

Lane County Parks Advisory

October, 11 2021
Meeting Summary

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http://lcpubw05.lanecounty.org/information/pw_parks/PAC10_11_2021.mp4

Members Present: Jim Mayo, Kevin Shanley, Greg Hyde, Carl Steifbold, Mike Allen
Members Absent: Ashley Adelman, Tyger Gruber
Staff Present: Brett Henry, Ed Alverson, Cynthia Schlegel
Guests Present: None

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

00:00:18 Introductions

00:01:40 Public Comment

- None

00:01:41 Assignment Review

- Henry will provide an update on the electric charge station at HBRA later in the agenda.

00:01:58 Review of Meeting summary for September 13, 2021

- Approved as written; Kevin Shanley motioned, Mike Allen seconded, motion passed unanimously.

00:02:55 New Business

- HBRA Prescribed Fire Recap – Henry stated on October 4, with help from the BLM fuels reduction grant and help from Rivers to Ridges, a prescribed burn was held at HBRA in the North Bottomlands at the spring box management unit which is about thirty acres in size. Alverson stated the last couple of years have not been successful and it was a great success to get the burn done this year. Weather was cool and humidity was fairly high and a very safe burn was conducted. The burn also included about twenty acres of the nature conservancy's Willamette Confluence Preserve through pooling funding with the conservancy. Alverson stated five different burn units were submitted in the burn application and he is hoping to do

a couple more units later this week. Parks have been doing a lot of messaging and public outreach recognizing public concerns including fire sensitivity. Alverson stated prescribed burns are important because they reduce the risk of high intensity fires. Burns are only conducted with suitable weather and wind conditions and can be highly controlled.

- Parks funding Task Force Board Work Session – Henry stated he and Bob Keefer will be presenting the recommendations from the Parks Funding Task Force to the board tomorrow, October 12. Copies of the funding report are available for members that want to come and pick one up. The presentation will last around ninety minutes with discussion and Henry encourages PAC members to listen to the session. Henry stated an additional deferred maintenance study needs to be done on an additional thirteen parks before putting anything on the ballot. Also, feasibility studies on some capital need to be conducted.

00:35:40 Old Business

- North Jetty Lease Plans – Henry stated the maintenance agreement with the Department of State Lands is due to expire on June 20, 2022 and Parks is working on getting a lease agreement in place prior to expiration. Parks received \$153k from the Morse Family Trust that will be used for improvements. Henry stated the lease will need to go before the PAC, the Board of County Commissioners, as well as the Finance and Audit Committees prior to signing.
- Facility Conditions Assessment Board Regular Session – Henry stated the time certain for the board presentation tomorrow, October 12, 1:30pm.

00:47:21 Staff Updates/Reports

- Holiday Farm Fire – FEMA Projects Update – Henry stated Parks is working with FEMA on the McKenzie River area; four parks received damage. Currently Parks has three open projects with FEMA; debris removal, alternate projects, and the Forest Glen restroom. There are still hazardous trees at Eagle Rock Park and Parks will work with the Roads vegetation crew to identify, GPS and tag them, and submit to FEMA for removal. Helfrich also has hazards that need to be submitted to FEMA for approval. Eagle Rock will need planning and public outreach to prior to improving.
- Electric Vehicle Charging Station at HBRA Update – Henry stated he is coordinating with the arboretum and fleet to use the grant from EPUD to put in a dual port electric vehicle charging station. There have been some supply chain delays, but the materials are now secured and construction will begin soon, however Parks is still waiting for the permit from the utility company. The out of pocket expense for the charging station is around \$14.5K and Fleet Services has agreed to incur the cost.
- Armitage Campground Expansion Update – Henry stated Branch Engineering is assisting Parks with design engineering and septic improvements. Sperry Tree Service conducted a site visit to assess which trees can be kept, which will need to be removed, and which can be worked around within the impact area. Henry stated he will meet next week with Sperry and the landscape architect to discuss trees in relation to the design and is hopeful that will be the last stage before final design work can be done. Henry stated there will be a public meeting to assess what the public would like to see at the campground.

- Harbor Vista Cabins Update – Henry stated there had been some delays with permitting and supply chain issues with materials, but staff is currently working on construction. The sonic tubes and rebar have been put in and the porches have been poured. ADA pathways will be added.

01:09:40 Open

- Shanley asked Henry for an update on the Marine Board regarding water access at HBRA. Henry stated an RFQ went out October 11 and will close on October 22. The Marine Board awarded Parks a waterway access grant. The estimated cost is \$95k and the grant is \$66k. A viable location still being identified and restrooms will be needed as well as adequate parking.
- Allen reported that SOLVE organized a cleanup at the North Jetty.
- Shanley stated there are a lot of blackberries and other invasive species at many parks including Armitage that need to be removed. He would like to see Parks put a plan together to remove and suppress invasive species.

01:19:26 Operations Report

- Henry stated there are currently three covered bridges that are under Parks that are off-line. Stewart covered bridge needs repairs of about \$200k to replace floor beams. County Administration will fund the repairs. Henry will get inspection reports next month and will share with the PAC. Alverson stated no parking signs at the entrance of Frank Parrish Road and the arboretum at Mt. Pisgah have been put up and more compliance will be done.

01:24:59 Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments

- Henry will take a look at possibly taking a field trip to Harbor Vista & the North Jetty in November.
- Henry will follow up on scotch broom removal volunteer project.
- Mark Nystrom will talk about the climate action plan to get involvement from the PAC.

Mayo adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.