

Parks Advisory Committee Minutes

December 8, 2014

Members Present: Pat Hoover, Wayne Lemler, Damien Gilbert, Larry Dunlap, Dale Stoneburg, Mary Brorby, Carl Stiefbold

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Mike Russell, Dave Stockdale, Sam Fox

Guest Present: Marsha Miller, Celia Barry

Committee Chair Pat Hoover called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Agenda Additions/Changes/Modifications – Chair Hoover stated that she would like to add an item to the Good of the Order toward the end of this meeting.

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Mr. Lemler to approve the November 2014 minutes as written, Mr. Dunlap seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PAC Vacancy – Carl Stiefbold's application was approved by the BCC. Mr. Stiefbold will fill an at-large position on the Parks Advisory Committee for a two-year term. Member Damien Gilbert's term has ended as of tonight's meeting. Mr. Gilbert served on the PAC for 14 years. Mr. Russell presented him a plaque and a letter of appreciation for his service and dedication to the committee. Commissioner Sid Leiken has identified Jim Mayo to fill Mr. Gilbert's vacancy. Mr. Mayo previously served on the Willamalane Parks & Recreation Board and intends to submit an application to serve on the Parks Advisory Committee. Parks Manager Mike Russell will submit a board packet on January 6th and if approved, Mr. Mayo will begin his 2-year term at the January 12, 2015 meeting. Mr. Russell also acknowledged that Pat Hoover's term will end this month. He stated that he has recommended to the County Administrator to approve an alternative appointment process which will allow Ms. Hoover continue serving on the committee for an additional 2-year term. Wayne Lemler recommended a vote of confidence on behalf of Ms. Hoover, and also that the committee make a motion for an exception to the standard advertising and screening process and appoint Ms. Hoover as Chair to the committee for a second term, Mary Brorby seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Information Items:

- I. *Parks Master Plan (PMP)* – Initial Draft – Celia Barry, Public Works Analyst with Lane County, presented the draft version of chapters 1-7 to the PAC for questions and review. Ms. Barry also detailed the hearing process and timeline for the members. Chair Hoover voiced concern that Damien Gilbert is the only member on the committee with any long-term knowledge of past work performed on the Master Plan since it was shelved more than 5 years ago due to budget issues. Ms. Hoover expressed frustration that the PAC has been

given limited time to review and provide feedback for the master plan. Mr. Russell informed that there would be plenty of opportunity provided, not only during upcoming PAC meetings, but also through the public outreach sessions that are planned for early 2015 in several communities throughout Lane County. Mr. Russell also noted that the submittal date for the PMP to go before the BCC for adoption is now mid-2015.

- II. *FY 15/16 – 19/20 Parks CIP Review* – Mr. Russell presented the CIP for review and discussion. Mr. Gilbert suggested the addition of a long-range planning feasibility study for mountain biking trails within county parks, and Mr. Dunlap suggested a study to connect LCP to the Pacific Crest Trail and the Ridgeline Trail. Mr. Russell agreed to add suggested items before the public hearing scheduled for the January 15th public hearing and PAC meeting.

There was a motion by Mr. Gilbert to release the 5-year Parks and Open Space CIP for review in preparation for a public hearing at the January 2015 meeting. Mr. Lemler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- III. *Large Events Task Force Status* – Mr. Russell reported that PAC member Dale Stoneburg has joined the task force to represent the 18-34 age demographic that the County Administrator desired. The next step for the task force is to begin considering if large events are appropriate in county parks and if so, which policies should be considered for those events in a park-by-park review. Adoption of those policies should happen over the next several months.

Good of the Order – In reference last month's discussion on meeting length, Chair Hoover informed the committee that by-laws stipulate when meetings go longer than two hours, the committee can vote whether to continue or suspend until the next meeting date. She interprets this to mean that meetings may go up to or longer than 2 hours.

Additionally, the committee recognized a scheduling conflict with the January meeting and elected to move the next meeting date to Thursday, January 15th.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.