

Parks Advisory Committee *Meeting Notes*

May 12, 2014

Members Present: Pat Hoover, Wayne Lemler, Mary Brorby

Members Absent: Carlos Alvarez, Damien Gilbert, Dale Stoneburg

Staff Present: Mike Russell, Dave Stockdale, Sam Fox

Committee Chair Pat Hoover called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

I. Agenda Additions/Changes/Modifications – Ms. Hoover requested an update from the Parks Manager on his quest to determine which commissioner is assigned to the PAC and whether an invitation to attend these meetings has been offered since her previous request in March. This item will be discussed later in this meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes – There was no quorum for this meeting so the March minutes could not be approved. Members in attendance did not request any changes or modifications to the March meeting minutes. Minutes will be presented at the next meeting for review and approval.

III. 2014 Parks Tour Debrief – The committee participated in a tour of 15 different park locations between Camp Lane on Hwy 126 and Triangle Lake on Hwy 36. Stops included a variety of parks consisting of a campground, a beach access parking lot, as well as several boat ramps and restroom facilities. Committee members and staff discussed how each of these locations is funded, the maintenance each requires, and how deferred maintenance due to funding and staffing issues has affected the Parks division.

IV. Information Items:

- I. *Volunteer Service Agreements* were signed by new PAC members present. Absent members will be sent the paperwork via email to update records for 2014.
- II. *PAC member information* updates were also distributed to those in attendance for addition to their handbook.
- III. *Status of Emerald Meadows 2015 Events Work Group* – Parks Manager, Mike Russell, has completed a board packet to the commissioners regarding the continuation of events at Emerald Meadows (EM) in the Howard Buford Recreation Area (HBRA), also known as Buford Park (Buford) for the 2015 season. Mr. Russell reviewed the board packet with committee members, and explained the options presented to the commissioners. A decision by the commissioners is expected at the May 13th BCC meeting.
- IV. *Emerald Meadows Task Force* – Mr. Russell explained that a task force has been created per the BCC direction to bring together various parties who share an interest in the use of EM and how that use affects HBRA. Chair Hoover suggested that the Board of Commissioners

(BCC) direct funding for outside counsel and facilitation. Ms. Hoover would like to see a diverse representation on the task force from all types of HBRA users within the task force stating that she has concerns that Lane County and the Parks division has lost credibility with the community. Hoover also expressed disappointment that she was not selected to represent the PAC on the task force. Russell remained confident that activities at EM within Buford are in compliance with the Master Plan. Russell also voiced his concerns for generating revenue for the Parks department if future events at Emerald Meadows are cancelled by the BCC.

- V. *2014 Annual Moorage* – Sr. Budget Analyst, Dave Stockdale, reported that 2014 moorage renewals are up compared to 2013 at this time. The 2013 mooring season was deeply affected by the consistent low-water levels in Fern Ridge reservoir due to lack of rainfall, which resulted in the Parks department offering either a proration, a credit, or a refund (PCR) on seasonal moorage slips at Richardson Park and Orchard Point marinas. Stockdale said that the 2014 season looks more promising at this point and staff anticipates more seasonal applications will be processed as the renewal deadline for returning moorage holders to secure their slip from late year draws near.
- VI. BCC Liaison to Parks – Chair Hoover had previously requested BCC involvement in PAC meetings and had asked Mr. Russell to look into which commissioner is assigned. Mr. Russell believes Jay Bozievich is the current Parks Advisory Committee liaison. Russell stated that he has invited Bozievich over the past year but Mr. Bozievich has not attended. Russell will attempt to contact Bozievich again.

V. **Good of the Order** – Ms. Brorby brought up the condition of the tree houses at Camp Lane and the liability issues involved as maintenance at Camp Lane is deferred due to funding issues. Discussion ensued. Staff mentioned a desire to eventually replace the tree houses with camping cabins. Ms. Hoover requested direction on approving the minutes in order to post to the website in absence of a quorum for tonight's meeting. Mr. Russell felt that it would be permissible to email the absent PAC members and verify that there are no corrections or changes. If written reply is received by at least one of the members absent tonight, combined with the three members in agreement tonight, the minutes from the March meeting could be posted to the website when staff is available to do so. Hoover also brought to staff's attention that the web page needs to be brought up to date. Russell will review the web site and update as needed.

VI. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. The next meeting will be September 8th.