PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

January 9, 2023

6:00pm Public Meeting Session: Hybrid (Remote - GoToMeeting & In-Person)
Customer Service Center – 3050 N Delta Hwy., Eugene
Goodpasture Room

Members: Jim Mayo (Chair), Greg Hyde (Vice-Chair), Mike Allen, Timothy Foelker, Richard Vazquez

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PAC Meeting

I. **Introductions** – (5 min.)

II. **Public Comment** – (up to 10 min.)

III. **Assignment Review** – (5 min.)

IV. **Review of Meeting Summary** – All (5 min.)

V. **Old Business** (45 min.)
   1) PAC Vacancies (At-Large, District 2 - Springfield, District 3 – South Eugene)
   2) PAC Officer Election
   3) Three Mile Prairie Report

VI. **New Business** (10 min.)
   1) USACE Leases
   2) Covered Bridges
   3) PAC 2022 Accomplishments & 2023 Goals

VII. **Staff Updates/Reports** – (20 min.)
   1) Security at Howard Buford Park
   2) Armitage Maintenance Shop
   3) Armitage Campground Expansion
   4) Climate Action Report

VIII. **Open** – All (5 min.)

IX. **Operations Reports** - (5 min.)

X. **Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments** – (5 min.)

XI. **Adjourn**

2023 Meeting Dates:

JANUARY 9	MAY 8	SEPTEMBER 11
FEBRUARY 13	JUNE 10	OCTOBER 14
MARCH 13	JULY NO MEETING	NOVEMBER 13
APRIL 10	AUGUST NO MEETING	DECEMBER 11

Lane County Parks Advisory

December 12, 2022
Meeting Summary

This written indexed summary of minutes is provided as a courtesy to the reader.
The recorded minutes created pursuant to ORS 192.650(1) are the official minutes of this body under Oregon law.

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http://lccivlivefiles.lanecounty.org/information/PW_Parks/PAC_12122022.mp4

Members Present:	Jim Mayo, Greg Hyde, Richard Vasquez, Mike Allen, Timothy Foelker
Members Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Brett Henry, Bjorn Carlson, Ed Alverson, Jodi Low
Guests Present:	Jason Blazar, Friends of Buford Park and Mt. Pisgah

Chair Mayo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

00:00:00 Introductions

00:00:00 Public Comment
- None

00:00:00 Announcements
- None

00:01:44 Assignment Review
- PAC vacancy, South Eugene
- PAC vacancy announcements and recruitment, interested candidates
- Three Mile Prairie, access to park, development of adjacent properties

00:06:52 Review of Meeting Summary for November 14, 2022
- Greg Hyde motioned, Richard Vasquez seconded, motion passed unanimously.

00:07:45 Old Business

- Ponderosa Project – Guest Speaker Jason Blazar, Friends of Buford Park. Eastern Uplands Prairie, Savanna & Woodland Restoration: A Collaborative Project of Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah and Lane County Parks.
- PAC Vacancies – Jodi Low, Parks Volunteer & Marketing Coordinator. Recruitment flyer and social media marketing.

- At-Large Applicant – Patrick Ritter, candidate introduction.

01:00:00 New Business

- Support for Climate Resilience Plan – Michael Allen presented draft.
  Motion for Parks Advisory Committee to endorse Lane County Climate Plan and authorize Michael Allen to testify to that affect. Michael Allen motioned, Greg Hyde seconded, motion passed unanimously.

- USACE Leases – Baker Bay, Orchard Point, Perkins, Richardson, and Zumwalt leases with Army Corps of Engineers will be expiring in coming years. Renewal of leases and possible ownership transfer of properties is being explored. Existing concrete revetments are deteriorating and removal options should be explored.

- Covered Bridges – Fund 217 Covered Bridges has no revenue source and repairs are necessary. Stewart, Currin, and Lowell covered bridges are "offline" and ineligible for Road funding. A long-term funding and maintenance plan are needed, a task force will be created.

01:27:26 Staff Updates/Reports

- Fern Ridge Water Capacity – Tanks are installed and pressure testing complete. Construction to be completed soon.

- Water & Sewer Infrastructure Feasibility – Feasibility study scope of work and procurement update. Water and sewer systems at Baker Bay, Orchard Point, and Richardson Park to be assessed and a recommendation made for replacement or modernization of infrastructure. Civil West's proposal is being considered and contracting is likely to follow.

- Security at Howard Buford Park – Video camera system being explored for main parking lot. Site visits have been conducted and quotes received. Mt. Pisgah Arboretum is interested in partnering and supporting the project.

- Armitage Maintenance Shop – Previous procurement, plans, and engineering are expired and no longer valid. A new procurement will be conducted for design, purchase, and construction of the facility.

- Armitage Campground Expansion – The proposed campground expansion is located within the FEMA floodway. Special approval or modification of design will be necessary. Sewer systems are being assessed and connection to City of Eugene sewer through amendment of the Metro Plan is being investigated.

01:58:30 Open

- Hileman Park – Update on invasive species mitigation from Timothy Foelker.

02:05:08 Operations Report – Included in meeting materials.

- Ed Alverson gave the PAC an update on Parks' natural areas.

02:06:15 Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments

- Goals and Accomplishments for 2022
- Large Event Oversight Committee meeting for review of 2023 events
- Jim Mayo - Recap of committee highlights and accomplishments during his terms and excitement towards future proposed projects.
- Brief discussion of committee officer elections and procedures.

Mayo adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

LANE COUNTY PARKS

LET'S DO GREAT THINGS TOGETHER!

Join the PAC *(Park Advisory Committee)*

PAC members play an ongoing, vital service role:

- Advising the Board of Commissioners on Park issues.
- Recommending Park priorities.
- Influencing long-range planning.
- Representing the community.

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Three Mile Prairie ownership

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Lane County Parks Advisory Committee

2022 Accomplishments

- Continued implementing the Large Event Oversight process.
- Filled PAC vacancies. Appointed Timothy Foelker (District 1) & Richard Vasquez (District 5) to first terms.
- Continued to identify and support efforts to secure sustainable funding for park system. Two PAC members (Kevin Shanley & Jim Mayo) served on Parks Funding Task Force.
- Provided key support for the successful passage of 5-year local option levy on the November 2022 ballot.
- Continued to identify and support ways Parks can better serve the community.
- Supported the Adopt-a-Park volunteer program.
- Continued to receive presentations and provide recommendations to the Board of Commissioners regarding park acquisitions, maintenance agreements and lease arrangements (i.e. North Jetty Park).
- Supported internship opportunities.
- Supported Parks staff with the Armitage Campground Expansion project.
- Supported the Facilities Condition Assessment with the goal of reducing the backlog of deferred maintenance.
- Supported the use of American Recover Plan Act funding for evaluating and improving the water and sewer infrastructure at Armitage, Baker Bay, Orchard Point, and Richardson parks.
- Supported the construction of three cabins at Harbor Vista Park.

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- Participated in the County Climate Action Plan as it was developed. PAC member Mike Allen serves as a liaison. County Climate Strategist Mark Nystrom presented to the PAC.
- Work with Parks staff with the implementation of the Parks Master Plan through Action Plans. Three Actions Plans were selected: Improve park accessibility, establish a Water Trail, & improve park entrances.
- Supported the Parks Division staff as they focus on recovery and restoration of the parks damaged by the Holiday Farm Fire.
- Supported events recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Howard Buford Park.
- Supported County staff in implementing recommendations from HBRA Habitat Management Plan (projects: Eastern Uplands, Ponderosa, and Coast Fork Trail).
- Supported prescribed fire as a measure to reduce fuel load and invigorate native ecology at Howard Buford Park. On October 27, 2022, a prescribed burn was conducted at Howard Buford Recreation Area in the Meadowlark East Unit.
- Fuels reduction program initiated by Natural Areas Coordinator. Funding was secured from the Bureau of Land Management for fuels reduction in County Parks.
- Evaluated future use of and access to Three Mile Prairie. Mike Allen met with Florence Public Works Director to explore support from the City of Florence.
- Endorsed the Lane County Community Climate Resilience Plan – Phase 3 of the Climate Action Plan. Mike Allen presented the endorsement to the Board of Commissioners that unanimously adopted the plan.
- Participated in a field trip to Florence this past August to visit Harbor Vista Park, North Jetty Park, & Three Mile Prairie.

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2023 Goals

- Support Parks staff with the implementation of the 5-Year Levy that will reduce the maintenance backlog and supplement significant capital and operational improvements.
- Continue searching for additional sustainable funding opportunities and urge the Board of County Commissioners to support the renewal of the local option levy.
- Support of a Business Plan with a marketing/branding strategy and an Economic Impact Analysis to determine long-term sustainability of the parks system.
- Support staff in their efforts to streamline park operations and services to best suit community needs.
- Determine the carrying capacity of the parks system. Limited financial resources and a large geographic footprint have resulted in a less than ideal service level.
- Support staff and community partners in identifying sustainable funding sources for capital improvements and long-term maintenance of the "off-line" covered bridges.
- Support continued collaboration with community partners like the Rivers to Ridges consortium.
- Support an annual review of Parks Fees.
- Address the failing water and sewer infrastructure identified in the Facility Condition Assessment.
- Support the capital improvements designated in the American Recovery Plan Act funding allocated to the Parks Division to address water and sewer infrastructure deficiencies identified in the findings from the Feasibility Study.

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- Support a Preventative Maintenance & Asset Management Program as recommended by the Facilities Condition Assessment.
- Support events surrounding the 50th Anniversary of Howard Buford Park.
- Support Parks staff with the implementation of the HBRA Habitat Management Plan. Projects include: Eastern Uplands, Ponderosa, and Coast Fork Trail.
- Support investigation and evaluation of the off-leash dog rules/policy at Howard Buford Park through a collaborative public process.
- Support prescribed fire as a measure to reduce fuel load and invigorate native ecology at Howard Buford Park.
- Support Parks staff with the Armitage Campground Expansion project.
- Participate in a Park tour/field trip.
- Ride-along with Parks maintenance personnel.
- Fill any PAC member vacancies.
- Support the Adopt-a-Park volunteer program.
- Receive an update on the McKenzie Fish Hatchery Discovery Center project.
- Continue to support internship opportunities.
- Support a long-term lease agreement with Department of State Lands for the North Jetty property.
- Receive a year-end maintenance presentation from Ranger Bowen.
- Host an Open House at Armitage Park.
- Support increased security and safety at County Parks.
- Continue to implement the Master Plan through the execution of Action Plans.

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- Explore purchasing a trail-finder app to orient park visitors.
- Support emergency management education at all Lane County parks.
- Institute a Vegetation Management Plan to reduce invasive plants at County parks.
- Look in to partnering with a 501C3 to facilitate volunteer groups with financial donations for park improvements.
- Explore a non-profit parks foundation.
- Support social media platforms operated by Lane County Parks.
- Continue support of the Lane County Climate Action Plan.
- Evaluate regional trail opportunities. Explore the feasibility of a Regional Trail Master Plan.
- Evaluate accessibility (cultural & physical) of facilities at County parks (includes trails).
- Improvements to park entrances (signage and landscaping).
- Improvements to park kiosks and trailheads by developing a standardized design and prototype (Parks logo and information orientation).
- Evaluate limited public access to Three Mile Prairie.
- Receive an update on the progress of the McKenzie Discovery Center at the former Old McKenzie Fish Hatchery.
- Maintenance Supervisor or future Parks Superintendent will provide an annual year-end maintenance report.

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Lane County Parks Operations Report
December 2022

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of operational highlights from the previous month.

Coastal Zone

- General maintenance runs
- Caretaker interviews
- Storm damage clean up
- Caretaker house repairs Harbor Vista
- Camp Lane Caretaker house clean up
- Replaced Camp Lane aerator
- Replaced modem at Heceta Beach

Valley Zone

- Richardson/Orchard Point water storage project
- Leaf removal
- Repair vandalized restroom at Richardson
- Richardson marina lighting project
- Orchard Point marina lighting project
- General maintenance runs
- Orchard Point house repairs
- Storm damage clean up

Lane County Parks Natural Areas Operations Report for December 2022 - Ed Alverson

-Parks staff met with the Sea Reach team working on the kiosk project for the North Trailhead area at HBRA to review draft verbiage for the interpretive panels.

-Ponderosa project: I worked on entering log load volumes into the timber tracking spreadsheet prior to Jason Blazar's December presentation to the PAC

-Partnership efforts: I participated in regular Parks project coordination meetings. I attended the 12/6 Friends of Buford Park Trails Committee meeting, and a meeting focusing specifically on the efforts to improve trail accessibility in HBRA. I organized and facilitated the monthly HBRA stakeholder meeting on 12/20.

-We began the annual union review process for the Friends of Buford Park 2023 work plan.

-A group of stakeholders met at HBRA with the archaeologist performing the cultural resources survey for the OSMB non-motorized water access project. I produced maps to include in the LMD riparian permit application.

-A group of LCP staff visited Hendricks Bridge Park to discuss vegetation maintenance for the constructed stormwater swale associated with the new boat ramp and parking lot.

-I participated in the Armitage Campground project meetings as well as related follow-up conversations.

-Brett Henry and I made a brief site visit to the Winn property along the McKenzie to get an initial impression of the property's value for park purposes.

-I participated in coordination meetings and worked on planning for the Americorps NCCC team, which will be working at HBRA and other Lane County Parks in January and February 2023.

-I worked with Parks staff and staff from other Public Works Divisions to document 2022 accomplishments for the Rivers to Ridges annual report.

-I participated in the 12/9 Rivers to Ridges Refresh charrette. As a follow-up task I created a set of polygons to represent the concept of "trail and habitat corridors" along various tributary valleys outside the Metro area.

-Eagle Rock Park public outreach and planning: I worked this month to write up questions to include in both the public online survey, and to use with the focus groups that we plan to convene.