

Lane County Parks Advisory

November 20th, 2023

Meeting Summary

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<https://www.lanecounty.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3585881&pageId=4279856>

Members Present: Mike Allen, Timothy Foelker, Julie Daniel

Members Absent: Greg Hyde, Darlene Raish, Reilly Newman, Richard Vasquez

Staff Present: Brett Henry, Kylee Tupes, Ed Alverson

Guests Present: Stephen Lawn.

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM

Introductions (00:00:00)

00:01:56 Public Comment

- None

00:02:06 Assignment Review

- Keep covered Bridge Task force Subcommittee on the Agenda, will be covered under Old Business.
- Keep Three-Mile Prairie on the agenda and change wording in October minutes to reflect that.
- Strategize on dog off-leash access within Lane County Parks. Scheduling a meeting to discuss off-leash dogs at Howard Buford Recreation Area.
- Request Jodi Low to report on stewardship for volunteers
- Get input from Kristen Lee on electric vehicle grants.

00:05:00 Review of Meeting Summary

- Mike Allen formally adopted the October minutes.
- Change spelling of Stephen Lawn's last name in October PAC meeting minutes.

00:06:20 Three-Mile Prairie (Three-Mile Prairie moved from Staff Updates to beginning of agenda)

- Ed Alverson connected with Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative and had a work party on October 21st. Another volunteer work party scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd from 10am-12pm.
- Ed Alverson and Brett Henry discussed the removal of abandoned camps and trash. Mr. Henry received an update from Park Lead, Dan Anderson on campsite clean-up.
- Tim Foelker expressed concern for hazardous materials within abandoned camps and the possibility of it leeching into the ground.

00:20:50 New Business

1) Capital Improvement Plan

- Mr. Henry presented FY 25-29 Capital Improvement Plan.

00:26:05 Old Business

1) Covered Bridge Task Force Subcommittee

- Mr. Henry has made significant progress with Legislative Representative Alex Cuyler in the possibility of adding a new clause into ORS 368.705 County Road Fund; use of funds.

2) Parks Superintendent (00:33:21)

- New Parks Superintendent Steve Rafuse is set to start January 16th, 2024.

3) Parks Planner (00:34:14)

- New Parks Planner Rebecca Shepard is set to start December 4th, 2023.

4) Campground Host Coordinator

- Interviews for Campground Host Coordinator were held the week of November 13th and Parks is ready to offer the position to a candidate.

00:38:22 Staff & Committee Updates/Reports

1) Quarterly Levy Update to Board of Commissioners

- Mr. Henry will provide an update to the Board of Commissioners on Levy progress. He will explain criteria used to prioritize projects and what projects are planned for Calendar Year 2024.
- Mr. Henry will also focus on equity and sustainability lenses within levy projects during his update.

2) Armitage Maintenance Shop Update (00:46:08)

- Received and invitation for a bid that closed and waiting on contract signature to begin building.

00:48:45 Open

- No Open Items Presented

00:49:06 Natural Areas Operations Report

1) HBRA Prescribed Fire

- Mr. Alverson presented his Natural Areas Report
- Successful Rx Fire year with five burn units & 127 acres completed this year

- Wildflower display should be excellent next spring

2) Eagle Rock Park

- Design workshop in September with National Park Service
- Site Plan & Report should be available this winter
- Covered shelter from FEMA funding was designed & will be first rebuild

00:57:00 Meeting Wrap-Up/ Assignments

- Jodi will contact Julie Daniel for volunteering opportunities to pick up trash
- Update status of electric vehicle infrastructure grant
- Update status of Three-Mile Prairie clean-up
- Mike Allen's term ends soon and he is interested in a second term

1:00:24 Adjourn