



Snohomish County

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TO: Council Chair Nate Nehring

Dave Somers
County Executive

FROM: County Executive Dave Somers

RE: Snohomish County Parks Advisory Board Appointment:
Grant Harrington, At-Large Board Member

DATE: April 17, 2025

Recommendation

I am pleased to recommend Grant Harrington from Everett, for the Snohomish County Parks Advisory Board at-large position vacated by Mike Farrell.

Background

Grant Harrington will continue serving Mike Farrell's current term, which expires 01/15/2027. After that time, he will be eligible to serve 2 additional four-year terms. A board member cannot serve on more than one Snohomish County board or commission. The process for appointment, terms and restrictions are codified in SCC 22 and SCC 2.03.030.

Selection Criteria

Several criteria are used to evaluate potential nominations for a position on the Parks Advisory Board. Those criteria include:

- Community experience
- Working with or membership in one or more community-based non-profit groups
- Experience with a public agency operating public parks
- Participation in Snohomish County Parks, including the Evergreen State Fairgrounds
- History of volunteerism
- Experience in marketing and promotion of parks
- Extra skill that can be applied to assisting parks administration

Parks Advisory Board Nominee

Nominee background, application and other information is included in this packet. I would like to feature some of the information that was submitted that encouraged my selection of this nominee.

Mr. Harrington is a long time Snohomish County resident who has been involved in sports and putting on sporting events for most of his adult life. Mr. Harrington currently is the owner and operator of the Snohomish Running Company which promotes and puts on running events throughout the region. Mr. Harrington has worked closely with Snohomish county as an event promotor putting on sporting events and is passionate about developing more opportunities for recreation in his community.

We believe his experience and passion will be a significant asset to the Parks Advisory Board.

Conclusion

Pursuant to SCC 2.03.030, I am pleased to recommend the above appointment to fill the current vacancy as a representative member on the Snohomish County Parks Advisory Board. Thank you for your attention and consideration.