

## PTAB Meeting Minutes June 6, 2022

1. Overview of Fireworks; Guest speaker, Peter Henry
  - a. Mostly Biodegradable
  - b. Plasticizer/waterproofing agent
  - c. Adjust last sentence in Guidelines for Fireworks Permit Requests
  - d. Prefers shooting over water for safety - fire prevention or environmental protection
  - e. Q&A
    - i. Are there chemical differences that are better for environment?
      1. Green is barium
      2. Potassium Chloride
      3. Consumer protection federal body overlooks safety of fireworks
    - ii. Is there a way to do it safely on land?
      1. Standby fire safety
      2. 250 ft away from people
    - iii. How far away do the plasticized pieces land
      1. 30-50ft
      2. 3 inch shell – 210 ft for spectators
      3. 4 inch shell – 280 ft for spectators
    - iv. Minimum setback from water 20ft?
2. Review proposed guidelines for fireworks permits
  - a. Action Steps: Colleen to put the next draft in drive
3. Discussion: 6er Hiking Challenge
  - a. Pisgah is not an adequate for Baker Mt.
    - i. Yes the singlet rack trails at Pisgah are "multi-use" and there is nothing preventing or discouraging people from hiking/walking on the trails (except the Downhill Only trails). However, the trails were designed and built with mountain biking in mind. Since there was relatively little terrain to use that wasn't part of the ski hill, the trails were laid out to maximize mileage and the terrain in the small space available to create quality mountain bike experiences. There is no direct route to the summit. Hikers would need to follow mountain bike trails, which involves lots of turning, going uphill and then back downhill and then back uphill again. Concerns are (a) this doesn't appeal to most "hikers" who are seeking to reach a "summit" and (b) people would eventually start cutting between sections of trails to find a more direct route, which would cause impacts to the current trails.
    - ii. No one that hikes Baker for the wilderness setting and the view on top is going to be satisfied by replacing that hike with Pisgah. It only takes 15 minutes to hike to the top of Pisgah, compared to an hour (?) to hike Baker. The view from Pisgah is nice, but does not compare at all to Baker. Mostly you see the Trudeau mine and gravel pit. Most locals who hike Pisgah now go straight up the ski hill or they follow the dirt access road.

Occasionally we see folks walking on the mountain bike trails, but rarely are they following those trails all the way to the top.

- iii. If Pisgah was going to be used for the 6er program, there would need to be a proactive effort to design and install signage and maps to keep hikers on the most appropriate route. Signage would also be needed to discourage hikers from using the Downhill Only trails at Pisgah, otherwise there would be conflicts with mountain bikers.

4. Meeting Schedule - July, August, September

- a. July - No Meeting
- b. August - No Meeting
- c. September - 21st 6pm

5. Community Development Update

- a. DRI project status
  - i. Riverwalk is on hold pending an easement from the owner of the Grand Union property
- b. Baldwin Park project status

6. Adjourn

- a. SL, AM