

## Lane County Parks Advisory

June 12, 2017

Meeting Summary

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

Members Absent: Carl Stiefbold

Staff Present: Mike Russell, Charlie Conrad, Tim Elsea, Petra Schuetz, Sam Fox, Ed Alverson

Guests Present: None

Chair Lemler called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

### **00:03:10 Public Comment**

- Tamara Miller

### **00:04:35 Agenda Additions/Changes/Modifications**

- Brorby: add two items for discussion prior to the Large Events Oversight Group topic

### **00:06:30 Assignment Review**

- All items are scheduled topics on tonight's agenda. Brorby talked about her vision for encouraging more children and their families to visit Lane County's parks.

### **00:08:25 Approval of May Meeting Summary**

- Accepted as written

### **00:10:15 Agenda Item Additions**

- Brorby spoke of her desire to think globally about the parks system and to find ways to further reach out to residents for their input about the future of county parks. She also suggested that LCP and MIG make an even stronger effort to go out into the community by having staff, consultants, and even task force members attend events such as the county fair to talk with residents and encourage them to take surveys or give feedback directly rather than scheduled meetings that may not be well attended due to residents' busy schedules and conflicting commitments.
- Russell spoke about signage for the recently adopted smoke-free parks policy and the informational handouts that have been created for parks staff, caretakers and hosts to hand out to park users. Elsea added that enforcement was a concern of the commissioners, staff and committee members at the time of discussion and adoption, and that by having the policy in

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### Agenda Item Additions continued

effect and having park rangers approach smokers and advise them of the policy while asking for voluntary compliance during the 18-month implementation time it would allow park users to become aware of the change before citations would be issued to violators of the park rule.

### 00:20:15 Large Events Oversight Group – Orientation & Application Overview

- Staff reviewed the event application and also the assessment tool that will be used to screen and evaluate proposed large events in Lane County Parks. Recommendations were suggested for some modifications to the application as well as designing a process for an appeal process for any applications that might be denied. Members suggested that currently submitted applications be reviewed individually and the scores submitted to parks staff prior to the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to conserve time during the meeting allowing more time for any needed discussion. Members were reminded of the process for emailing their scores to parks staff as not to violate the public meetings law.

### 01:35:15 Master Plan Task Force Update

- Russell reviewed the recent schedule of the seven public meetings conducted by parks staff giving opportunity for community feedback on the Master Plan. Russell reported that the online public survey had generated 400 responses, which he felt was a strong number. Brorby suggested another alternative way of reaching out to the community by taking surveys at events such as the County fair to generate more input. Staff will continue to work with MIG to find additional ways to generate stronger public input, and will plan to meet with MIG in the fall to compile the feedback and prepare a draft document for public review.

### 01:49:35 HBRA Habitat Management Plan Update

- Alverson provided a timeline for continuing the master plan update. He reported that due to scheduling conflicts progress had been slow but he anticipates the next version to be available for review August 15<sup>th</sup> and then added as an agenda item for the September meeting. A public open house is scheduled for the September meeting and then the item will be on the agenda again for the October meeting to review the results of the open house comments. If the plan is approved by the committee it will then go to the commissioners before the end of the year as the BCC scheduling permits. Russell reported that stewardship and environmental enhancement per the original plan continues with an anticipated ecological burn in the south meadow and meadowlark east areas this year.

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### 01:53:30 Old Business

- **Tour Schedule:** Fox confirmed the date for the PAC tour is scheduled for September 16, 2017. The tour will cover various park locations up the McKenzie. Details are still in the planning stage so an itinerary was not available. Further details and an itinerary will be sent to members ahead of the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **Kids in the Park Discussion:** Brorby previously expressed a desire for LCP to encourage and offer ways to get children and families into parks. Lemler suggested that PAC members create a sub-group in 2018 to explore an outreach program for finding ways to encourage youth and their families to experience county parks and the outdoors in their communities.

### 02:04:45 New Business

- Elsea asked if the PAC would be interested in a joint meeting with the Master Plan Task Force members and the consultant MIG in July or August in addition to the currently scheduled meetings between the two committees. Russell suggested that staff would meet with MIG and see what new information will be available to present to the committees and then facilitate a July or August meeting with members of both groups.

### 02:08:00 Open

- Shanley talked about a group that he is associated with known as East Lane County Bicycle Tourism Studio and their mission to coordinate with neighbors along Hwy 126 to take bikes off the highway and onto a path or route along that corridor. He asked for involvement from fellow PAC members outside of the monthly meetings for support and participation if they are interested in this goal.
- Hyde requested that when staff contacts MIG that an outline or table of contents be provided before the group meets again.

### 02:14:15 Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments

- Conrad summarized the changes necessary to the large events oversight application process and forms.

### 02:15:45 Adjourn – Meeting ended at 8:22 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2017.