

Lane County Parks Advisory

September 9, 2019

Meeting Summary

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

Members Absent: Ashley Adelman

Staff Present: Brett Henry, Charlie Conrad

Guests Present: Randy Dersham – McKenzie River Discovery Center
Andrew Pickering - Re: Grayson Memorial
Ivana Buric – Re: Off-leash Dog Area

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

00:01:40 Public Comment – Mike Allen, coordinator Friends of Harbor Vista park, complimented staff on the maintenance efforts at the North Jetty in Florence, which was recently signed under a maintenance agreement with Oregon State Division of State Lands.

00:05:40 Assignment Review – None

00:05:50 Review of June 2019 Meeting Summary - Approved as written

00:06:45 Staff Updates/Reports

- *McKenzie River Discovery Center Update* – Executive Director Randy Dersham discussed progress by the Discovery Center Friends group to establish an agreement with Lane County to perform work at the McKenzie River Hatchery location. The group is currently working with the BCC to establish a long-term lease for the Center buildings. Recent activities involved hiring a crew to clean up some of the outbuildings on the property as well as hiring a tree-cutter to remove vegetation and to spread the resulting bark chips on paths throughout the property. Dersham also briefed members and staff of their ongoing fund raising efforts.
- *Grayson Memorial at HBRA* – Andrew Pickering gave a presentation for a proposed memorial bench near the areas where Trail 3 and Trail 1 intersect. The bench would be in memory of Grayson Druffel who passed away in 2018 and was a frequent user of the park trails. Staff went over some of the guidelines currently in place for memorial benches and discussed the number of requests received annually along with the maintenance concerns factored into each request.

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Staff Updates/Reports (cont.)

- *Off-Leash Dog Area Discussion* – Ivana Buric has proposed creating a separate dog park specifically for small dogs adjacent to the dog park currently at Armitage Park. Ms. Buric discussed how this proposal fits with the character of the park as well as how it meets the vision, mission, and goals of the Master Plan for this property. Staff discussed design ideas and maintenance concerns involved with this type of project.
- *HBRA Fire Summary* – The fire occurred on August 15th, it burned 51 acres, and was the result of mowing conducted by an independent contractor hired by the USFWS to mow a fire line in preparation of a future prescribed burn in the Meadowlark Management Unit in the SE corner of the park. The park was successfully evacuated and the fire was under control by the next morning.
- *Willamette Confluence Preserve Update* – Staff met with TNC and easement holders in August to tour the property and view recent and ongoing restoration efforts. Staff turned in the divestment questionnaire in June. A response is expected in the next couple of weeks and staff will follow up with another update next month. The property should close by the end of 2020. Another tour is scheduled on October 31st with USACE.

01:13:50 Old Business

- *Volunteer Coordinator Recruitment* – Staff has narrowed the candidates down from 46 to four. More interviews scheduled for next week hopefully to bring it down to the top two. Staff will likely ask committee members and members from some of the Friends groups to participate in the final interview process. Details will follow as the process continues.
- *Friends of Orchard Point Marina* – The group formed in April 2019 and launched in May where they began working with Parks staff focusing on marina safety to include escape ladders at the docks, throw-able life rings, fire extinguishers, and a loaner life jacket station. Members will begin working with the new Volunteer Coordinator over the winter to brainstorm for next year's sailing season.
- *Armitage Campground Expansion Update* – Staff presented results from a public survey conducted in the spring. Options included the addition of 9, 20, or 46 campsites with either minimal or maximum effect to the surrounding park including day use areas. Staff will present the survey results to the BCC. If supported by the BCC, staff will begin design engineering and preparing for another public outreach opportunity for feedback on the expansion plans.
- *Parks Funding Task Force* – Staff reported that the BCC has supported creating a task force to seek long-term sustainable funding for LC Parks. Former LC Parks manager Bob Keefer has agreed to be a consultant under Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) over the next 18 months to facilitate the project.
- *PAC Tour of North Jetty & Konnie Memorial* – The tour is September 21st and will include the North Jetty, Harbor Vista Park, Konnie Memorial Park, and Triangle Lake boat ramp and park.

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01:52:30 New Business

- *PAC Memberships* – Terms end in December for members Bradshaw and Shanley. Staff advised they submit an application as soon as possible if they intend to renew so the BCC packet can be submitted for review and approval at the December BCC meeting.
- *Evaluations of 2019 Events* – The Wildflower Festival, 4th of July Fireworks Show at Fern Ridge, & Zumwalt Camping were all successful events with no negative results. Public response for each event was very positive and staff recommends continuing each of these events per their current contracts.

02:00:50 Operations Report

- Report included in the packet for review.

02:01:20 Open

- Shanley: Asked for clarification of the process for Friends groups to submit ideas for possible grant funding opportunities. Henry recommended bringing any ideas to the new Volunteer Coordinator once the position has been filled in October.
- Bradshaw: Bradshaw gave kudos to Conrad for his organizing and presenting a public meeting regarding the maintenance contract and future plans to manage the North Jetty property in Florence.

01:12:00 Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments

- Henry – To send out Doodle poll to confirm upcoming PAC tour date.

01:16:00 Adjourn – Meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2019.