Lane County Parks Advisory

September, 13 2021 Meeting Summary

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Members Present: Ashley Adelman (Chair), Kevin Shanley, Carl Steifbold, Mike Allen, Tyger

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Members Absent: Jim Mayo, Greg Hyde

Staff Present: Brett Henry, Cynthia Schlegel, Dan Hurley, Todd Bowen

Guests Present: Taylor Bowden (U of O), Dean Leonard (Faithful & Gould), Bob Keefer

(SDAO)

Chair Adelman called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

00:03:27 Public Comment

- None

00:03:35 Assignment Review

- Henry will give an update on the electric vehicle charging station at HBRA under staff updates.
- Allen would like the PAC to give recommendations on how Lane County Parks can help reduce greenhouse gasses. Henry will add as an agenda topic.
- Allen would like a status report on the North Jetty property and also would like a summary of the surveys that were sent out. Henry stated the sample size in the survey was small, but gave Parks a good snapshot of community support. Henry will discuss more under old business.

00:06:20 Review of Meeting summary for June 14, 2021

 Approved as written; Carl Steifbold motioned, Kevin Shanley seconded, motion passed unanimously.

00:07:40 New Business

HBRA Inclusion – Taylor Bowden (University of Oregon) – Bowden gave a presentation on black, indigenous, and latinx inclusion in public natural areas and parks. The study took place

at the Mt. Pisgah (HBRA) area. As part of the study, Bowden set up a booth at Mt. Pisgah to poll visitors on if they felt Lane County Parks are diverse. The study found that people of color were underrepresented at Mt. Pisgah. Eighteen barriers to inclusion were defined during interviews with participants. The study showed that racism and macroaggressions play a big part in feeling a lack of inclusion. Bowden also conducted focus groups to brainstorm ways to address some of the barriers to inclusion.

00:45:52

- Facility Conditions Assessment Final Report Dean Leonard (Faithful & Gould) Dean Leonard from Faithful & Gould presented the final report of the Parks Facility Condition Assessment study. The report categorizes maintenance needs over the next ten years into three categories; priority 1 being currently critical, priority 2 being potentially critical, and priority 3 being necessary, not critical. Each priority group is also broken down into three categories; deferred maintenance, routine maintenance, and capital renewal. The report summary states within the four parks assessed, Parks has an immediate need of \$15.9M for maintenance and a total of \$18.9 over the next ten years. Henry stated the report will be presented to the board on October 12, 2021.
- Parks funding Task Force Funding Report Bob Keefer from SDOA gave a presentation of the final funding sources identified by the Parks Funding Task Force. Henry asked the PAC for a motion to accept the funding report as it is written and to support the funding task force's recommendations. Carl Steifbold motioned, Kevin Shanley seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

02:08:30 Old Business

North Jetty update – Henry stated the lease for the North Jetty as well as the day use fees
will be added to the BCC agenda. Henry reported some of the improvements planned for
the North Jetty include parking lot repairs, additional lighting, installation of a fee machine,
trail work, and improvements to accessibility.

02:14:00 Staff Updates/Reports

- <u>Armitage Campground Expansion Update</u> Henry stated Branch Engineering was hired for the design phase and will move forward with the project when it is complete.
- Electric Vehicle Charging Station Update -
- <u>Harbor Vista Cabins Update</u> The final permitting has been completed and we are ready to begin construction. We have begun purchasing materials and the crew hopes to start working on the cabin footprint within the month. Availability for materials has caused some delays, but the crew is very resourceful and was able to gather what is needed.

02:14:00 Open

- Henry provided the Maintenance & Administration Operations Report to the PAC in the meeting materials packet.

02:14:00 Operations Report

- Alverson provided the PAC with the Natural Area Operations Report.

02:36:00 Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments

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Adelman adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.