

## **Lane County Parks Advisory Committee**

### **2022 Accomplishments**

- Continued implementing the Large Event Oversight process.
- Filled PAC vacancies. Recommended appointment of Timothy Foelker (District 1) & Richard Vasquez (District 5) to first terms.
- Continued to identify and support efforts to secure sustainable funding for the 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 receive presentations and provide recommendations to the Board of Commissioners regarding park acquisitions, maintenance agreements and lease arrangements (e.g. North Jetty Park).
- Reviewed and commented on plans for the Armitage Campground Expansion project.
- Reviewed and commented on the Facilities Condition Assessment with the goal of reducing the backlog of deferred maintenance.
- Reviewed and commented on plans for the use of American Rescue Plan Act funding for evaluating and improving the water and sewer infrastructure at Armitage, Baker Bay, Orchard Point, and Richardson parks.
- Reviewed and commented on plans for the construction of three cabins at Harbor Vista Park.
- Worked with Parks staff with the implementation of the Parks Master Plan through Action Plans. Three Action Plans were selected as priorities: improve park accessibility, establish a Water Trail, & improve park entrances.
- Reviewed and commented on implementation of the HBRA Habitat Management Plan (projects: Eastern Uplands, Ponderosa, and Coast Fork Trail).
- 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.
- Reviewed and endorsed the Lane County Community Climate Resilience Plan – Phase 3 of the Climate Action Plan. PAC member Mike Allen served as a liaison and presented the endorsement to the Board of Commissioners that unanimously adopted the plan.
- Participated in a field trip to 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, which will reduce the maintenance backlog and supplement significant capital and operational improvements.
- Continue searching for additional sustainable funding opportunities and support the renewal of the local option levy.
- Support development 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.
- Support staff's efforts to 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 an annual review of Parks Fees with a consideration for charging out of state camping fees and reducing the number of parks that require a day-use parking pass.
- Support staff's efforts to address the failing water and sewer infrastructure identified in the Facility Condition Assessment.
- Support development of a Preventative Maintenance & Asset Management Program as recommended by the Facilities Condition Assessment.
- Support Parks staff with the implementation of the HBRA Habitat Management Plan.
- Support investigation and evaluation of the off-leash dog rules/policy at Howard Buford Park through a collaborative public process.
- Support Parks staff with the Armitage Campground Expansion project.
- Participate in a Park tour/field trip.
- Support the Adopt-a-Park volunteer program.
- Receive an update on the McKenzie Fish Hatchery Discovery Center project.
- Support a long-term lease agreement with the Department of State Lands for the North Jetty property.
- Support increased security and safety at County Parks.
- Continue to implement the Master Plan through the execution of Action Plans.
- Explore a non-profit parks foundation.
- Support implementation of the Lane County Climate Action Plan.
- Evaluate regional trail opportunities. Support the execution of a Regional Trail Master Plan.
- Support enhancing accessibility (cultural & physical barriers) of facilities at County parks (includes trails).
- Evaluate limited public access to Three Mile Prairie.