

## **DuPONT TOURISM BOARD MINUTES**

### **March 2, 2010, 2pm**

Attendees: Lee McDonald, Mike Davis, Amy Walker, Kathleen Trotter, Larry Wilcox, Deborah Kerner, Roger Westman, Pat Malone, Cara Mitchell

Announcements: Pat advised an Arborist had been hired and he was working in the orchard clearing out deadwood. State Farm is having a "Wellness Fair" and Pat will try to be there or at least have our information there. We now have a contact at the Girl Scouts so contact Pat for her info. Pat will be attending the Passport to Travel show for the military on March 10<sup>th</sup> handing out our information.

The goal is to have our trail signs in place on Sequalitchew Creek by June 5th, National Trails Day. Bid request is out for trail markers and general signs. Sequalitchew Creek map should be printed by then and given out for the first time at National Trails Day event.

Decision was made to have our "clean up" day for the orchard on April 24<sup>th</sup> and hopefully everyone will be able to come and help. The arborist will be there to make sure we do things correctly. We will only be cleaning out under each heritage tree (13) not the entire area.

Deborah had visited Point Defiance where the Fort Nisqually buildings were moved to and brought back marketing. Hopefully we can get a regional approach to tourism and the marketing products from Fort Nisqually will advise where the original site is here in DuPont.

The area that encompasses the Mission site and Buffalo Soldier Encampment area is being initially investigated and a plan being developed by Quadrant. The hope is to have an archeological site dig there. Mike and Deborah are continuing to meet with Melissa McGinnis and grant writing is being planned for the 1843 archeological site dig.

The US Amateur will be making a presentation to City Council on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Discussion was held about Tourism dollars being used to purchase hardware for the banners on the street poles. Also, we need directional signs for restaurants and hotels and Joh volunteered to check out the signage needs.

Lee & Joh will be making a presentation to the Nisqually Tribe at the March 9<sup>th</sup> City Council as well.