

## Meeting Minutes

What: Meeting No. 3 – Technical Committee  
When: Tuesday, June 17, 2008  
Time: 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.  
RE: Jim Roda - Kitsap County Roads Department Right of Way Educational Session

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Attendees: Jim Roda, Greg Cioc, Linda Berry-Maraist, Ben Elmer, Dave Haley, John Hawkins,  
John Willett

- We had a great NKTA Technical Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 17 at the OPG conference room at 2 p.m. Our guest was Jim Roda from the Kitsap County Roads Department. Jim is in charge of right-of-ways for the county.
- The conversation was free wheeling about the things that will be road blocks for trails with easements and right of ways.
- We heard that vacated roads, by the county, go back to the owners. We have requested a moratorium on vacating right of ways in North Kitsap more than a month ago and that has not happened.
- We see that we are going to have easement issues with land owners that currently access OPG lands from their property but aren't allowing others access. A lot of this is by new owners that are blocking old historic trails and are worried about thefts on their property. Jim told us, that with all trails state wide, that when trails go in thefts go down in a neighborhood.
- The county will not take over private roads until those roads are brought up to county standards by the property owners themselves.
- Code enforcement will be used by the county for any right-of-way or easement that is County owned. The county will also clean up any messes in their easements or right of ways.
- As of July 1, 2009 the county will adopt new state laws for road shoulder widening and water run off. This will include holding ponds and bio swale technology to mitigate the toxic road run off and try to clean it up before it gets into our rivers, streams, or major water bodies. Trails will have to be built on the other side of the ditches in the county right of way, if there is any room, because shoulder widening will be so expensive after 2009.
- The question came up, do we need a new ordinance in order to use private or state recreation money to build trails in county road rights of way and have these trails consist of dirt single tracks. Right now trails in rights of way with state grant money need to be up to ADA standards, paved.
- County open space purchases can have trails in them but not parking lots for trails at this time.
- Bainbridge has adopted new state regs. for widening road shoulders but is widening shoulders for trails seemingly without (strictly) adhering to these new widening rules. We wondered what Bainbridge is doing with the ordinance as it pertains to its widening projects. Jim suggested asking them, of course.

- Jim will get us the county's road right-of-way log book for planning purposes. You can also access the log book on line at [www.kitsapcountypublicworks.roadlog](http://www.kitsapcountypublicworks.roadlog), or something like that.
- Cheryl Schroeder is the records keeper at Kitsap county public works for roads and trails.
- Lots of information at the meeting that is going to be very helpful for planning and grant writing.

Respectfully Submitted

"Happy Trails "

John Willett

Co-Chair – NKTA Technical Committee