

Parks Advisory Committee
May 11, 2009

Members Present: Marie Kennedy, Johnny Medlin, Emily Schue, Carl Stiefbold, and Les Weinstein

Staff Present: Todd Winter, Phil Guyette, Loralyn Spiro

Guests Present: Howard Schussler

Johnny Medlin, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

I. Announcements/Agenda Modifications

Winter added Message from the Lane County Mounted Sheriff's Posse under Division Manager's Report. There were no other agenda modifications and no announcements. Introductions of all PAC members and staff conducted.

II. Review and Approve April Minutes

April minutes were approved as written. Schue moved, Kennedy seconded, unanimous.

III. Public Comment (Maximum of 20 Minutes)

No public comment. Members did discuss ways to generate more public comment at the meetings. Stiefbold suggested posting PAC meeting dates on the Parks website.

IV. PAC Member Confirmations and Appointments by the Board of County Commissioners

Winter did an overview of the changes to procedures to selecting advisory committee members by the Board of County Commissioners. These changes affected the recommendations of new members by the PAC.

V. Lane County Parks Grants Review – Grant Management Contractor

Winter conducted an overview of the draft contract. Contract is necessary due to the monetary amounts that the grants applied for are. Winter asked for input from the PAC. Members concerned with the parameters of the contract. The percentage of required types of grants to seek was the main concern. Do not want the organization that receives the contract to have unattainable goals. Other questions: What incentives will there be for the organization that receives the contract? What opportunities will there be for the organization to expand the scope of grants to apply for? What are the citizens receiving? Types of grants geared towards educational and recreational opportunities? How was the percentage determined? Is what the contract asking for beyond the organization's Bylaws/Charter that is awarded the contract? Criteria for quality vs. quantity. Ask applicants to incorporate the Parks Division's goals into proposal.

PAC suggested phase in lower percentage to start then increase in subsequent contracts. PAC suggested inviting Chris O. to a meeting to discuss the contract from Friends of Buford Park's perspective being the last contractor for the grant management services contract. Show scoring criteria in RFP packet.

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

- 09/10 Fiscal Budget Funding Source Overview – CRT will be down this year from the previous year, about \$50,000. TRT gross for reimbursement for campgrounds and Camp Lane cost is higher than actual amount reimbursed for, about \$162,000.
- May 19, 2009 Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting with Howard Buford Recreation Area Stakeholders – Invited PAC Members to the meeting on May 19 at 10:00 am at the Mount Pisgah Arboretum.
- The Nature Conservancy/Wildish Property Update – MOU – Private campaign still moving forward. An appraisal was conducted and a review of the appraisal is being done now by BPA. County has not taken possession of either the appraisal or the review of the appraisal.
- Parks Superintendent Selection – Introduced Phil Guyette as the new Parks Superintendent and gave an overview of the skills he brings to the position.
- PAC Park Tour – Date Selection – Members selected Saturday, June 20, 2009 as the park tour date. Meet at 9:00 am at the Parks Main Office.
- Other – Posse made the offer to purchase and place benches and a horse tie up at the summit of Mount Pisgah. PAC asked to consider and bring feed back for the June 20 park tour.

VII. Good of the Order/Concerns of the Committee

Next meeting scheduled for June 20, 2009. This will be the PAC's annual park tour in lieu of a regular meeting on June 8, 2009.

IX. Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Submitted by Loralyn Spiro