

Lane County Parks Advisory

May 8, 2017

Meeting Summary

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Members Present: Jim Mayo, Wayne Lemler, Kevin Shanley, Carl Stiefbold,
Mary Brorby, Pat Bradshaw, Greg Hyde

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Mike Russell, Charlie Conrad, Tim Elsea, Sam Fox, Devon Ashbridge

Guests Present: Ashley Adelman

Chair Lemler called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

00:00:00 Public Comment

- None

00:01:00 Agenda Additions/Changes/Modifications

- Conrad: combine item 8.2 with item 5 and group all Master Plan items into one discussion
- Brorby: add one item to New Business

00:03:20 Assignment Review – all items are scheduled topics on tonight’s agenda

00:04:45 Master Plan Task Force Update

- Hyde: Stated no new task force meetings since March and a review of the public work sessions currently in progress was provided.

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- Elsea: requested to change the wording in the April summary regarding the sale of the Canary Road tax foreclosed property to read that an offer was made on a tax foreclosed property on a Lane County road in Florence, and a public hearing will be held and the proceeds will go to Lane County Parks.

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00:09:20 Master Plan Outreach Discussion

- There was a discussion which included Lane County Public Information Officer Devon Ashbridge and Task Force member Ashley Adelman regarding the amount and types of outreach Parks has attempted when notifying residents of the scheduled public meetings. The meetings have been well attended by Task Force and Advisory committee members but not as well attended by members of the public as desired. There were several suggestions and lengthy discussions of whether the media coverage, printed fliers, social media outreach, and word of mouth efforts were strong enough and whether other efforts should be attempted. Staff specifically asked the PAC to provide a recommendation whether to return to Leaburg and to Cottage Grove since the response from the meeting attendees was that some felt not enough notice had been provided prior to the meetings. The response was that PAC members felt the County had done enough outreach and didn't recommend any additional meetings
 - o 01:15:55 Hyde made a motion recommending a return to the Leaburg and Cottage Grove communities for a second round of meetings and Brorby seconded the motion, which resulted in 3 - yes votes and 4 - no votes. The motion failed.
- Further discussion began regarding focusing outreach to the Leaburg and Cottage Grove groups, inviting them to the Springfield meeting.
 - o 01:18:40 Mayo suggested another motion to try additional advertising and communication efforts for the remaining 2 meetings involving the Oakridge community and the Springfield/Eugene Metro area. Stiefbold seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

01:20:20 North Trailhead Parking Lot Discussion

- Russell gave a presentation showing the poor condition of the north trailhead parking lot at Mt. Pisgah in the Howard Buford Recreation Area which is resulting in vehicles "mudding" in the parking lot. Shanley designed a draft proposal for an upgrade to the parking lot keeping the gravel surface area the same size but creating better drainage into a bio-swale area and allowing for approximately 75 parking spaces with some of those being designated as handicapped accessible, allowing for designated horse trailer parking, and creating a designated walking trail to the river. The current restroom and kiosk would remain. The proposed cost with engineering, labor and materials would be in the neighborhood of \$75,000 - \$100,000 with funding coming from the sale of the foreclosure property on Canary road that is currently for sale.
- Russell also discussed the need for foundation repair work on the caretaker house at Mt. Pisgah. Russell suggested funding for that project to also come from the Canary road foreclosure property sale as well as revenue that was generated from the sale of timber from the Meadowlark project at Mt. Pisgah.
- Mr. Russell discussed other possible maintenance priorities for the Park's system, including the sewer system at Orchard Point.
- Hyde motioned to utilize proceeds from the sale of the Canary road tax foreclosure property and also the timber revenue that was generated from the Meadowlark project for foundation repairs to the Mt. Pisgah caretaker's house and restoration to the North Trailhead parking lot. Shanley seconded. There were 6 yes votes and 1 no vote cast by Mr. Bradshaw sighting other maintenance activities as more important. The motion passed.

01:38:00 Canary Road Property Sale Update

- Mr. Russell reminded the PAC of last month's discussion concerning the sale of tax foreclosed property on Canary Road in Florence. He stated that the final dispensation of the property would be discussed at a public hearing to be held in Florence on May 17th in a joint meeting with the City of Florence.

01:41:25 Tobacco Free Parks Policy Implementation

- Russell presented a version of a brochure for review which provides information to park users of why Parks is implementing the program, details of the park rule, and also the benefits of smoke free parks. He also presented a draft plan of the proposed campsites to be designated where smoking would be allowed in each campground, and also several different style graphics ideas for park signage. Prior to finalizing the proposed campsites, Mr. Russell will check with the campground hosts for their input. The Parks staff will make a final determination on the graphics for the signs.

01:57:00 Large Events Oversight Group BCC Discussion and Review of Applications

- Russell reported that the BCC adopted the developed criteria and also agreed in the Board Order to give the PAC flexibility in implementing Appendix G. The flexibility included allowing the PAC to determine the make-up of the Large Event review committee, and for the PAC to be allowed to appoint members to the committee, rather than the BCC appointing members. The BCC also recommended defining an appeal process for applicants to follow if they choose. The BCC will have final review of all applications and also any appeals. After discussion, Mr. Russell stated that Parks had received 10 applications to serve on the event committee. Ms. Brorby stated that the review committee was to have representation from the LETF. Mr. Russell stated that all of the members of the LETF had received notice of the committee appointments, and that there were applications from members of the LETF that had been submitted. There was a motion by Shanley to approve the 10 applications currently submitted by persons interested in being on the event review committee. Hyde seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

02:13:25 Park Tour Discussion

- Committee members expressed interest in touring parks up the McKenzie River. Staff will begin planning the tour and will bring back an itinerary at next month's meeting.

02:17:40 Eugene Parks Joint Meeting Discussion

- Shanley provided an overview of the City of Eugene's current master plan process and the proposal for a joint meeting between PAC and Task Force members and the City of Eugene committee. The city is suggesting a meeting on June 8th and committee members agreed to attend. LCP will host the meeting and staff will secure a meeting room here at the Delta complex.

02:25:30 Kids in the Parks

- Members will bring ideas to next month's meeting on ways to get more kids and their families into parks.

02:28:20 Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments

- Conrad asked for clarification and then detailed the agenda for next month's meeting.
- Elsea suggested a change to the minute's summary from last month which is detailed above.

02:30:00 Adjourn – Meeting ended at 8:33 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2017.