



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Snohomish County, Washington**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-051**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**RECOGNIZING BRIDGID SMITH**

*WHEREAS, Bridgid Smith began her full-time employment with Snohomish County in the Department of Parks and Recreation on June 26, 1978; and*

*WHEREAS, Bridgid Smith has served in key leadership and management roles in the Department of Parks and Recreation providing sound advice, prudent fiscal oversight and human resource management, which embodied her “firm but fair” approach and forged strong professional relationships with the four department directors during her 43 years of service: Dick Fowler (1975-1992), Ron Martin (1993-2006), Gary Weikel (2006-2007) and Tom Teigen (2007-present); and*

*WHEREAS, Bridgid Smith and her teams have provided exceptional financial oversight that has seen the Snohomish County Parks & Recreation Department grow from welcoming a few hundred thousand visitors each year to several million visitors each year; and*

*WHEREAS, Bridgid Smith and her teams have provided exceptional fiscal management that has facilitated the acquisition of thousands of acres of regional parks, regional trails, community parks and conservation properties during her 43-year career including: Lord Hill Regional Park, the Centennial Trail, Bob Heirman Wildlife Park, Martha Lake Community Park, Paradise Valley Conservation Area, Paine Field Community Park, Willis D. Tucker Community Park, Lake Goodwin Community Park, Martha Lake Airport Community Park, Miner’s Corner Community Park, Lake Stevens Community Park, Martha Lake Park, the Whitehorse Regional Trail, Spencer Island and the Snohomish River Estuary, Esperance Community Park, West Lake Roesiger Park, and many other cherished public spaces; and*

*WHEREAS, Bridgid Smith has been a trailblazer in creating fiscally sustainable parks and recreational programs and facilitated the strong financial performance of the Evergreen State Fair Park; and*

*WHEREAS, Bridgid Smith, working with the County Executive and Council, created the Fairground Surplus Revenue Fund in 1997 that led to business plan innovations resulting in \$10,577,923.00 in net revenues being re-invested in the Evergreen State Fair Park between 1997 and 2019 for capital improvements; and*

*WHEREAS, Bridgid Smith has fostered strong and productive working relationships with finance professionals across the county and was a valued team member for large scale financial initiatives; and*

*WHEREAS, Bridgid Smith has provided exceptionally sound fiscal management of the Parks and Recreation Department to the five elected county executives: Willis Tucker (1980-1992), Bob Drewel (1992-2004), Aaron Reardon (2004-2013), John Lovick (2013-2016) and Dave Somers (2016–present); and*

*WHEREAS, Bridgid Smith has provided valued insights and accurate financial information and data to 34 elected and appointed county councilmembers over her 43 years of service; and*

*WHEREAS, the question, “Are these Bridgid’s numbers?” was asked repeatedly by numerous executives, legislative and other elected leaders when proposals were brought before them and when the answer was, “Yes” they confidently made decisions and moved forward; and*

*WHEREAS, Bridgid Smith has always worn her “public/resident hat” focused on sound fiscal management, embodying her “Penny Pinching Parks” philosophy in valuing creativity, innovation, efficiency and sustainable growth while providing amazing public parks and programs; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, it is with immense appreciation and profound gratitude that the Snohomish County Council recognizes and thanks Bridgid Smith for 43 years of exemplary public service to the residents of Snohomish County. We hope to see you in retirement enjoying the amazing parks, conservation areas and trails that you helped preserve and protect.*

**APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.**



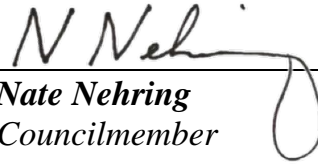
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