

## Lane County Parks Advisory

March 8, 2021  
Meeting Summary

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Members Present:	Ashley Adelman, Jim Mayo, Kevin Shanley, Greg Hyde, Carl Steifbold, Mike Allen
Members Absent:	Tyger Gruber
Staff Present:	Brett Henry, Ed Alverson, Michelle Hunt, Cynthia Schlegel
Guests Present:	Wisteria Stuart and Randy Dersham, McKenzie Discovery Center

Chair Adelman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

00:02:40 Public Comment

- None

00:02:54 Assignment Review

- Henry interviewed PAC candidates.
- Henry reported back to the PAC the cost for the Master Plan Work was 161k.
- The Climate Action Plan has been added to agenda for the next meeting.
- Henry will hold off on putting Eagle Rock on agenda until plans are worked out further.
- The PAC needs to decide what to do with the April PAC meeting as Henry will be on paternity leave. Henry suggested taking April off and replace it with an August meeting. The PAC decided to cancel April's meeting and will meet on August 9<sup>th</sup> instead. Ashley Adelman called motion, Mike Allen seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

00:08:44 Review of Meeting summary for February 8, 2021

- Approved as written; Jim Mayo motioned, Mike Allen seconded, motion passed unanimously. Allen noted one change that minutes should reflect he is approved as the liaison to the PAC for the Climate Action Committee.

#### 00:10:50 Staff Updates

- McKenzie River Discovery Center Update – Wisteria Stuart, new Executive Director and past Executive Director Randy Dersham attended the PAC meeting and gave a report on the 235K grant from the Murdock Charitable Trust Foundation. The grant will fund the Executive Director position for the McKenzie River Discovery Center over the next three years. Stuart reports the Discovery Center concept design has been finalized and the building placement site was selected. Restoration work on historic buildings has begun. Stuart reports most of the historic property survived the Holiday Fire.

#### 00:26:54

- Facility Condition Assessment Update – Henry gave an update on the Facilities Condition Assessment and provided the PAC with a preliminary report from Faithful & Gould. Henry will have a more detailed report presented at the next PFTF meeting on March 25.

#### 00:36:25

- Parks Funding Task Force Update – Henry gave a brief overview from the last meeting PFTF meeting. Henry stated Faithful & Gould gave a presentation on the Facilities Condition Assessment and Dave Metz from FM3 gave a presentation on the Community Survey Questionnaire they will be conducting for Parks in March.

#### 00:50:17

- Holiday Farm Fire Recovery – Henry stated the McKenzie River Trust is finished removing hazardous trees and debris. Alverson stated the Trust has been working at Forest Glen, Eagle Rock, and Helfrich. Helfrich has been cleared and is safe to reopen, but a little more clean-up is needed. No right-of-way lands adjacent to the highway still need to be cleared; ODOT is still working to clear hazards. Henry and Alverson have a site visit scheduled with a representative from ODOT next week.

#### 00:58:57 Old Business

- West Lane District PAC Member Selection – Henry conducted interviews for two PAC member candidates for the West Lane District vacancy. Tyger Gruber was selected and has accepted the position. Gruber's appointment has been added to the April 27<sup>th</sup> consent calendar for the Board of Commissioners. Mike Allen motioned to approve Gruber's appointment, Carl Steifbold seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### 01:05:47 New Business

- North Jetty Plans – Hunt reports Parks has been discussing how to move forward with the North Jetty property. Hunt spoke with the Department of State Lands (DSL) about a lease agreement and will need to go before the board going forward with improvements planned for the property. Parks needs to talk with DSL about putting in power on the property before putting in a host site, fee machine, and a light post by the fee machine. Estimated timeline is six to eight months. Long-term improvements include paving, installing a gate and new restrooms, and creating ADA access to the beach. Hunt stated Parks will do some community outreach to educate the public about the plans for the North Jetty.

- Report on Lane County Climate Action Plan – Allen gave an overview of the last Climate Advisory Committee held on February 26, 2021. Allen stated the recording is on the Lane County’s website for those who would like to listen to the meeting. Allen will report back to the committee any ideas the PAC has on how Parks can help with the initiative. Alverson suggested PAC members look at Lane County’s Bicycle Masterplan and how Parks could provide more accessibility for bicycles at the parks.

01:34:10 Open

- Allen stated SOLVE is going to be doing spring cleanups and he will be participating in the cleanup at the North Jetty.

01:35:38 Natural Areas Operations Report

- Alverson stated that Bart Johnson from the University of Oregon teaches studios and last year he taught a studio on the Summit of Mt. Pisgah. This year he is working with land owners up the McKenzie that were impacted by the wildfire and the students are doing an analysis of the landscaping and also developing strategies for landowners to rebuild and respond to issues on their land. Alverson will share the work from the students with the PAC when it is completed.

01:42:58 Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments

- Henry will look at the difference between split sample A and B from the FM3 survey and report back to the PAC.
- Allen would like Henry to review what Alverson’s assignment will be for the Climate Action Committee.

Adelman adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.