



Wasatch Hollow Community Council

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Interviewee: Susan L. Whitney

Interviewer: Melvin P. Thatcher

Date: January 6, 2016

Location: Gig Harbor, WA via phone

Summary	
<p>Susan Whitney shares her memories of the role of the Wasatch Presbyterian Church in the formation of Wasatch Hollow Community Park in 1990. She talks about the original condition of the property and its donation to the city by the church, her role as the church’s representative during the park formation process, and fundraising by the church. She notes that mostly positive response of the community and shares her thoughts on the park today (2016).</p>	
<p><i>Note: This interview was done over the phone. Due to a technical glitch, Susan could not hear the interviewer so he emailed her a set of questions to which she responded.</i></p>	

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Time	Brief description
00:00:00	Introduction. Talking from Gig Harbor, WA.
00:00:34	Property. Owned by Wasatch Presbyterian Church. Had been used as a dump. Kids rode bikes there.
00:00:47	Donation. Originally purchased from the city. Pastor Gary Weaver wanted to build a retirement center (1990). City disapproved due to flood plain concern. WPC Session decided to donate property back to the city (see documents section)
00:04:39	Susan’s role. Susan, who owned property along the creek, was appointed as the church’s representative for park formation. Reported to Pastor Weaver. The church wanted to know the concerns of adjacent property owners about extending the park up the creek beyond the church’s property. A separate committee recommended against it. Knowltons.
00:05:47	Funding. Funds raised by WPC were earmarked for playground equipment.
00:06:33	Community response. Most people were happy with the park’s approval.
00:06:58	Thoughts on the park today. Compliments city on steps to preserve



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	riparian corridor. Would like to see protection of bird breeding from lighting along the creek.
00:09:13	End time