

Lane County Parks Advisory

May 13, 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, Greg Hyde, Carl Stiefbold
Members Absent: Pat Bradshaw, Jim Mayo
Staff Present: Brett Henry, Charlie Conrad, Ed Alverson
Guests Present: David Luke – North by Northwest Relays
Jason Blazar – Friends of Buford Park/Mt. Pisgah

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

00:0:38 Public Comment – None

00:00:50 Assignment Review – None

00:00:57 Review of April 8, 2019 Meeting Summary

- Approved as written

00:01:50 Staff Updates/Reports

- *North by Northwest Relays* – Promoter Dave Luke gave a presentation on a series of relay events he has submitted a Special Use Permit for that will use several of the parks later in October.
- *Ponderosa Project* – Jason Blazar provided an update on what is known as the Ponderosa Project taking place in the NE quadrant of HBRA. The project is in accordance with the HBRA Master Plan designed to restore native oak savanna, oak woodland, and wet prairie habitats as well as protect salmon and steelhead habitat, Oregon chub and northern red-legged frog, Townsend's big-eared bat, and Oregon vesper sparrow habitat.
- *North Jetty Update* – LCP has entered into a one-year maintenance agreement with DSL to better understand what the commitment would look like if Lane County were to enter into a longer term lease for this location. A meeting with City officials is planned for June to keep stakeholders informed of the changes regarding the short-term and long-terms plans for this property.
- *Armitage Campground Expansion* – Recap of April 17th scoping meeting and presentation of next steps toward expanding this campground to provide an additional loop of camping sites.
- *Hendricks Bridge Mitigation* – Henry discussed the project background and the complex permitting process involved with mitigation requirements to offset the work to the boat ramp area. LCP plans to partner with the McKenzie River Trust (MRT) and the McKenzie Watershed Council (MWC) to work out an off-site mitigation plan to meet the requirements. Once approved, the project can move into the construction phase.

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Staff Updates/Reports (cont.)

- *Willamette Confluence Preserve* – Henry refreshed members on the property acquisition possibility and the questionnaire that is required from interested parties. Staff has a tour scheduled on May 21st with members of MRT, Friends of Buford Park (FBP), and Mt. Pisgah Arboretum (MPA). MRT also plans to submit a response to the questionnaire by the June 15th deadline.

01:35:15 Old Business

- *Parks Funding Task Force* – County Administrator Steve Mokrohisky advised LCP staff to prepare a board packet for a board order to form a task force to look at finding sustainable funding sources for the Parks Division. Henry wants to make sure there is a well-represented group from around the county. He plans to begin reaching out to interested parties in late June or early July and asked PAC members to help provide recommendations.

01:42:30 New Business

- *Friends of Orchard Point Marina* – PAC member Carl Stiefbold spoke about his desire and action to start to *Friends of Orchard Point Marina* volunteer group, sharing a letter he drafted to fellow moorage holders inviting interested parties to attend a kickoff meeting which was held April 27th. Interest was high and the meeting was well attended. Stiefbold reported that the meeting resulted in support from Parks staff to address some of the safety features that are lacking at the marina such as throwable life rings, safety ladders, and fire extinguishers. Stiefbold stated that the next steps will include an MOU (memorandum of understanding) with the County and also the forming of a 501C for the non-profit Friends group. Future plans may include a newsletter to moorage holders and other interested parties, a focus on some ready-made projects that volunteers can get involved in to help parks staff with much-needed maintenance and repairs to the park and marina areas, and fundraising ideas to support the group and its projects.
- *Volunteer Coordinator Interview Process* – Henry has been working with staff writing the job description for the new position and asked members if they would support the interview process by being involved in activities such as a meet & greet session with applicants, sitting on an interview panel, and inviting possible presentations from successful candidates to the PAC at a future meeting.

01:58:30 Open

- *Passport Parking App* – Shanley asked for an update on feedback of the app since its kickoff in January. Conrad reported that the app is not available in all parks, just those with cell reception, which incorporates 43 of the 68 Lane County Parks. Out of those 43, there have been 734 day use passes purchased at 25 parks. Conrad stated that he has only received a small number (3) of comments from users who were frustrated with the app.
- *Heceta Beach Parking Lot Expansion* – Conrad advised members on the recent paving project to add 11 additional spaces to this popular parking area on the Oregon Coast, bringing the number of parking spaces from 16 to 27.

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02:02:30 Operations Report

- The operations report was inadvertently left out of the packet. Henry summarized the report by recapping storm debris cleanup from February's snowstorm, which was followed by heavy rains and flooding the following month capitalizing most of the maintenance staff's time. He mentioned again how impressed he has been with the ability of such a small staff to accomplish so much and still get the entire park system ready for spring openings.

02:04:20 Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments

- None

02:04:50 Adjourn – Meeting ended at 8:09 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 10th, 2019.