff, Liz suggested consideration of an alternate placement of the sign on the right-hand side of the road (south side), where the Visitors' Center was going to be located.

The Byway Board sincerely appreciated Liz's assistance last year in getting the Byway portal extended down to the City of Enumclaw.

The planned Visitor's Center, which unfortunately didn't materialize, had a monument sign as a part of its design. An overflow parking lot for the Expo Center Field House is already located in the proposed alternate location and that would facilitate people stopping and taking pictures at the sign. Also, it's on the right-hand side of the road and offers a good visual line of sight for travelers entering the byway from the west.

In discussing the proposed left-hand placement (north side) of the sign, it might need to be moved depending on future development of the land. Any sign placed there would have to be movable, which would entail additional costs. Liz asked her planning staff about setbacks and the right of way. Trip, his wife Kerri, and Liz went to the location and held up cardboard at both sites of where sign could be located and sent photos for consideration by the board/ mailing list:



North side of the Byway



South side of the Byway

The right of way requirement covers 50 feet from center of the road. The proposed alternate location of the sign would fall outside that right of way and should be okay.

Liz and Trip felt the sign visually stood out more in the alternate location (south side) – as opposed to being in the large empty field.

Liz asked if the committee would approve that she take the discussions further in the City and work with city planning to take the next few steps with the planning department. Consensus was reached to further explore the south side location. Trip will work with Liz and go to the Enumclaw City Council to discuss the sign and two proposed locations further.

Discussion continued about possible sign designs, referencing the alternatives in the Corridor Management Plan and The White Pass Scenic Byway's designs. For designs under consideration – see Page 37 of CMP – the two pics on the left – Byway Gateway Sign. Curt will get us an estimate for an engineering set for the sign, based on the WPSB signs and our CMP, so that we have an idea of how much money we may need to raise.

Fundraising for Enumclaw Gateway Sign – some possible options:

- Percentage of in-kind contributions
- Fundraising event at The Claw of Enumclaw
- Grants - Federal Hwy Grants, WSDOT sign shop

See the WPSB sign – and other Byway Projects at
<http://www.whitepassbyway.com/bywayprojects.html>

March Meeting Minutes

Quorum was reached with the arrival of additional board members. Liz moved that the minutes of the March 21, 2017 board meeting be approved, Steven seconded the motion. All were in favor, so the minutes were approved as disbursed, and have been posted on the website.

Federation Forest – John Ernster

A three-dimensional map of Chinook Scenic Byway will be the focal point of the entry-way and the new interpretive displays which they are planning to have open to the public by the 4th of July weekend. Their Public Affairs Director does their Facebook page. John will take and send pictures of the displays to Danielle.

The South Trail and North Trail will be open in a week. Both have been closed for a couple of years due to the wind storm several years ago that destroyed a lot of their trail system.

Crystal Mountain – Tiana Anderson

Tiana reported that John Kircher, the former General Manager, is the new owner of Crystal Mountain. Crystal Mountain is closed now and will reopen for the summer season - June 23 through September 17. The Gondola and visitor services will be open during that period.

Tiana is meeting with Steve Algiers on Monday and he'll be opening up the Silver Creek Visitors Center soon.

CSB Map Brochure

Curt was able to convert the previous file format to one where he can now make revisions to the map. Tiana suggested a scaled down version, something like the tear-sheet maps used by Visit Rainier and WPSB. See WPSB tear sheets at:

<http://www.whitepassbyway.com/docs/WhitePassByway-HikingTearsheetMap.pdf>

<http://www.whitepassbyway.com/docs/WhitePassScenicBywayTearsheet.pdf>

See the Rainier East Side Map (Rainier area) that Parametrix created on their FTP site:

Go to www.Parametrix.com

At the top of the page, near the search box, click on the ftp button

On the next page, click on “Click here to access the Parametrix FTP site”

On the next page, enter “Chinook” for the username, and “Tipsoo” for the password.

The .pdf files can be downloaded one at a time by clicking on them, then clicking on “save as” when the Windows dialogue box appears at the bottom of your screen.

Meeting with WSDOT

Curt and Trip will try to meet with WSDOT Secretary of Transportation / upper leadership before the Annual Meeting to discuss the direction we're trying to move on Byway signage, so that hopefully we can coordinate, or be a part of their upcoming new signage plan.

Mather Memorial Parkway sign

Current signs are hard to read and faded. They need to be replaced, repaired, or repainted? National Park, two forest services and WSDOT were involved in the original signage project. See CMP page III-8 and III-9 for proposal on retrofits – west side is at MP48

Photo Bank – Danielle asked about the advisability of creating a small photo bank so she can respond quickly to inquiries that come in through the website from the press. Tiana and John will send some generic photos or Danielle can forward requests on to Tiana or John Ernster directly. We probably have permission to use any pictures from the Otak Map. Danielle will ask Curt if all pics in CMP are available to us to give out to the press as well.

Annual Meeting Agenda Items

Several agenda items were suggested and Danielle will work on a draft agenda based on the subjects mentioned (below) and the past year's minutes.

1. **Money and Fundraising** – Need for a regular budget where we raise money on a regular basis for operations vs project fundraising vs grants and Friends of the Byway.
2. **Enumclaw Gateway Sign progress report**
3. **Partner Reports** – Crystal Mountain Resort, Federation Forest, City of Enumclaw, Town of Naches, Mount Rainier National Park, WSDOT, Community of Greenwater, Enumclaw Chamber of Commerce, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, and Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
4. **Election of Board Members and Officers**
5. **Quorum Issues** – (need 6) should we make Naches and Enumclaw honorary members– Trip will contact them.
6. **Report on WSDOT meeting** – from Trip and Curt
7. **Mather Memorial Parkway sign** – hard to read / faded, needs to be repaired, repainted? Letter to National Park, two Forest Services and WSDOT regarding their plans for the sign, if any.

If anyone has additional agenda items, please get them to Trip and/or Danielle.

SAVE THE DATE – Annual Meeting - September 20, 2017 – 2:00pm – 5:00pm at Crystal Mountain Resort. Crystal Mountain Catering may be able to provide refreshments? Tiana will let us know closer to the date.

ACTION ITEMS:

Danielle: Danielle will draft a letter regarding Mather Memorial Parkway signage and Trip will revise and send, asking if the Parks and WSDOT have any plans for maintenance or retrofitting

of these signs. Danielle will contact Parametrix for permission to use pics from CMP. Danielle will collect agenda items for the annual meeting in September.

Trip: Trip will contact Town of Naches and City of Enumclaw – to see if they’re interested in becoming “Honorary Members” of the board. Trip will continue to discuss the Enumclaw Gateway sign with Liz, City Planning and the City Council

Curt: Curt will put together a cost estimate for creation of the Enumclaw gateway sign and tear-sheet maps.

John: Will send pictures of the interpretive displays to Danielle and send contact info for their public affairs person so Danielle can keep in the loop for including information on the website and FB page.

Tiana: Will send generic pictures to Danielle that can be used for press inquiries.

Adjourned 4:40

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Surkatty, Board Secretary