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TO: Council Chair Jared Mead

FROM: County Executive Dave Somers

RE: Snohomish County Parks Advisory Board Appointment:
Dusty Dionne, At-Large Board Member

DATE: July 11, 2024

Dave Somers
County Executive

Recommendation

I am pleased to recommend Dusty Dionne from Index, for the Snohomish County Parks Advisory Board at-large position vacated by Douglas Shafer.

Background

Dusty Dionne will continue serving Douglas Shafer’s current term, which expires 1/15/2025. 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. Dionne is passionate about the outdoors, public service, and ensuring inclusion, access, and equity when promoting the unique beauty of our county's parks. Mr. Dionne has set personal goals in his life of giving back to and participating in his community at large. Taking care of nature is a core tenant of his beliefs and has indicated that he would put his “whole heart into the position.”

Mr. Dionne has served in the non-profit world for over 20 years and has spearheaded multiple community service programs. He has served in the Environmental Learning Centers in the state of Georgia and also has helped to develop a non-profit organization called Save The Seeds Foundation (SaveTheSeedsFoundation.org)

that works to create a living seed library through heirloom seeds and no dig gardening. He also worked with partners to create the Spiralscouts.org which is currently in the top 5 biggest scouting organization in the country, with our slogan being: "Training the future stewards of the earth".

In addition to his professional experience, in his free time Mr. Dionne volunteers and helps run several charity events in the Sky River Valley. He also works with the Monroe Rotary Club, the Sno-Isle Libraries, the Chamber of Commerce in Sultan, the Index Food Bank, and the Aquarian Tabernacle Church.

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.