

Lane County Parks Advisory

February 11, 2019
Meeting Summary

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<http://www.lanecounty.org/Departments/PW/Parks/Pages/pac.aspx>

Members Present: Greg Hyde, Wayne Lemler, Kevin Shanley, Ashley Adelman, Pat Bradshaw, Carl Stiefbold

Staff Present: Dan Hurley, Brett Henry, Charlie Conrad, Todd Bowen

Guests Present: None

Chair Lemler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

00:00:15 Introductions

00:00:40 Public Comment - None

00:00:57 Assignment Review

- Conrad presented the Heceta Beach Parking lot plan to the PAC.

00:04:00 Review of January 14, 2019 Meeting Summary

- Approved as written

00:05:10 Staff Updates/Reports

- *Armitage Phase 2 Expansion Public Outreach* – County Parks will host a scoping session facilitated by a third party in March with two goals in mind: (1) how does the public use the park and (2) feedback on expanding camping. Based on the feedback Parks will either host another workshop or Master Plan the site.
- *Willamette Confluence Preserve Transfer Update* – Henry recapped a second meeting held on February 5th with the same Rivers to Ridges partners and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) staff. TNC explained that the proposal is a non-binding questionnaire that will go out in mid-March and be due in mid-June. Each of the partners discussed their roles in the transfer and willingness to work together on a joint proposal.
- *Maggie Osgood* – Ms. Osgood was a dedicated volunteer at Unity (Fall Creek Park). Henry passed out the Lane County Administrative Procedures Manual that stated the procedure for re-naming the park after Ms. Osgood. Henry recommended a volunteer recognition program to bring attention to a select few dedicated volunteers. Chair Lemler recommended that the Board of Commissioners present an award to any surviving members of Ms. Osgood’s family. Adelman suggested that the information on naming a park should be available on the Parks website.

00:24:45 Old Business

- *Homeless Car Camping* – On January 15th Parks staff and Dan Hurley met with the Board of County Commissioners in a work session to discuss car camping. Henry discussed a previous pilot program with camp hosts that was ultimately phased out since the county parks were so far from city services. Commissioner Farr requested a follow-up session on May 1st to discuss car camping on County properties. Hyde suggested reaching out to other municipal parks to see how they address the situation. If car camping is considered, Lemler suggested that one park should be designated as a test park to look at the viability of the program.
- *Orchard Point Marina* – Linda Cook the newly hired Grants Analyst for Public Works and Henry met with the Marine Board to discuss extending the boat ramp toe further into the water to prevent power loading and replacing the associated boarding docks. Henry presented the short-term solution of extending the ramp toe which would cost \$25,000 versus the long-term solution of replacing the ramp which would cost \$500-550,000. The PAC agreed with the Parks staff that the short-term solution is the better route for this time. The grant is due March 1st.
- *General Fund discussion* – Shanley met with Commissioner Sorenson who suggested that the staff recommend a small amount of general fund revenue towards a capital project that would yield a return on investment. He also visited with Steve Mokrohisky who urged the PAC to express the opinion of the Board of Commissioners that parks should receive some general fund revenue. Mr. Mokrohisky also suggested the creation of a Task force composed of PAC members and park advocates to focus on park funding to look an array of options and not just tax funds for deferred maintenance and capital projects. He requested a memo from Parks staff that then goes to the Budget Committee followed up by a public comment process that the PAC can participate in. Hurley also spoke with Mr. Mokrohisky who requested that he put together two asks – one for the Facilities Condition Assessment and one for general fund revenue in the \$100,000 to \$300,000 range. A motion was made by Shanley, seconded by Hyde and passed to send a letter to the County Commissioners recommending that a Funding Task Force be formed by them. Hurley then suggested that the letter be forwarded to Steve so he would put it on a County Commissioner Meeting Agenda.
- *Election of Officers* – Lemler opened the floor for nominations of PAC Chair. Shanley nominated Lemler as the PAC Chair. The PAC voted unanimously to nominate Lemler and he accepted the nomination and will serve another term as Chair. Lemler opened the floor for nomination of the Vice Chair. Shanley nominated Adelman as the Vice Chair. The PAC voted unanimously to nominate Adelman and she accepted the nomination as Vice Chair.
- *FY 19/20 Budget* – Henry stated that camping revenue continues to increase and projected revenues will allow the purchase of three credit card only fee machines and a back hoe for those parks in the valley region. The remaining funds were deposited into our reserves. Conrad gave a recap of the budget structure and the current sources of revenue.

01:24:40 Open

- No items were discussed.

01:24:55 Operations Report

- Shanley asked for an update on the North Jetty lease. Conrad discussed plans on adding a cabin to Harbor Vista and providing a trail connection between Harbor Vista and the North Jetty property. Henry suggested a public process prior to the contract between DSL and OPRD that expires in June. Conrad suggested a short-term IGA with DSL prior to a formal lease agreement. Bradshaw suggested involving the local community with the public input process.
- Hyde asked about the meeting with Randy Dersham of the McKenzie River Discovery Center at the Old McKenzie Fish Hatchery. Henry responded with his conversation with Mr. Dersham and their efforts to fundraise for a Discovery Center at the site.

01:30:32 Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments

- Henry will email the PAC last year's Goals and Accomplishments for 2018 prior to the March meeting. He recommended that the PAC work on the Goals and Accomplishments for 2019 at the March meeting.
- Lemler asked about funding a Volunteer Group Coordinator

01:34:33 Adjourn – Meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2019.