

Parks Advisory Committee Minutes

March 10, 2014

Members Present: Pat Hoover, Wayne Lemler, Dale Stoneburg, Larry Dunlap

Members Absent: Carlos Alvarez, Damien Gilbert

Staff Present: Mike Russell, Dave Stockdale, Sam Fox

Guests Present: Mary Brorby

Committee Chair Pat Hoover called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

I. Agenda Additions/Changes/Modifications – None

II. Approval of Minutes – Motion: Larry Dunlap moved to approve the February 2014 minutes as written. Wayne Lemler seconded. All present voted in favor, motion carried.

III. PAC Tour – Final preparations were made for the April 19th committee tour to Camp Lane and several other sites in Florence and along Hwy 36. The tour will take the place of the regularly scheduled April meeting.

IV. Information Items:

- a) Status of Commissioner Stewart's Committee Appointee – Mr. Russell confirmed that Mary Brorby's appointment to the PAC is on the consent calendar and will go before the BCC at the March 11th board meeting.
- b) Status of Emerald Meadows Task Force & Work Groups – Mr. Russell confirmed that both the smaller work group as well as the larger task force presentation are also on the board agenda for review tomorrow.
- c) Status of RV Fee Legislation – The bill was signed yesterday and has passed both the House and the Senate and is waiting for the Governor's signature. Mr. Russell stated that the first priority for this additional revenue will be to address deferred park maintenance issues.
- d) Status of Whitely Landing 1-Year Report – Mr. Russell has submitted a one-year recap to the BCC that indicates Sheriff's office and neighbor support for continuing an alcohol ban at this location.
- e) 2014 Annual Moorage – Dave Stockdale reports that the new moorage reservation process on CAMAVA is going smoothly. The renewal deadline for returning moorage holders is March 13th and the remaining unreserved slips from all three marinas will then be available for the public to reserve through CAMAVA beginning April 1st. There was further discussion regarding marina enhancements, expansions, and revenue.
- f) 2013 PAC Accomplishments & 2014 Goals – These items were finalized and updates were provided to each member for inclusion to their handbook.

- g) Commissioner attendance at PAC meetings – Ms. Hoover once again requested that Mr. Russell encourage commissioners to occasionally attend PAC meetings to show their support of the program. Mr. Russell will determine which commissioner is park liaison and will reach out to that commissioner on behalf of the committee.
- h) Parks Funding Options – Mr. Russell announced that Parks staff will go before the BCC on March 18th to present funding options. Staff has created a list of ideas to help generate revenue over the next few years that include items such as an increase in the share of Transient Room Tax (TRT) and Car Rental Tax (CRT) fees, assessing System Development Charges (SDC's) on building permit applications within the city limits, a general obligation bond, increasing campground revenues by taking over 3 Army Corps of Engineers campgrounds on Dorena reservoir and Cottage Grove lake, and more than 40 other ideas. This list is simply a submittal to the BCC to help begin the conversation of ways to generate revenue for the Parks department.

V. Good of the Order – Chair Hoover inquired as to how parks staff was handling windfall after recent storm activity. Mr. Russell replied that due to public interest some wood cutting permits have been issued, and that most other debris is being chipped up and stockpiled for future Parks projects. Mr. Dunlap asked about the logging and forest management plan for Blue Mountain Park. Mr. Russell stated that the project is on hold until the forest management plan can be reviewed and updated. Ms. Hoover also asked for an update on any progress on the Forest Service (FS) decision to keep Archie Knowles campground as an active camping destination or to return it to natural area. Mr. Russell briefly detailed the direction the FS as indicated they intend to pursue, and stated that LCP remains interested in taking over the campground if the FS decides to proceed in that direction.

VI. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. The next meeting will be the PAC Tour on Saturday, April 19, 2014.