

## MEETING COMMENTS

### Middle Fork Willamette River Watershed Council, January 19, 2005

1. Is there reliable data of all parks?
2. Is eminent domain ever used to acquire park lands?
3. Is size a factor in choosing lands for parks?
4. Reduce the number of maintained facilities and put more emphasis on improving a more limited number.
5. Looking forward to maps as to where the County Parks are located.
6. How about a slide show on Parks.
7. Local ecological societies are always looking for information on where parks are located.
8. Serve a wide diversity of users.
9. Can you sell some park properties to buy others?
10. Mass transit should be considered for access – especially to Fern Ridge, due to the diversity of amenities there.
11. Expand moorage opportunities at Fern Ridge and the McKenzie River
12. Endangered plants at Mt. Pisgah need to be protected.
13. Inventory plants and other natural resources.
14. It was news that there is no property tax funding for County Parks; more such funding sources need to be identified.

### Long Tom Watershed Council, January 25, 2005

1. How are you reaching out to park users
2. Is there any bridge funding to replace anticipated Fern Ridge Dam shortfall?
3. Is there any ballot measure 66 (lottery) money filtering down to Parks?
4. Do we contract out for any County Parks operations, or otherwise work with the private sector?
5. Are campgrounds profitable and would County Parks considering establishing more of them?
6. More mountain biking trails – possibly charge for a pass to maintain them.
7. Highest priority should be park land for future acquisition. Open space needs to be protected.
8. Not please with movement toward user fees. Some cannot afford it.
9. Multisport events – look at coordinating events like off road tracks, adventure races, triathlons between parks. Look for private sponsors.
10. Get a percentage of the gas tax, or increase it.
11. What about the economic development component? Is Parks eligible for any economic development grants?
12. Pursue additional campground sites – demand now exceeds supply.
13. Could Parks offer sites for events, weddings, gatherings?
14. How about partnering with the Country Fair – how does Zumwalt fit in?

### Oakridge City Council, February 3, 2005

1. Are there County lands up here that could be developed as County Parks?
2. What Parks are up here and why aren't there more? Why are there so many along the McKenzie, in comparison?
3. What are the comparative advantages of a County or State Park? What are the differences in how they are funded, benefits, etc.?
4. We need boat put-ins between here and the lake.
5. Ferrin has boat put-ins (USFS managed)
6. Boats are traditionally put into the river near the North Fork. Call Jim Williams, USFS, for details.
7. Need fewer parks and higher quality for the amount of financing available, or more money.
8. Deal with funding by raising fees.
9. Use the Salmon Restoration fund.
10. Consider a ballot measure earmarking money for County Parks, even a small amount.

11. Use Sheriff's work crews
12. Use Volunteer camp hosts.
13. If there were more Parks in Oakridge, we would be able to comment more on operational suggestions.
14. Operate interpretive tours in the Oakridge area.
15. Work with USACE and USFS to turn Packard Creek into a marina. We need permanent moorages. Issues to examine include water depth, other seasonal issues. Would it be in demand year round or not?
16. Develop partnerships to promote parks, tourism, and economic development together.
17. Develop European Hiking/aerobic hiking trails
18. Measured trails – 500 miles of trails; connections to city and county areas; partnerships
19. Work with USFS for downhill mountain biking – Dead Mountain area?
20. Have all trails begin and end at one location; tie in with local businesses; make a facility.
21. Serve all communities in Lane County with County Parks.
22. There are a lot of recreational businesses here (Can get a list from K. Urban)
23. USFS/partnering – rebuilt the levee at Greenwaters Park; fill dirt.

### **Coburg Planning Commission and Parks Advisory Committee, February 9, 2005**

1. It would be good to have some maps available of the County Parks. Will there be?
2. Had trouble finding Maurie Jacobs Park for a reunion.
3. There seems to be a shortage of camping facilities. Armitage would make a nice venue.
4. Where will the Armitage campground be located if one is provided?
5. What type of funding sources is County Parks looking at?
6. Is there any plan to gain money by adding deep water boats in Fern Ridge once the dam is repaired?
7. How does the acreage in the developed versus the undeveloped parks compare? What's your sense at this time for future uses of the undeveloped parks?
8. Are you going to incorporate the Rivers to Ridges effort in the Plan?
9. Parks require maintenance and operating – are you going to partner with other cities in this regard, or how will this be addressed?
10. Is Alton Baker Park a County Park?

(Questionnaire)

#1 – General Comments:

- Overall, parks are great. However:
- There was quite an outcry over fees.
- The brochure needs to be updated with why fees are important.
- At Winberry and Fall Creek, make sure the docks stay in repair, and eliminate nails sticking up. Improve maintenance.

#2 – Most Important Issues in Planning for Parks, and Why:

- Glad that lack of camping facilities is identified. If you have small children, you don't want to travel far to have a "spontaneous vacation."

#3 – Suggestions for Dealing with these Issues:

- Provide more camping in Metro area

#4 – Operational Changes you'd like to see in County Parks, if Any

- More human faces, visibility of County staff
- First Aid facilities up the McKenzie
- Wildwood Park – It's difficult to get to water; yet it's very popular and there are sanitation issues as a result.
- In areas where campgrounds are located, provide educational, interpretive, amphitheatre facilities.
- Resurrect Goodpasture site for a boat put-in/take out. This would alleviate the problematic situation at Ike's.

## #5 and #7

- Specific parks, areas, or type of recreational use you'd like to comment about, and
- What are some possible ways that County parks could collaborate with your business or organization?
- Coburg Planning Commission asks, How can Coburg and Lane County collaborate?
- Bike path from Armitage to Coburg and connect to Eugene. A circular path. Coburg Road is too dangerous, especially for kids.
- What is the relationship with LTD? Could there be more buses going to parks and info at LTD stations and on buses about parks? Like where they are and how to get there? Park and Rides?
- We don't take our bikes to Eugene bike paths because we can't fit the entire family's bikes in the car. So we want paths that are closer to home.

## Florence Public Meeting, February 10, 2005

1. No one from the Florence area is on the Parks Advisory Committee
2. Are all Parks zoned the same way? If not, why not?
3. Since there is minimal funding, would the County be willing to work with a nonprofit community organization to improve parks and wildlife areas?
4. Does the Plan include creation of additional parks or enlarging of existing parks?
5. Would Lane County Parks entertain the sale of a park or parks to a nonprofit organization or trust, in general?
6. There are 4 entities managing parks in this area: Federal State, County, and City. It's difficult to determine who. Look at it from the perspective of the citizen.
7. Are there or should there be deed restrictions to protect parks in perpetuity?
8. Are any undeveloped parks being considered for sale, for housing development? For instance, Three Mile Prairie and Ocean Woods?
9. Is an effort being made to look at kinds of uses in various parks and making sure there is a variety?

## (Questionnaire)

### #1- General Comments

- Thank God we have some Parks
- Don't sell them
- Why doesn't Parks get General Fund dollars?
- Need more directional signage to facilities, and more parking. Particularly this is true near Woahink.

### #2 – Most important issues in planning for parks, and why

- Need known reliable revenue sources
- How about another vote on funding County Parks?
- It is important that Parks be clean and safe, especially for families
- There needs to be control of pets and provisions for pets
- Need wheelchair accessibility
- The Parks Plan should be a living document
- Do the passes we buy cover County Park uses?
- There is a lack of public involvement and volunteers in anything having to do with parks.
- Parks need to have activities people want
- We need a restroom at North Jetty
- Where within parks is it appropriate to do various things? Provide some signs. Use the Siltcoos Lake area trail system as a model. It has signs for bathrooms, overlooks, and trails.
- Focus more on nature parks as opposed to playfields
- Need off leash dog parks
- Need more access to lakes in this area, like to walk around the lakes, and grassy areas

- There is a niche for the County – take consideration of state and federal parks, and find that niche.

#3 – Suggestions for dealing with issues identified in #2

- Create a master list of all the various parks in the County's planning area and target funding to projects the County can best deliver – identify the County's role.
- Philosophically look at the underlying idea that we have something unique to preserve and focus on that. Specifically, open land, wild areas, native vegetation areas.
- Integrate open space into urban growth areas.
- Look at both active and passive park uses, and linkages between them.
- Plan should explain who is involved in open space, parks, and recreation activities. For example, the old landfill site is not managed by Parks but could be part of the Parks system.

#4 – Operational Changes you'd like to see in County Parks, if any

- How are Parks managed now?
- We need a place to dispose trash, especially in the North Jetty area.
- We need holders and supplies of doggy bags
- It's commendable what is being done with what you have.
- What are the rules for taking trash to the Park dumpsters? Can we pick up trash from the area and dispose of it here? The North Jetty State Park doesn't have enough trash receptacles.
- Why wouldn't the County Transfer Station allow volunteers to dump trash from public areas there?

#5 – Specific parks, areas, or type of recreational use you'd like to comment about?

- Why isn't there a hiking and biking trail from the City of Florence to the North Jetty (also see the Florence TSP).
- We need waysides along Highway 126, like on the far side of Walton and on Hwy 36.
- At Three-Mile Prairie, provide an open space corridor/linkage; a developed trail area and place for some of City infrastructure underground – water and sewer conveyance.
- Provide linkages from Hwy. 101 to Siuslaw River.
- Provide areas for birds and birding.
- Fix the maps that say in the legend "LC City polygon"

#6 – Any specific goals and policies you'd like to see in the plan?

- Liaisons between various parks and recreation committees and jurisdictions.
- Provide what people who use the parks want
- Encourage volunteers and community – like events, day long events, Sunday events
- Encourage stewardship and education
- "Lane County Parks has a legal right to contract with nonprofit organizations to take care of park lands without having to request this of the BCC"
- "Any money from park land sales must be used for acquisitions and capital improvements, and cannot be used for operations."

#7 – What are some possible ways the County could collaborate with your business or organization?

- Make sure private assets are recognized in the plan, as well as public.
- Stewardship funds are available for invasive species control and other vegetation/habitat management.
- More inter-jurisdictional collaboration – like with Three Mile Prairies: BLM – County – City; for wetland preservation and other activities.
- "Trails to the Sea" across the County from Eugene. There is ecotourism potential. Look at a public ownership map, use logging roads.
- Have a requirement that someone on this side of the Coast Range is on the Parks Advisory Committee

## Creswell Parks and Open Space Master Plan Advisory Committee, February 15, 2005

1. What are the specifics of the Fern Ridge Dam repair?
2. What impact will the dam draw down have on other reservoirs and parks?
3. Have you been discussing improvements to the Coyote Creek flow?
4. How does the County work with cities to physically develop parks and open space?
5. Do we have control over the greenway areas?
6. What is the status of protection of Camas Swale/Quamash Prairie?
7. What kinds of Parks and Open Space initiatives do you have planned for the Camas Swale/Quamash Prairie?
8. Could you elaborate on the plans for Cinderella Park?
9. Has there been any dialogue about a horse arena at Cinderella Park?
10. Would the County be willing to work with Creswell, financially, to help acquire land outside the UGB to connect to land inside the UGB (Creswell Butte)?
11. Revenue generating projects are important. More importantly, we need a trust fund to support the parks system in a long term way.
12. Are there other parks that have nonprofit organization support besides HBRA? More might be appropriate.
13. Want a focus on physical connections between cities.
14. Want to see more specifics than what is in the Rivers to Ridges document, like a greenway.
15. Creswell connections that include Willamette River area/greenway
16. Concerned that the County should acquire and protect adequate open space – the County is especially the appropriate entity to do this.
17. Excited about the Cinderella Park idea (that Todd Winter described). How can Creswell work with the County on this?
18. Parks employees that used to live at the parks seem to be disappearing (like moorage staff). Why?
19. It's nice to have camp hosts
20. Would like to see a streamlined grant process volunteers doing projects in County parks (like at HBRA).
21. Would like to be able to camp overnight and park motor vehicle overnight for moorage facilities – at Lookout Point and Fall Creek, for instance.
22. Support Rivers to Ridges with staffing. Fund inclusion of smaller cities in this process.
23. The County should fund and facilitate a check in with all cities twice a year.
24. If the County increases development in a park, the County should mitigate with a comparable amount of lost values somewhere else.
25. Manage parks more strongly for wildlife. Want more protection of wildlife species. Strengthen efforts against natural or pollutant materials going where they shouldn't (that have an impact on wildlife).
26. Is equestrian use at Elijah Bristow going to be limited?
27. Want to see equestrian use at HBRA limited to decrease the spread of nonnative species.
28. Want to see seasonal closure of some trails (to protect natural areas)
29. Provide a regional sports facility.
30. Continue to cultivate opportunities to grow tourism through collaboration with other natural resource agencies – include alternative transportation.
31. The County should dedicate permanent funds to support parks.
32. Promote more multi uses of parks.
33. Will there be a boat ramp at Cinderella?

## Lane County Audubon Society, February 22, 2005

1. What will happen to western pond turtles at Kirk Pond during the Fern Ridge Dam repair?
2. Is the Eugene to Pacific Crest Trail in the Plan?
3. Is the Coburg Hills area in the Plan?

### **Sand & Gravel Producers, February 23, 2005**

1. Trespassing on S&G properties is a concern if free camping is allowed; if it's controlled not so much. Trespassing in the Seavey Loop area has been much worse this year. Have been working with Waste Management Division on this issue.
2. Do not support greenway area acquisitions near S&G properties. Raises concerns about liability, attractive nuisance activities.

### **Convention and Visitors Association of Lane County Oregon (CVALCO), February 24, 2005**

1. The Tourism Task Force has identified gaps in recreational services. For instance, has the Master Plan update looked at ballfields?
2. Please provide an update on the Fern Ridge Dam situation and Moorage Facilities there.
3. Will you be looking at revenues?
4. Are you looking for new revenue streams?

### **Lane Independent Living Alliance (LILA), March 3, 2005**

1. One of the most important I chose this area to live, and the reason I stay, is the parks and recreation areas of Lane County.
2. Howard Buford Recreation Area (HBRA) is frustrating because it isn't reachable by public transit. There should be a bus to the HBRA at least twice a day.
3. Support a path extending all the way to Fern Ridge.
4. Support better transportation and more access to all parks.
5. Yurts are preferable in campgrounds. They are very accessible and usable. Especially, they are useful for people in wheelchairs. Those with built-in beds are best.
6. What accessibility will there be available at the Lowell Covered Bridge? Invite someone from LILA to visit the site for accessibility issues before things are built, so they get built correctly. (Comment forwarded to State Parks via email, 4-25-05).
7. Would like accessible fishing areas, maintenance of existing shelters, and rain/weather protection.
8. Campgrounds and other recreational areas with electrical outlets for power of mobility devices.
9. Finding the restrooms – paths designed to be able to feel difference between plants and paths which turn; like logs. Paths can be dirt, but need to be distinct in texture from the surrounding area.
10. Put something on the insides of doors for some cabins, indicating which direction leads to the restrooms. Use the male/female icons, with arrows or other directional indications.
11. Make picnic tables wheelchair accessible.
12. Make playground facilities wheelchair accessible.
13. Compile an inventory of accessible features and make it available by voice mail.
14. As parks are developed with accessible features, invite LILA to try them out during the design stage.
15. Please take note of the Bloomberg site – 5.5 acres north side of 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue, next to Bloomberg Park. The former Armory site.
16. Does Lane County participate in Rails to Trails?
17. Are the ducks at Alton Baker Park healthy and okay?
18. Does LC Parks operate Parks and Recreation Vehicles, like accessible vans? Could they be used for event transport? LILA has a recreation committee –contact Ken Rivernider.
19. 30% of the population indicated in a survey done through OHSU/Center for Disease Control that they have at least 1 disability. So it makes sense to address disability issues.
20. Make bathrooms open all winter.
21. Perkins and Pisgah – no one goes there because of the fee. They should be free.
22. Offer self-guided tours.

## Youth in Action, Lane Education Service District, March 11, 2005

1. How do you get to be a Park Ranger?
2. Are Rangers armed?

(Questionnaire)

#1 – Do you go to parks?

- About 50% of the students responded yes.

#2 – If you go to parks, what are their names?

- Hendricks, Emerald, Mt. Pisgah, Armitage, Alton Baker, Baker Bay, Fern Ridge, University Park, Skinner Butte

#3 – What do you like about the Parks you go to?

- When they're open
- Fields
- Swings
- Solitude
- Tractor toy and other play structures
- Cleanliness
- Freshly cut grass
- Trees
- Picnic tables
- Merry-go rounds
- Basketball courts
- Woods
- Rivers
- Shelters
- Play structures
- Picnic areas
- Hiking trails
- Climbing areas
- Open Space
- Lake

#4 – What do you like to do outside?

- Hike
- Throw rocks
- Skipping rocks
- Basketball
- Skiing
- Snowboarding
- Wake boarding
- Hanging out with friends
- Soft green grass with bare feet
- Exploring
- 70 mile hikes
- Paintball
- Bike riding
- Jumping up and down

- Strolling
- Frolicking
- Gymnastics
- Fire dancing

#5 – If you ran the parks, what would you change?

- Add a fountain; they're pretty. Make it a wishing fountain
- You could get revenue when people throw money in the fountain.
- Pools for swimming
- Swimming holes
- Make them close to where people live; more accessible.
- Open later
- No day use fees
- Natural shade
- "Warning! Poison Ivy" signs
- More emergency and directional signs so you don't get lost and can find help
- Change the trail material; don't include bark (hard on feet??)
- More lighting at night – especially at basketball courts
- More stuff to climb on
- Keep facilities in good shape and good working order

#6 – Other comments?

- Provide some topographical maps

#### **Disabled Services Advisory Council, March 11, 2005**

1. On the draft maps shown at the meeting, there are no indications of disabled access. Does that mean there aren't any?
2. When Lane Independent Living Alliance (LILA) was formed about 3 years ago, LILA was invited to participate in revamping and upgrading Alton Baker Park. Take a look at the City of Eugene draft Parks Plan. Collaborate with other agencies during the planning process and during physical park development.
3. Worked in the past on the Florence Parks Advisory Committee. It was very frustrating because it got our hopes up and there items are often left unfunded.
4. Look at the City of Eugene Parks draft summary of funding sources.
5. Is there a way to tap into federal funding, Northwest Youth Corps, and vocational training? They contract for year round maintenance of parks.
6. Make sure funds are dedicated so they cannot be taken away.

#### **Friends of Buford Park, March 16, 2006**

1. How does funding vary by County for County Parks?
2. Does the new Master Plan take into account future funding?
3. As you write the updated plan are you using the old plan, or writing "from scratch"?
4. When you get fees, it is usually for motorized uses.
5. What is the reality of looking for new funding?
6. Are you looking at how other parks are funded?
7. It seems with the growing Metro population, camping is in poor supply. Are you looking at additional camping spots?
8. Would like to see more accountability to customers:
  - Should rethink user fees at HBRA; people feel shut out.



- Revenue projections differ from results.
  - Should not automate day use collections at HBRA
  - Improved areas are appropriate, but it doesn't make sense to charge at less developed sites, and for hiking.
9. Is the HBRA Master Plan being implemented by staff?
  10. Don't feel that the HBRA master plan is understood by staff.
  11. The BCC may not fully understand the HBRA/Parks planning documents
  12. More parks that are accessible
  13. Expand existing parks.
  14. A good vision for the Parks system will receive good public support.
  15. Need an aggressive vision – it's okay to aggressively pursue visions such as natural areas.
  16. Need to articulate concepts such as Rivers to Ridges.
  17. Don't shrink park land by developing things like campgrounds and parking lots.
  18. Parks needs to be more defensive with regard to development
  19. There needs to be more emphasis on expanding the parks system
  20. There needs to be more open space – i.e., natural areas, as opposed to more facilities.
  21. Look at private lands for development
  22. Actively participate in the Rivers to Ridges strategy by acquiring lands on the urban fringe.
  23. Get aggressive in looking for ways to fund land purchases; be sure there is 'preservation' of land banks.
  24. Promote open space through an ambitious vision, like Rivers to Ridges
  25. Make a distinction between types of "open space"
  26. Put trails in dormant properties to attract people.
  27. County parks should promote user groups to partner in maintaining the system.
  28. Find out what you're good at and stick with it. Different parks have different types of users.

#### **Mt. Pisgah Arboretum, March 21, 2005**

1. Has the County lost park lands since 1980? Lane County Parks system used to be the biggest in the nation.
2. A levy which we helped campaign to get passed about 5 years ago was turned down. Is that being reconsidered?
3. Is acquisition being considered?
4. How is Mt. Pisgah being addressed in the Master Plan update?
5. Will the plan address funding for Camp Lane and other parks?
6. Have you considered going after room taxes?
7. Parks were defunded in the 1980's. State law was changed so the gas tax could no longer be used for anything but roads; this has significantly decreased parks' budgets and other publicly funded items.
8. Other parks should have a volunteer organization like Mt. Pisgah.

#### **Native Plant Society, March 22, 2005**

1. Did Big River Park used to belong to the BLM? Once it was going to be logged and then, was it transferred, about 1987 or so?
2. Is Blue Mountain Park logged? Concerned about the precedent this sets.
3. What are the staffing levels at LC Parks, and is there a planner?
4. What is the focus of maintenance staff?
5. Native Plant Society is 26 years old. Write letters and go to the state on a regular basis. Was active in Integrated Management Plan effort at the County.
6. Surveyed County Roads and plants. Would be interested in doing more plant surveys, and could do field trips for staff. The County could help identify these sites. Some have already been surveyed – Kinney Park, for instance.
7. Maintenance activities can harm sensitive plants. Native Plant Society would be interested in providing education about plants to Parks staff. Could do a slide presentation and training. We've found that training makes a big

difference and Road Maintenance/Vegetation Management staff were interested in the information. Once they have the information they like to use it.

8. How will Parks provide for developed and undeveloped uses?
9. Keep in mind that campgrounds don't need to be provided everywhere just to serve the public on a few days a year, like July 4<sup>th</sup> and other holidays.
10. What is envisioned for the Horse Arena Park at HBRA?
11. Native Plant Society would be interested in working along side the County when areas are developed for park uses, like campgrounds.
12. More access to parks by bike trails is needed. A bike trail between Mt. Pisgah, LCC and other green/open space areas would be great.
13. What's being done with BRING?
14. There are federally listed plants in HBRA.
15. What did HBRA make in fees last year? What would putting in a fee machine cost? More safety for cars parked at HBRA –if there is a person there, vandalism is less likely to occur. There is a lot at HBRA on Ridgeway Road and at the North Parking lots.
16. Invasive species – native plants decrease significantly because of them. Of particular concern lately are reed canary grass, false brome, and shining geranium.
17. There should be a bus from LCC to HBRA 4 x a day.

#### **Siuslaw Watershed Council, March 30, 2005**

1. What percentage of County land is 4,300 acres of County Parks?
2. What is the content of the Park Plan and how much detail will there be for individual parks?
3. What are the admission fees, and what are they used for?
4. How are the fees figured across the park system?
5. What's the vision – like for wildlife, etc.?
6. Are all the parks on the web?
7. An explanation of the codes in the inventory is needed.
8. Is camping allowed at South Beach Park? (It should be)
9. Does Parks assess its impacts on lands?
10. What is the County policy on use of herbicides?
11. Maintenance of toilet facilities is poor and needs to be prioritized
12. Boat launch facilities are inadequately maintained – there is a major Japanese knotweed problem.
13. Will the County acquire new lands, and where?
14. The Funding Brochure says that Parks decrease crime. How?
15. Governor stated recently he wanted to see 1 park added to the [State] Parks System per year. How does this relate to the County system?
16. Are there maintenance provisions in the 1980 plan and how has the 1980 Plan been implemented so far?
17. What has the BCC said about the Plan? Any restrictions proposed?
18. In the past, the County had to give back a park – Mable Park (about 6-8 years ago), due to lack of maintenance. Are we going to look at all the deeds for all Parks to see if there are requirements that need to be met?
19. Are we looking at other Parks and uses in the area that Park compete with?
20. Will staff have additional meetings after the Plan is drafted?
21. What is the estimated time line for adoption?
22. How much does public opinion matter?
23. Siuslaw Falls Park needs work –signage, maintenance, trash receptacle, bathrooms. It's a great park.
24. Lane County doesn't show interest in working in partnership and accepting stewardship money.

Rivers to Ridges Working Group (Staff from Eugene, Springfield, Willamalane, LCOG, Lane County) - March 31, 2005

- Remember we said that the Rivers to Ridges Vision Strategy is not a land use document; would like the County Parks Plan to support the document without "creating a revolution"

POTENTIAL PRIORITIES FOR THE COUNTY PARKS PLAN

- HBRA to the confluence
- Armitage Park and adjacent land
- Quamash Prairie
- Short Mountain (the mountain itself)
- Interface between Metro City Park Plans and County Park Plan – path connections, identify key parks, TransPlan, promote continuity and consistency between the plans
- Clearwater to Pisgah
- Middle Fork Trail – a good opportunity for overlap between plans
- McKenzie River Blueway – this is supported in TransPlan
- Support McKenzie/Green Island confluence area
- Mt. Pisgah – Ridgeline – River; I-5 Franklin; consider transportation & development issues
- West Eugene Wetlands/Fern Ridge – potential County lead
- River-related recreation opportunities. Look at Albany-Corvallis and Salem areas and what they're doing. Talk with Philip Richards for more info.
- Bike touring/wine country – bike facilities.
- Agricultural tourism – how might this relate to Parks Plan? Tour routes?
- Potential partnership on Santa Clara Park – camping –
- Note Willamette Bikeway – Champoegh to Armitage
- Emphasize and continue integration between plans of agencies; County plays an important role in brokering with federal and state agencies.
- Stay in the Regional Parks business – seek opportunities while also providing rural areas with neighborhood parks.
- Maintain focus on funding emphasis – federal and state funds
- Encourage looking for opportunities to consolidate – such as boat landings in Metro area – exchange to other agencies.
- Look at parks that are out in the middle of nowhere and consider whether it would make sense to exchange or transfer them to other agencies to have them in public ownership
- There is support for efforts to sell certain properties to leverage money
- Which sites or parks are profitable, if any?
- Grant funding – collaborate with cities if possible on applications. Private non-profit grants, as well as federal/state grants.
- Archery facility?
- Emphasize connections – The Nature Conservancy has identified areas they think are worthwhile.
- English-model trails that run along property lines might be considered.
- Agricultural uses/buffers – function as trail connections.
- There is an old landfill by 52<sup>nd</sup> Street in Eugene – is this an opportunity?
- Emphasize the Middle Fork Trail
- Deadmond Ferry Landing – potential transfer of ownership and expansion of recreational facilities there – river access
- Armitage Park Pathway connection to River Bend/Deadmond Ferry
- Articulate focus compared to City Plans
- Middle Fork has been discussed – it's the north bank that is of most interest; but also consider the south bank/Franklin-Eugene Connection.
- Avoid duplication

- Aggressively pursue regional trail and funding as illustrated in Rivers to Ridges
- Southern Pacific Railroad – Brownsville line: Gateway area to Armitage Park and beyond. Abandoned railroad line. Look at Coburg Parks Plan.
- Consider recreational opportunities that are more appropriate for County Parks versus City parks –archery, mountain biking/"free-riding", and courses –the "Lane County X Games", Frisbee golf, equestrian activities.
- Encourage leveraging/partnering – CVALCO, Lane County Farm Bureau, The Nature Conservancy, McKenzie Trust (look at Green Island), Trust for Public Land, American Farmland Trust.; look at Galeda near Santa Barbara – it's sort of a teaching farm; Food for Lane County.
- Visionary aspect – what is the Vision, Scope, Level of Service, given current resources, look at the practical aspect and how to tie into the Vision. Hope document looks at alternative revenues analysis.
- Rivers to Ridges is based upon natural resources; can be transparent in fringe (boundary) areas – support park/recreation/natural resource actions without necessarily assigning responsibility – leave flexibility/options for working with others and supporting other agencies to carry out vision. Same for recreational facilities. Others besides Lane County could participate in operations.
- Fern Ridge – see City Parks Plan and TransPlan – make a link to Fern Ridge. City can help with funding; need help with working with property owners and with alignment – County involvement could leverage support and funding. Look at a specific destination at Fern Ridge for the connection.
- City of Veneta wants to connect with City of Eugene path – mix in Fern Ridge.
- Funding is needed to develop the actual Fern Ridge Bike Path connection Plan –provide support for this in the County Parks Master Plan.
- Spencer Creek – a drainage basin and blueway; would the County be interested in partnering; for example, the City could facilitate the purchase while County could own or partially own.
- Natural resource component: several bioregional studies have been done – oak woodlands, and savannah studies, for instance. Help preserve these resources, possibly by using county lands for sustainable harvest while preserving habitat. Like Beazell Memorial Forest in Benton County.
- Plan coordination with and support projects from Eugene Waterways Study – check with Stephanie Schulz or Ollie Snowden.
- Support interpretation /education facilities, and work with partners on things like the West Eugene Wetlands Education Center. Provide a letter of support, for instance. It is a tourism draw.
- Grant writing – add a full time staff person to go after funding.
- Proposed natural heritage study – coordinate with regional partnership to look at Cascades to Coast National Park Service Study – currently looking funding for this. Talk with Comm. Green, CVALCO.
- Include a policy statement to preserve vistas, like at the urban fringe, Coburg Hills; possibly assist in acquiring/managing – not only for the Metro area, but other urban areas, like Cottage Grove.
- Note that municipalities are heavily impacted by the County Parks plan and actions outside their jurisdictional boundaries.
- Include language regarding partnering with federal/state/other agencies.
- South Thurston Hills, Jasper-Natron area.

### **Positive Youth Development Forum, Lane County Children and Families and Partner Agencies. April 7, 2005**

Each youth and adult participant described their picture, which is also in the record. Here the elements they included.

#### Picture 1:

Hiking trails

Frisbees

Walking areas

Organized sport areas

Gathering places

"Park of the Future" --Rivers may be too polluted to use, so I would do land things: Laser tag, drive-in theaters, picnic tables, archery, a fake tree that is a big vending machine.

Picture 2:

Large, desolate open space. Eastern Oregon will be more attractive as we get more urban sprawl in the Eugene area.

Gazebos with fireplaces

Go to parks to get away from it all, and hang out

Picture 3:

Bridges and fishing

Mythical birds

Picnic area

Sky

Meteor

Fishes

Bird watcher

Picture 4:

Covered skate park

Benches everywhere

Picnic areas

BBQ pits

Picnic areas

Playground -merry-go-round, jungle gym

Pyramid

Bleachers

Climbing stairs

Lights

Picture 5:

Tennis courts

Basketball courts

Sandy area for play structures – swings, teeter totters, tire swings, dome, monkey bars

Chess tables

Giant trampoline

Field

Kiddie pool

Volleyball

Skate park

Bike Path

Picture 6:

Water – river, lake

Off-leash section for dogs

Walking trail

Swimming/beach area with clean water

Open space

Fitness locations/trail

Covered pavilions around children's play structures

Flushing toilets

Horseshoe pits

Community vegetable gardens

Flower gardens

Picture 7:

Basketball court  
Football field  
Soccer field  
Tennis courts  
Some bleachers  
Space for river, pool, or lake  
Relaxation benches  
Children's playground – teeter totter, tire swing, more  
Walking/running trail  
Picnic area  
Grass  
Trees  
Lights  
Water slide  
Open space

Picture 8:

"Magic of Life" Park  
Court for running  
Football  
Basketball  
Volleyball  
Skating area – covered with lights  
Restrooms  
Play structures – swings, slides  
Carousel  
BBQ/Cooking area  
Parking lot  
Drinking fountains everywhere  
Lots of green space  
Flowers  
Trees

Picture 9:

"Welcome Park"  
Fountain  
Artificial lake where you can see birds  
Lots of trash cans  
A few trees for shade  
Tennis courts  
Football fields  
Playgrounds for children  
Bike path  
Covered picnic area  
Swings  
See saw

Picture 10:

"Hope Park"  
Lots of trees  
Place to walk  
Bicycle paths

Stage  
Dancing area  
Area for children to play  
Carousel  
Tire Swings  
Different play structures – monkey bars, see saw  
Concerts  
Fairs  
Competitions  
BBQs  
Exercise/fitness stations  
Family friendly areas  
Trampoline  
Fountain with waterfall  
Pond with fish  
Swimming pool  
Restrooms  
Lots of benches  
Lots of trees and rocks

Picture 11:

Ball field  
Kite flying  
Path  
Picnic tables  
Skateboard park  
Lots of trees

Picture 12:

Natural trails for hiking/walking/biking  
Paths for wheelchairs  
Natural wooded areas  
Volleyball, tennis, basketball  
Parking  
Ponds, lakes, or river access  
Archery area  
Shady and sunny area  
Picnic area  
Skateboarding area  
Children's play area

Picture 13:

Outdoor theater or concert area  
Basket ball court  
Baseball field  
Picnic area  
Walking and running areas  
Dog area  
Playground for young children  
Tennis Court  
Trees, flowers

"Covered areas for when it rains"