

Lane County Parks Advisory

June 13, 2022
Meeting Summary

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http://lcpubw05.lanecounty.org/Information/PW_Parks/PAC_06132022.mp4

Members Present:	Jim Mayo, Kevin Shanley, Greg Hyde, Carl Stiefbold, Mike Allen, Timothy Foelker
Members Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Brett Henry, Ed Alverson, Cynthia Schlegel
Guests Present:	Miranda Everitt (FM3), Bob Keefer (SDAO), Richard Vasquez (PAC applicant)

Chair Mayo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

00:00:14 Introductions

00:02:09 Public Comment

- None

00:02:18 Announcements

- None

00:2:20 Assignment Review

- Keep PAC updated on BCC meetings pertaining to the levy.
- Add Mike Allen's Climate Action Committee report to PAC agenda.

00:02:35 Review of Meeting summary for May 9, 2022

- Greg Hyde motioned, Kevin Shanley seconded, motion passed unanimously.

00:03:31 New Business

- District 5 PAC Candidate, Richard Vasquez – Vasquez joined the meeting to introduce himself to the PAC and answer any questions the PAC may have. PAC members vote on accepting Vasquez's application. Mike Allen motioned, Kevin Shanley seconded, Carl Stiefbold opposed, motion passed.

00:27:46

- Public Polling Findings for Proposed Levy (FM3) – Miranda Everitt from FM3 Consulting gave a presentation on the results of the second public survey performed. Top priorities the polling identified for projects include improved water quality, water access, basic park maintenance, protecting wildlife habitat, and restoring wildfire-damaged parks. Overall results suggest Parks is in a good position for putting a levy out. Bob Keefer provided a recap of summary results.

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- Capital Project Prioritization List – Henry presented a prioritized list of capital projects stating approximately 2.6M (including some ARPA funding) is allocated for deferred maintenance. Another 15M is allocated to take care of high and medium need projects. Parks would like to fund at least one project in each zone

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- Community Engagement Meetings – Henry stated Parks held community meetings in Eugene, Cottage Grove, Leaburg, and Florence. Some improvements the community would like to see are as follows:

Accessibility

- Adding ADA compliant restroom facilities
- Upgrading existing restrooms to current ADA standards
- Adding ADA compliant recreational infrastructure such as:
 - River access for non-motorized boats
 - Wheelchair accessible nature and beach trails
 - Access to “big-wheel” beach wheelchairs
 - All-inclusive fishing and viewing platforms, play structures, and nature exploration areas
- Install potable water refill stations

Recreation

- Partnership on Regional Pickle ball facilities
- Interconnected regional hiking, biking, and water trails
- River trails in the McKenzie River region
- Watercraft rentals at Baker Bay
- Non-motorized watercraft access
- Additional camping and RV sites
- Off leash pet areas both enclosed and open trails
- Promote activities that attract tourism and help generate revenue: fishing, birding, festivals and events

Education

- Memorializing land history of native peoples and donations of land to the County
- Birding information
- Outdoor school
- Partner with programs that engaging youth

Conservation

- EV-Charging Stations
- Invasive species removal
- Bank erosion mitigation at Fern Ridge & Zumwalt
- Preservation of wild spaces and nature trails
- Adding native vegetation at Baker Bay

Other Improvements

- Improve overall safety and cleanliness
 - Improved signage and maintenance/repair of existing signs
 - Strong support to maintain existing facilities and bring them back to life
- Funding Measure Recommendation – Henry presented the Parks Levy Proposed Budget. Henry asked for PAC recommendations ahead of the June 21st board meeting. During the board meeting, Henry presented the BCC with the results from the second polling survey, community engagement meetings, capital project prioritization list, and present a levy package recommended by Lane County Parks' staff.

01:38:31 Old Business

- PAC Field Trip – The PAC will meet up at Harbor Vista on July 16 at 9:30 to tour the cabins and N. Jetty.

01:40:11 Staff Updates/Reports

- Harbor Vista Cabins Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (July 13th) – The ribbon cutting ceremony for the Harbor Vista Cabins will be on July 13 and will be invitation only. Henry reports the cabins are booking up for the summer.
- Climate Advisory Committee Report – Mike Allen gave a report on the Climate Advisory Committee. The Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month. Becky Taylor (LC Engineering & Construction Services) presented on the Lane County Bicycle Masterplan. A community climate strategy workshop is scheduled for June 25, from 9:30am to 2:00pm at the Hilyard Community Center in Eugene to brainstorm strategies to take to town meetings in July.

01:48:59 Open

- Members engaged in open discussion.
- Reminder, no PAC meetings scheduled for July and August.

01:54:51 Operations Report

- Included in meeting materials.

01:58:10 Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments

- Send FM3's PowerPoint presentation to the PAC.
- Share information on letter of support for bicycle masterplan

Mayo adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.