

Lane County Parks Advisory

September 11th, 2023

Meeting Summary

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The recorded minutes are available on the Parks Advisory Committee website:

Members Present: Greg Hyde, Mike Allen, Darlene Raish, Julie Daniel, Reilly Newman, Timothy Foelker,
Richard Vasquez

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dan Hurley, Ed Alverson, Kylee Tupes

Guests Present: Stephen Lawn

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM by Greg Hyde.

Introductions (00:00:00)

00:01:53 Public Comment

- None

00:02:02 Assignment Review

- Jodi Low took pictures of all the PAC (Parks Advisory Committee) members and will be writing an article for the Lane County Parks eNewsletter about the new members. It will go out in the December edition.
- Schedule Jodi to attend a PAC meeting in the future.
- Covered Bridge Task Force added to the meeting agenda.
- Harvest Landing gate, covered in Old Business.
- Ensure all PAC members are on the eNewsletter mailing list.

00:04:39 Review of Meeting Summary

- Julie Daniel motioned to approve the summary after corrections were made. Seconded by Tim Foelker. Motion passed unanimously.

00:06:52 New Business

- **Levy Update**

- Brett Henry provided the Board of County Commissioners with a review of the levy on the 29th of August.
- Community engagement meetings were held to understand what citizens in different regions of Lane County would like to see in Lane County Parks. This information was then used to structure the budget into categories; Park Amenities; Operations and Maintenance; Special Projects; Conservation and Education.
- A survey was made available to the public to aid identification of equity barriers to Lane County Parks. There are currently 117 responses, the goal is to have 250 responses by December.

00:26:01 Old Business

1. **Covered Bridge Task Force**

- Brett Henry applied to join the ORPA (Oregon Recreation and Park Association) Legislative Committee and was accepted.
- There is no funding source designated for covered bridges, remedying this will be the priority of the task force.

2. **Harvest Landing Gate**

- Currently working with Willamalane Park and Recreation District to transfer Rodakowski Landing & Hayden Bridge Park into their jurisdiction.
- Since installing a gate along Harvest Landing requires encroachment in Road right-of-way, the Parks Division is exploring the feasibility of installing an automatic gate at the entrance of Rodakowski Landing. This measure, if implemented, would reduce overnight activity at the park.

01:07:08 Staff & Committee Updates/Reports

- **Armitage Campground Expansion Update**

- Please see Meeting Materials to view 3 designs.
- Plans will be introduced to the local public to receive input, dates for the engagement are not yet decided.
- Floodway regulations required a re-design of campsites and amenities.

- **HBRA Waterway Access Update**

- Joint Permit Application filed by consultant. In process of receiving regulatory comments from state and federal agencies.

- **Report from Michael Allen**

- Tim Foelker visited 3-Mile Prairie with Mike Allen and they discussed the current condition of the undeveloped park. The park is currently land-locked with no facilities or parking lot but is still accessible to the public through limited access points.
- Mike Allen discovered that a housing development has bought land and is beginning to build homes that will border the 3-Mile Prairie Park.
- A large garbage dump was identified and reported to Parks Division staff.

01:36:06 Open

- The Santa Clara Community Foundation is stewarding Hileman Park and hosting work parties to clean up the park. Youth Corps came out this past weekend to aide in the efforts.
- Oregon Department of Agriculture utilizing Hileman Park to access the river as they apply treatments to an invasive plant species.

01:41:19 Operations Reports

- Parks Division hired 5 additional full-time maintenance staff supported with levy funding.
- The basketball court at Camp Lane required repair to the roof due to termite damage.
- With fire restrictions now relaxed, allowing campfires within campground fire pits.
- Two presentations planned for the next PAC meeting.
- The Oregon Department of Forestry setup a temporary fire camp at the Baker Bay day-use area. Considering landscaping unused portion of day-use area to better accommodate future staging needs for next year since the area is geographically vulnerable to fires.
- Tim Foelker motioned to form a subcommittee to research funding sources for covered bridges in Lane County. Seconded by Richard Vasquez. Motion passed unanimously.
- Julie Daniel motioned to appoint Tim Foelker, Richard Vasquez, and Reilly Newman to the Covered Bridge Subcommittee. Seconded by Darlene Raish. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments

- Mr. Henry will send the PAC members a YouTube video link of Cottage Grove Covered Bridges.
- Mr. Henry will follow up on establishing the Covered Bridge Subcommittee.
- Consult Jodi Low to ensure all the new PAC members receive the eNewsletter.
- Add 3-Mile Prairie as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM