

Lane County Parks Advisory

May 10, 2021
Meeting Summary

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Members Present:	Jim Mayo, Kevin Shanley, Greg Hyde, Carl Steifbold, Mike Allen, Tyger Gruber
Members Absent:	Ashley Adelman
Staff Present:	Brett Henry, Michelle Hunt, Cynthia Schlegel, Dan Hurley, Bob Keefer
Guests Present:	Byron Trapp (Sheriff's Mounted Posse), Alan Murphy (Sheriff's Mounted Posse), Sean Maxwell (public)

Co-Chair Mayo called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

00:03:00 Public Comment

- Sean Maxwell signed on to the meeting, but his audio was lost, therefore no input was obtained.

00:04:13 Assignment Review

- Henry added Climate Advisory Committee report to the agenda.

00:4:43 Review of Meeting summary for March 8, 2021

- Approved as written; Greg Hyde motioned, Kevin Shanley seconded, motion passed unanimously.

00:05:23 Staff Updates

- Sheriff's Mounted Posse Update – Former Sherriff Byron Trapp and Alan Murphy gave a presentation on some of the improvements planned for the arena at HBRA. The Posse is an all-volunteer program and volunteers provide all their own horses. The Sheriff's Mounted Posse relies on fund-raising events and donations. The Posse secured the funding and labor to construct the new arena on higher ground, further away from the river. Under an agreement with Lane County Parks, the Posse maintains the horse arena and surrounding grounds at HBRA. Putting a roof on the arena is the first priority.

- Facility Condition Assessment Update – Faithful & Gould assessed the above-ground infrastructure at Armitage, Richardson, Baker Bay, and Orchard Point. There are more above-ground infrastructure needs than previously thought. Pro Pipe who is a subcontractor to Faithful & Gould is accessing the below ground infrastructure and should have the full report complete by the next PAC meeting. Faithful & Gould will give a report to the PAC on the assessment at the next meeting. Henry reminded the PAC the assessment was only done on four parks out of sixty eight.
- Parks Funding Task Force Update – At the March meeting of Dave Metz from FM3 presented the results of the public questionnaire. The top priorities identified by the public are: basic park maintenance, water quality, protecting wildlife habitat, restoring wildlife damaged parks, and campground maintenance. However, homelessness was the biggest problem identified in the survey along with COVID response and cost of housing. FM3 will follow up at the end of the year to see if any of the perceptions have changed. Henry stated the goal is to put a ballot measure on the ballot next year. Bob Keefer who is facilitating the Task Force gave a status on the work completed by the Task Force and touched on a future timeline of activities. He noted that after assessing the opinions and the survey results, a local levy option appears to be the most viable solution to start with, and then add a bond measure or pursue a special service district at a later date.

01:01:35 Old Business

- Shanley requested a status report from Ed Alverson on the landscape studio publication that the University of Oregon completed for the Mt. Pisgah summit. Henry will add this item to the agenda for the next meeting.

01:07:54 New Business

- North Jetty Plans – Hunt gave an overview of where Parks is with the North Jetty project. Parks is working on a long-term lease with the Department of State Lands. Eventually improvements will be done at the site, but in the immediate future Parks is going to be charging parking fees. Hunt asked the PAC to support parking fees for August. The electrical work and fee machine installation will not be completed by August so the Passport application and fee tubes would be used in the interim. A credit card fee machine will be installed when electrical work can be completed. Holes in parking lot will be filled with rock until paving can be done. The gate will be closed at dusk. Parks would like to go before the Board of Commissioners in July and a motion from the PAC is needed to move forward with charging parking fees. Kevin Shanley motioned to support parking fees at the North Jetty, Greg Hyde seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Climate Advisory Committee Report – Allen gave a report on the Climate Advisory Committee. Henry stated Parks is moving forward with the electric car charging station including a retrofit for a solar panel installation at Mt. Pisgah. Henry is hopeful it will be in place this summer.

01:37:11 Open

- Shanley announced that the University of Oregon landscape department has a studio project at the North Bottomlands at HBRA. June 2nd is their final project date, so those interested in the ideas are for the area can let Shanley know and he will help arrange those interested to participate in the reviews.

01:41:12 Natural Areas Operations Report

- Alverson provided the PAC with the operations report. Shanley inquired if there is a plan for replanting at the parks up the McKenzie that were affected by the wildfire. Alverson stated Parks is still working on removing hazard trees and debris and re-planting will occur afterwards.

01:43:25 Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments

- Faithful & Gould will give a presentation on the Facility Condition Assessment to the PAC at the June meeting before it goes to the Board of Commissioners.
- University of Oregon Landscape Studio report from Bart Johnson will be added to the agenda for the next PAC meeting.
- Henry will post survey and community forum links for Mike Allen.
- Allen inquired about the plans to build the new cabins at Harbor Vista. Henry stated that the plans will ensure they are not too close to the drop off, are constructed to withstand tsunami requirements, and ADA accessible. Parks staff will provide a report to the PAC for the next meeting.

Mayo adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.