

## Lane County Parks Advisory

October 10, 2022  
Meeting Summary

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Members Present: Greg Hyde, Kevin Shanley, Mike Allen, Timothy Foelker, Richard Vazquez  
Members Absent: Jim Mayo  
Staff Present: Brett Henry, Ed Alverson, Cynthia Schlegel, Dan Hurley  
Guests Present: Dev Clough (public)

Vice-Chair Hyde called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

00:00:20 Introductions

00:01:32 Public Comment

- Dev Clough- Observing only, no public comment.

00:00:00 Announcements

- None

00:2:00 Assignment Review

- Follow up with PAC regarding the vacant at large PAC position, specifically for Mike Allen to share with the Beyond Toxics group. Allen shared the vacancy with Beyond Toxics.
- Eagle Rock garbage cans need removal.
- Illegal camping at Three Mile Prairie (has been taken care of).
- Map to PAC defining property around Three Mile Prairie.
- Invite Jason Blazer to talk more about the Ponderosa Project in the Spring.
- Add Master Plan action items to agenda.

00:05:20 Review of Meeting Summary for September 12, 2022

- Mike Allen motioned, Kevin Shanley seconded, motion passed unanimously with additional information on the Ponderosa Project being added.

00:07:15 New Business

- Master Plan Action Plans Ponderosa Project – Henry explained the scoring matrix system for evaluating projects. Parks focused on four projects to run through the scoring system, then

looked at just two to be able to compare to each other and how the scoring system worked. What was decided on was more access to water trails for non-motorized boaters is needed due to increased demand. Also looked at branding (signage) at park entrances and the look of entrances at Lane County Parks; signage is damaged, missing or inaccurate. Henry updated the PAC on the progress of the two projects. Parks received three Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) grants for improvements. The McKenzie Bridge boat landing project was completed last year, and Forest Glen Landing and HBRA are at the permitting stage. Entrance signage needs to be further evaluated before the project begins.

- Armitage Maintenance Shop – Project was started prior to the COVID19 shutdown in 2020. Parks worked on the plans and had a geotechnical study done. The foundation is settling a lot and Parks doesn't have the necessary storage for equipment and they also need a better office. Parks looked at a prefab building then deferred the project due to COVID19. Funding for the project will incorporate about 200k of redirected funds from county administration for Stewart Covered Bridge as the Armitage shop has now become the priority. The funds will be in the supplemental budget in November and once reallocated, the project can be resumed. The required permits are expired so Parks will need to go through that process again. If a prefab building is chosen it will need to have ADA access and the old building will need demolition. The Stewart Covered Bridge was worked on by the road crew and the approach was removed to make it safe before reallocating funds.
- Proposed Levy – Levy information pages have been completed and included in the meeting materials. An informational website is also published now.

#### 00:38:59 Old Business

- Committee Vacancy (At Large) – The vacancy is still posted. The position has been open since July and Henry stated the PAC should be focusing on a balance of diversity and equity when filling the position. Allen stated he will follow up with the Beyond Toxics group to see if there are any interested individuals. Shanley stated he will be moving out of the area by the end of the year and will stay in his role until he moves. Henry will go ahead and post the position to get the word out.

#### 00:47:45 Staff Updates/Reports

- Water & Sewer Infrastructure Feasibility – Parks received about 4.3M in funding through ARPA to use for the water & sewer infrastructure, primarily at Baker Bay Campground, Orchard Point Park, Richardson Park and Armitage Campground. The current water & sewer systems were designed so long ago they either need to be replaced or assessed for bringing them up to current standards. The first step is a feasibility study; a request for proposal went out last week and will be posted for six weeks. The proposals will be opened on November 18. Henry stated there will be a pre-bidding meeting so bidders will have a better understanding of the scope of work. ARPA funded projects require all work to be under contract by 2024 and completed by 2026. Henry stated Armitage is

not included in the request for proposal because it is currently under contract for a feasibility study for the campground expansion. That contract may need to be amended.

- Fern Ridge Water Capacity – Current tank is not sufficient and there are leaks in the system. Parks will be adding four storage tanks with a 5000 gallon capacity per tank. Quotes have been received and projected project completion is by the end of 2022.
- Forest Glen Landing – Parks received a water access grant from the OSMB. Forest Glen received the most damage from the holiday farm fire other than Eagle Rock. Parks also received FEMA funding for a double vault restroom at Forest Glen. The old one has been demolished, but ADA access needs to be established from the restroom to where parking is located and more parking needs to be added in general. OSMB has put together a basic site plan for Parks. Henry stated parks will hold a joint press release with OSMB and will have another public meeting to see how people use the sight and discuss potential improvements. The meeting will be held in Blue River.
- HBRA Waterway Access – Parks received an OSMB waterway access grant and is currently working with OSMB and looking at accessibility for parking and water access. The project will need an archeological survey; the marine board grant will pay for the study and Parks is hoping to have permits for the project by July 1, 2023.
- Eagle Rock Park – RTCA – Parks had a caretaker on site, but everything was burned in the fire and hazardous materials needed to be removed. ODOT has been helping to clear the material as well as the hazardous trees on the property. Parks worked with FEMA for funding to restore the park. Alverson worked with a local logger to generate some revenue through the downed timber. Parks has 200-220K for improvements at Eagle Rock. The caretaker's site may need to be changed and Parks also wants to get the public's opinion on how to rebuild to the park. Parks has been working with the National Parks Service and has received a technical assistance grant.
- Armitage Campground Expansion – The expansion project needs to be reviewed by a County planner first and the campsite design may need to be adjusted due to the flood plain area. Branch Engineering is working on more onsite sewer system options and looking at possibly connecting with the City's sewer system. The cost for an onsite sewer system is higher than expected but being so close to the river, Parks needs to make sure to stay in compliance. The original sewer and water system is not sufficient for all the current demands with recreational vehicles as well as shower and laundry facilities. Parks may need to put in a large aerator and will need to consider future maintenance needs on a new system. Once the infrastructure design is complete another public meeting will be held for public opinion and information gathering.
- Climate Advisory Committee Report - Mike Allen stated committee won't meet again until vacant member positions have been filled. Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the County's Climate Action Plan have been completed. Phase 3 has been completed and submitted

for public comment, but can't get approved until it goes to the Board of County Commissioner's which may not happen until staffing increases.

#### 01:23:06 Open

- Members engaged in open discussion. Henry stated the annual Mushroom Festival at HBRA is only offering advanced registration tickets for the October 30<sup>th</sup> event.
- Allen submitted a photo of a damaged three mile prairie sign. Allen stated that access and parking are issues. He would like to discuss getting together with the City of Florence and property owners to see if some collaborative effort can be made to gain access for the general public to the undeveloped park land. Allen also stated the entrance sign is difficult to find and is also badly damaged and suggested replacing it and changing the location so that it is easy to see.
- Foelker motioned to evaluate the potential for improving access to three mile prairie both short and long term, Allen seconded, motioned carried unanimously. Shanley stated Parks needs to find out what habitats are there when considering accessibility options. Henry stated the need to consider limited staffing as well so the initiative gets the time it deserves.

#### 01:41:40 Operations Report

- Included in meeting materials. Alverson stated Parks has received grant funding for fuels management from BLM; this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> of a 3 year agreement and a 5 year extension will be applied for next year. Friends of Bufford Park have partnered with Parks to do a large portion of the work.

#### 01:44:15 Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments

- Update the PAC on illegal camping at Three Mile Prairie.
- Role the PAC can play in the phase 3 equity and resiliency plan.

Hyde adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.