

## Lane County Parks Advisory

November 18, 2019

Meeting Summary

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Members Present: Kevin Shanley, Jim Mayo, Wayne Lemler, Pat Bradshaw,  
Ashley Adelman, Carl Stiefbold

Members Absent: Greg Hyde

Staff Present: Brett Henry, Charlie Conrad, Michelle Hunt, Linda Cook

Guests Present: Bob Keefer – SDAO

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

00:00:32 Public Comment – None

00:00:45 Assignment Review – None

00:01:00 Review of November 2019 Meeting Summary - Approved as written

00:02:50 Staff Updates/Reports

- Henry introduced Michelle Hunt as the new Volunteer Coordinator
- *Armitage Campground Expansion Update* – Cook gave an overview of the process for applying for a County Opportunity Grant through the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Applications are due October 1, 2020. Notice of award is in November, and if awarded the project, the grant would be executed by March 2021. Cook requested action from the Committee in the form of a resolution and attendance of Board of County Commissioner meetings. Henry discussed the public input process where the public favored expansion options one and two which were between 9 and 19 additional campsites. Henry will explore 15 campsites with an estimate of \$450,000. The next step is to discuss the funding options with the Public Works Business Manager and complete an engineering design for public review.
- *Parks Funding Task Force* – Keefer discussed his progress with facilitating the Task Force. A memo that outlined the meeting schedule was distributed to the Committee. Recently, Keefer met with the County Administrator, County Commissioners, and Public Information Officer to illicit support. The next step is to recruit the members of the Task Force prior to a meeting in late January. The goal is to have a public survey to ask the public what they are interested in funding in January 2021 and to complete an Action Plan with funding recommendations to present to the County Commissioners by April 2021. He outlined 4 types of funding requests: (1) Day to day parks operations, (2) Capital repair and infrastructure, (3) Master Plan projects and (4) Conservation/Habitat Restoration projects.

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Potential funding sources to pursue, deferred maintenance costs, a marketing and branding plan, and cost recovery from recreation was also discussed. Keefer asked the meeting participants to answer three questions: (1) Why is the Lane County Parks system important to you personally?, (2) Why should the Lane County Parks system be important to county residents and (3) What are three key facts about Lane County Parks the public should know about?

- *Willamette Confluence Preserve Update* – Henry reviewed the Divestment Questionnaire response from the Divestment Committee. A concern over the capacity for Lane County Parks, the Friends of Buford Park, and Mount Pisgah Arboretum to maintain, operate, and steward the property was outlined in the response. The other worry was over public access and the County's capability to control this access in a way as to not impact the conservation values of the property. Henry and staff will meet with the Divestment Committee on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November to review the Questionnaire response and search for a path forward.
- *Play in the Rain & Mushroom Festival Event Evaluations* – Henry explained the attendance of the Play in the Rain Day was right around 1000 and there was sufficient parking to handle the number of people. The Mushroom Festival is the largest event hosted by the Arboretum so additional parking and staff were deployed to keep traffic minimal on Seavey Loop Road. The shuttle that brought visitors in from Eugene was effective along with the Coast Fork Trail which kept people off the roads and away from oncoming traffic. The Large Event Oversight Committee meeting was scheduled for January 13, 2020 which is the same date as the Parks Advisory Committee Meeting.

### 01:41:27 Old Business

- *PAC Vacancies*- Shanley applied for another term on the Committee and was recommended by Commissioner Sorenson. Bradshaw's term will expire at the end of the year so he has recommended two individuals to Commissioner Farr.
- *Action Plan*- Henry identified 17 strategies to consider from the 2018 Parks & Open Spaces Master Plan. The Committee decided that more time is needed to carefully evaluate all the strategies in the Master Plan. Shanley recommended forming a subcommittee to establish a scoring criteria to prioritize the Action Plan items. Chair Lemler suggested placing this item on the December meeting agenda for more discussion.

### 02:04:34 New Business - None

### 02:04:46 Open

- Adelman mentioned the letter of support from the Committee for the Armitage campground expansion project. The Committee decided to wait until the new members were on board prior to crafting the letter of support

### 02:07:30 Operations Report

- Stiefbold inquired on the Orchard Point rental house. Parks is getting the house ready for a new caretaker to oversee the property.

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02:11:35 Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments

- Chair Lemler asked that the Action Plan discussion continue in the December meeting

02:11:58 Adjourn – Meeting ended at 8:13 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2019.