

Rock Creek Access Committee  
1.22.21 Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Tom Lannen, Skamania County Commissioner  
Erik Casto, Skamania County Cemetery District Commissioner  
Jeff VanCamp, Skamania County Cemetery District Manager  
Robert Muth, Stevenson Councilmember  
Paul Hendricks, Stevenson Councilmember  
Mike Beck, Stevenson Planning Commissioner  
Leana Kinley, Stevenson City Administrator  
Karl Russell, Stevenson Public Works Director  
Rob Farris, Stevenson Fire Chief  
David Phariss, MacKinnon property caretaker and resident  
Scott MacKinnon, Property owner  
Larry Krug, Property owner  
Pat Rice, Friend of Larry Krug and interested party, Stevenson resident  
Ann Lueders, Skamania County Resident, Stevenson Property Owner

Items Mention-

- Area needs more trails
  - If the access becomes public, more infrastructure will be needed to support increased visitors (parking, bathrooms, etc.)
- The public will continue to access illegally whether we do anything or not.
- There are two separate issues-the Right of Way (ROW) Vacation and the issues with public access
- There is a 4' easement along lot 11, stated for water access.
- The ROW at the end of Iman Cemetery Rd. leading to Rock Creek can be kept as an overlook or a pocket park.
  - Concern about attractive nuisance
- Concern about creating a trail from the current ROW at the end of Iman Cemetery due to the steep slope, and possible regulatory challenges (excavating near a cemetery)
- Liability if public access is provided
- Access to creek is better from the North side of the bank than the South
  - Still need to cross private property (Mark Anderson) to get to creek bank
- Possible economic development opportunity with access from the North
- Once a ROW is established with access to water, there is no ability to revoke access
- Cemetery needs access in general
  - Resolve the encroachment into the easement from Holly St. and Cemetery Rd/No Name St.
  - Brush on No Name Rd. will be addressed by Stevenson Public Works
- Add signage stating parking for cemetery use only, or something similar to deter parking for access to the Falls
- Impact on area once lots 16 and 17 off Holly St. are developed
- Suggested purchasing lots 16 and 17 for increased parking
- Next meeting to be onsite to better view the terrain and issues first-hand