

Parks Advisory Committee
June 11, 2007

Members Present: Damien Gilbert, Emily Schue, Merle Bottge, Marie Kennedy, Catherine Koehn and Johnny Medlin

Staff Present: Todd Winter and Loralyn Spiro

Guests Present: Ollie Snowden and Tanya Heaton

Damien Gilbert, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

I. Announcements/Agenda Modifications

There were no announcements or agenda modifications.

II. Approval of Minutes – April 9, 2007 Parks Advisory Committee Meetings

Minutes for April meeting will be presented for next meeting for review and approval.

III. Public Comment (Maximum of 20 Minutes)

There was no public comment.

IV. Triangle Lake Land Acquisition Request

Winter passed out letter received from Larry & Alice Fern Robinson requesting consideration of selling a portion of park property the Robinsons at Triangle Lake Park. Winter showed photos of Triangle Lake park property and explanation of boundaries of the park.

PAC members discussed that it is not adventitious to not sell park property and would loose valuable lake front property of this type of sell.

Bottge moved that PAC to set a policy that property is not for sale unless there is an advantage to Lane County Parks and not to sell this particular piece of property. Medlin seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous not in favor.

PAC discussed having a future item to discuss criteria for selling park property when approached to sell and setting a policy as a guideline for staff.

V. Criteria Development – Adopt-A-Park Program

Winter handed out two examples of current Adopt-A- Park agreements the Parks Division has with two different groups. Bottge asked for further examples, if any, to be sent to PAC members for review. Medlin asked if the Parks Division had a release form. Spiro let the committee know that the Parks Division does have two other agreements for review and a release form. Spiro will email/send to PAC members.

Other concerns raised were the need for insurance and the inability for a non legal entity to get insurance. Possibly have groups sign an MOU instead of an agreement. PAC would to have volunteer vs. employee defined and the requirements that make one or the other. Prioritizing needs in the agreement for the park associated with the agreement.

VI. Division Manager's Report – Todd Winter, Division Manager

- **Funding – Budget Update**

Two budget hand outs given for review. Went over staff reductions that happened in April and the timeline for possible other reductions. Overview of budget as it stands with changes to CRT and the back fill with TRT and raise in per person price at Camp Lane. Plus, gave an overview on contracting out maintenance duties and how the meeting with 626 Union went.

- **PAC Member Appointments**

Until further notice the vacant PAC position will remain open until the BCC fills the position.

- **Glenada Sale Update**

Still on track with receiving first payment in June and the second in October.

- **SDC Expenditures – Master Plan, Wildish Acquisition, Armitage Campground**

Master Plan and Armitage Campground were still on schedule and the separate committee created by the BCC to work on the Wildish Acquisition was still working on funding options.

- **Senate Bill 29**

Passage of Senate Bill 29 sponsored by the Oregon Parks Association, which increase RV license fee payments to county park systems, was successful.

- **Park Closure Update**

Until the PW Bridge Crew can make an assessment and fix the Rock Dock, it will remain closed. A second news release was sent out about Lane County park closures to inform the public.

- **Fee Increases/Commercial Outfitters**

Board approved to research and report back on commercial outfitter fees on the McKenzie River.

- **Timber Plan – Blue Mountain**

The contracted timber company will do last commercial entry at Blue Mountain Park to be completed late June 2007.

- **Tax Foreclosed Property Program**

Board designated two tax foreclosed properties as park property to be sold with proceeds to be used for parks purposes.

- **Contracting Out Minor Maintenance**

(Already covered in budget update above)

- **Roadside Rest Areas**

Winter will be going to the Board in July to update list of Roadside Rest Areas located within Lane County parks.

- **Dawn to Dusk Parking Enforcement**

Winter will be going to the Board to change Lane Manual to reflect parking fees required during all hours of park operations.

VII. Habitat Management Plan Update – Chris Orsigner and Jason Blazer

Orsigner handed out an overview of the process for the HBRA Habitat Management Planning and a map to help facilitate discussion. As part of the process, Winter would chair the Technical Advisory Committee for implementing the plan.

FBP will collect data on the habitat concerns at HBRA and give to the TAC for review to help in prioritizing in managing habitat. Input from the public would be collected in some form to help in the prioritization.

PAC stated they wanted to make sure that public comments were included in the right order for implementing plan. Acknowledging that it is sometime hard to engage the public early in the process however don't want it to come at the end and the public feeling like their concerns and ideas are not included.

Douglas fir trees removed as a result of the demonstration plot in order to engage the public for input on the plan and/or process by creating an interpretation area, the PAC suggested that timber could be sold for funding either the interpretation project or go towards the trail system.

Reviewed actions 1 through 8 of plan and Orsigner mentioned that 3 out of the 4 funding sources listed are secured.

VII. Good of the Order/Concerns of the Committee

PAC discussed possible PAC park tour of Linn County Parks and Armitage Park, which Winter will email PAC to schedule.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2007.

VIII. Adjournment:

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Submitted by Loralyn Spiro