

Lane County Parks Advisory Committee

May 8th, 2023

Meeting Summary

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Members Present: Greg Hyde, Mike Allen, Timothy Foelker, Richard Vasquez, Darlene Raish, Julie Daniel, Reilly Newman

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Brett Henry, Ed Alverson, Kylee Tupes

Guests Present: Commissioner David Loveall,

Public Members: Shephen Lawn (Chamber of Commerce in Cottage Grove Chair, Tourism Committee)

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Greg Hyde

00:00:00 Introductions

00:01:33 Public Comment

- None

00:01:39 Assignment Review

- Pictures from PAC members and a group photo needed for the next eNewsletter
- Rivers to Ridges presentation by Ed Alverson is planned for June
- Invite Kristen Lee to the June or July meeting
- Verbiage within the PAC member book regarding Michael Allen's term was corrected

00:06:34 Review of Meeting Summary

- Darlene Raish moved to approve the meeting summary; seconded by Julie Daniel

00:08:27 New Business

- CFI Grant

- Kristen Lee is out of the office so Alexandria Dreyer is filling in for her, funds are coming from a bi-partisan law that was passed in Congress
- Summary to Ms. Lee includes tiers of parks to install charging stations (every fifty miles)
- We are responsible for repairing vandalism of charging stations
- Parks Quarterly E-Newsletter
- Jodi is interested in having a PAC member be a part of an article in the e-newsletter for June

00:26:43 Old Business

- Covered Bridge Task Force
- A task force is needed to research sustainable revenue sources to maintain the covered bridges under the Parks Division purview
- There is a bicycle map that shows two of the covered bridges as part of an established bike trail
- The Stewart Covered Bridge was blocked from foot traffic due to an advanced case of disrepair
- Members discussed possible revenue streams and the merits of each (such as vanity plates of the bridges)
- PAC Field Trip
- A Saturday in July is proposed for the field trip, the schedule will be finalized at a later date, and a doodle poll will be sent out for availability. The location proposed was Cottage Grove.

00:46:44 Staff & Committee Updates/Reports

- Equity Retreat Report – please review meeting materials
- Retreat took place on April 28th at the Howard Buford Park Arboretum
- 17 action plans discussed at the retreat will be reviewed by Parks staff and a survey will be posted to gather public feedback on priority
- Physical barriers in the Arboretum are already being addressed through universal trail design.
- Public information officer will be contacted about the best strategy to share action plans with the public
- Julie Daniels suggests QR codes on the back of bathroom doors.
- Rivers to Ridges Report
- Made up of 19 organizations throughout the area. Rivers to Ridges recently updated their 20-year vision.
- Rivers2ridges.org has more information regarding the organization
- Armitage Maintenance Shop Report – Civil engineering plans in meeting materials.
- Parks is applying for building permit and will order the pre-engineered metal building.
- HBRA Security Cameras – A map showing camera locations is in meeting materials.
- Three cameras are planned, one at the main Seavey Way entrance inside park to catch all vehicle license plates and two cameras at the main Arboretum parking lot.
- Will explore trail cameras at the Mount Pisgah East Parking lot with lack of electrical infrastructure.
- Mr. Henry will work with EPUD and Hunter Communications on the placement and installation of the camera poles within the park.
- Lane County Climate Action Plan
- Michael Allen is working with Kristen Lee from the county to raise funds; he discussed his role as liaison.

01:08:52 Open

- Michael Allen hosted a beach cleanup on Earth Day, he thanked Lane County Parks for approving the event and allowing dumpsters for trash.
- Neighbor to 3-Mile Prairie reported a large tree partially broken next to the property.

01:15:45 Operations Report – Please view meeting materials

- Seasonal areas are re-opening.
- Fee machines not working will from switch from 4G to 5G.
- iNaturalist city Nature Challenge hosted by Lane County. All together the participants added nearly 15,000 observations of over 1800 species from Lane County Parks.
- Feedback from Eagle Rock neighbors show a lot of support to create a quiet area to recreate.

01:24:24 Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments

- Find out when Ms. Low needs an article from PAC members.
- Schedule a time for Ms. Low to attend a future meeting.
- Review verbiage on Lane County website for errors (main navigation menu).
- Mr. Henry will send a doodle poll to arrange a date for the PAC field trip.
- Schedule Kristen Lee for a future PAC meeting.
- Status of forming a task force for the covered bridges.

01:26:17 Adjourn at 7:27 PM