

Lane County Parks Advisory

March 11, 2019
Meeting Summary

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

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

Staff Present: Charlie Conrad, Brett Henry, Ed Alverson, Mackenzie Crampton

Guests Present: Jason Blazar

Chair Lemler called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

00:0:46 Public Comment – Michael Randles

00:00:55 Assignment Review – Discuss letter to BCC regarding task force funding.

00:03:05 Review of February 11, 2019 Meeting Summary

- Approved as written

00:03:55 Staff Updates/Reports

- *Dogs in Parks* – UofO intern Mackenzie Crampton presented a review and analysis looking at dogs on and off leash at public parks. Her research and report will be used to initiate a public process to help update Lane County Park’s policy on dogs in parks at HBRA.
- *Public Comment* – Michael Randles spoke regarding water quality at Fern Ridge reservoir.
- *Winter Storm Report* – Henry reported on damage throughout the parks system due to a February snow storm. At least 21 parks sustained moderate damage, and 11 parks are inaccessible due to snow and/or debris. Parks submitted a preliminary damage assessment to Lane County Emergency Management who will evaluate which items qualify for FEMA reimbursement.
- *Orchard Point Boat Ramp Extension & Dock Replacement* – Staff submitted two Boating Facility Grants to OSMB, 1) extension of the boat ramp toe further into the water to prevent power loading, 2) replace the boarding docks. LCP is requesting a \$95,000 grant of which LCP will supply \$40,000 in match. Grants are to be awarded in June 2019, and work is to be completed no later than June 2021.
- *Hendricks Bridge Project* – Henry provided an update on a Boating Facilities Grant that was awarded from the OSMB in 2015 to replace the existing boat ramp and expand the parking area at Hendricks Bridge Wayside. LCP has now submitted for the construction phase of the project and are requesting a grant for \$790,000 with a cash match of \$60,000.

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- *Armitage Phase 2 Expansion Public Outreach* – Henry reported that a date has been set for the initial scoping session for the campground expansion project. *Make It Happen* will facilitate the meeting on Wednesday, April 17th from 6-8 pm in the Goodson Room at 3050 N. Delta Hwy, Eugene.

00:58:15 Old Business

- *North Jetty Plan* – Conrad discussed the plan for a rental opportunity of the North Jetty property from DSL. Conrad reported that a work session will be scheduled with the BCC prior to June to initiate feedback on the project of negotiating a long-term lease for the property.
- *Facility Condition Assessment* – Staff submitted a funding request memo for \$170,000 for a consultant to assist with a Facility Condition Assessment to help prioritize deferred maintenance to make informed future capital, staffing and operational investment decisions.
- *General Fund Requests* – Henry reported that the department submitted a funding request from the County general fund with a focus on projects that are currently in progress or can be immediately implemented which produce revenue, improve efficiency of operations, and enhance customer experience. Examples of those projects include the addition of three cabins at Harbor Vista campground in Florence, match funding for the Hendricks Bridge Wayside/OSMB boat ramp and parking lot project, the purchase of three credit card-only fee machines to replace cash-only machines at three of our busiest parks, and funding to cover infrastructure upgrades for the Armitage Park.
- *Parks Funding Task Force* – Discussion of a letter that was signed by the PAC members and submitted to the BCC which recommends the Board authorize the County Administrator to form a task force dedicated to funding options to help ensure long-term funding stability for LCP.

00:01:11 New Business

- *Committee Accomplishments & Goals* – Review of 2018 goals and accomplishments of the committee, and discussion of 2019 goals.
- *Veteran's Discount* – Review of current policy which provides a 50% discount to disabled military veterans on annual day use parking passes, and discussion of changing the policy to provide a 50% discount on annual passes for all veterans regardless of any disability. Shanley made a motion that staff implement the proposed 50% discount on annual day use parking passes for all veterans regardless of disability with proof of military service at time of purchase. Bradshaw seconded the motion. There was further discussion and clarification that veterans who previously obtained an annual parking pass at a 100% discount would be grandfathered in to the program and would continue to receive one free annual pass with proof of military service. The motion passed unanimously. The discount does not apply to camping or other LCP-related purchases.

01:36:00 Open

- *PAC Vacancy Update* – Former committee member Jim Mayo will contact Commissioner Berney about continuing his seat on the committee. If Mayo does not return to the committee, then staff will move forward with posting the vacancy.

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01:38:00 Operations Report

- Budget preparation discussion.
- Park host/caretaker discussion. Vacancies reviewed.
- Operational summary report included in packet. No discussion.

01:42:00 Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments

- Compile list of committee goals & accomplishments for approval - Conrad
- Contact committee member Mayo regarding continuation of his seat on the committee - Henry

02:23:50 Adjourn – Meeting ended at 7:43 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 8th, 2019.