

Lane County Parks Advisory

September 12, 2022

Meeting Summary

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http://lccivlivefiles.lanecounty.org/information/PW_Parks/PAC_09132022.mp4

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

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

00:00:26 Introductions

00:07:46 Public Comment

- Michael Gallagher joined public moment speaking about Eagle Rock Park. He would like to see the donated property along Eagle Rock Park maintained for use as a fly fishing location. Gallagher is hoping the stretch along the river can be designated and developed as a special area for fly fishing/angling training as redesigns for the park are being considered. Gallagher also suggested removing the extra garbage cans they may have been left behind from the Holiday Farm Fire cleanup.

00:07:47 Announcements

- None

00:7:48 Assignment Review

- FM3 PowerPoint emailed to members who requested.
- Letter of support for the Land County Bicycle Master Plan – Henry will look back at PAC minutes to assess where letters of support should be sent.
- Keep PAC updated on BCC meetings pertaining to the levy.
- Available PAC members participated in a field trip to Florence to view Harbor Vista cabins and the North Jetty properties.

00:12:09 Review of Meeting Summary for June 13, 2022

- Kevin Shanley motioned, Mike Allen seconded, motion passed unanimously.

00:13:09 New Business

- Water & Sewer Infrastructure Feasibility Study RFP - ARPA
- Ponderosa Project – Habitat stewardship project now underway at Howard Buford Park. The Friends of Buford Parks Mt. Pisgah received a grant from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and they are managing the project with oversight from Parks' Natural Areas Coordinator, Ed Alverson. The project proposal the Friends of Buford Park submitted is included in the meeting materials. Alverson presented an aerial photo of the project area in the North East corner of the park. The project is primarily a savanna restorations project with the goal of thinning the trees, reducing tree density so areas that are now forest and woodland will end up being much more open. Another goal is to reduce invasive species through seeding of native plants from the native plant nursery to increase the abundance of the native oak savanna. Shanley inquired about follow up on these types of projects. Alverson stated this effort is better funded than in the past in terms of providing follow-up treatments necessary after a burn. Shanley stated Parks should have a plan to go back in to sustainably manage the Savanna. Alverson stated lack drought conditions affecting mowing and lack of staff have been issues. Shanley stated the long-term stewardship needs to be a necessary part of the five-year review of the Habitat Management Plan.

Ponderosa Project activities include:

1. Coordination, contracting, and permitting logging activities
 2. Marking trees for removal and retention; delineation of logging units; preparation of forwarder and/or skid trails, log decks, and landings; removal of conifer and hardwood trees as prescribed on a unit by unit basis; and processing merchantable materials namely logs and slash for export)
 3. Marketing, sale, and delivery of merchantable logs and other products to area businesses (namely local mills)
 4. Management of project related traffic along trails and at the trail head
 5. Management of recreational traffic (equestrians and hikers) passing through the project area including periods of limited trail closure
 6. Management of invasive herbaceous and woody vegetation
 7. Mastication, removal, or treatment of stumps and other woody debris
 8. Mowing vegetation adjacent to trails and throughout the project area
 9. Creation and management of snags
 10. Establishment of desired vegetation including broadcast seeding and installation of live plants
 11. Abatement of any and all damage to existing parking areas, roads, and trails adversely impacted as a result of project implementation
 12. Coordination, planning, permitting, preparation, and implementation of ecological burns
 13. Documentation of site conditions before, during, and following project implementation
 14. Provision of information to the community re: the project purpose, project schedules project outcomes. Friends will utilize social media and newsletters, on-site signage, brochures, project tours, and local media (print, radio, and television outlets)
 15. Accounting for project expenses and preparation of required reports
- Proposed Levy – The Board of County Commissioner's voted on August 19, 2022 to approve Parks' levy to be placed on the November ballot. Henry presented the explanatory statement

that will be in the voter's pamphlet along with additional levy information. Henry stated Parks Director, Dan Hurley, included in the board order a list of proposed special projects.

Proposed Special Projects List

1. Facility Improvements
 - Armitage Campground Expansion
 - Howard Buford Recreation Area North Trailhead Restroom
 - North Jetty Parking Lot, Restrooms, and Access
2. Site Security
 - Sheriff's Deputy security, response, and work crew support
3. Trail Improvements at Howard Buford Recreation Area (Mt. Pisgah):
 - New trails, accessibility improvements, trail maintenance, kiosks
4. Cooperative Projects: Park & Recreation Improvements:
 - Blue River Park Improvements
 - McKenzie River Discovery Center
 - Regional Pickleball Facility
5. Cooperative Projects: Habitat Restoration:
 - Friends of Buford Park - HBRA Habitat Improvement
 - McKenzie River Trust - Finn Rock Reach
6. Environmental Education – Mt. Pisgah Arboretum:
 - Educator, bilingual walks, forums, low-income youth scholarships
7. Water Access Improvements:
 - Ada
 - Baker Bay
 - Eagle Rock Park
 - Forest Glen Landing
 - Hayden Bridge Landing
 - Hileman Landing
 - Howard Buford Recreation Area
 - Mapleton Landing
 - Perkins Peninsula
 - Rodakowski Landing
 - Whitely Landing

00:47:06 Old Business

- PAC Vacancy – At large vacancy posted on July 21, 2022, no applications have been received yet.
- Vice Chair Vacancy – Greg Hyde was nominated vice chair for rest of fiscal year, Kevin Shanley motioned, Mike Allen seconded, motion passed unanimously.

00:52:39 Staff Updates/Reports

- Fern Ridge Water Capacity – Parks received 4.3M in funds from the American Recovery Plan Act dedicated to water and sewer restoration and improvements at Armitage, Richardson, Orchard Point, and Baker Bay. The request for proposal (RFP) will be going out soon.
- Forest Glen Landing – FEMA will provide partial funding to rebuild vault restroom. Restroom will be rebuilt, be double-walled, and also relocated so it is entirely on County property. More parking will also be added with the funding coming from an Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) grant Parks was awarded. The boat ramps will also be redesigned. Project will take about three to four years from permitting to completion.
- HBRA Waterway Access – Parks received an Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) grant to work on improving waterway access at the coast fork of the Willamette River. Permits should be in place around June, 2023.
- Eagle Rock – Parks will be receiving assistance through a technical assistance Grant awarded by the National Park Service RTC. Parks will conduct public outreach prior to the planning and design phase.
- Armitage Campground Expansion – Branch Engineering is helping with design and permitting. Currently looking at the sewer system and options on expanding it.
- Climate Advisory Committee Report – Mike Allen gave an update of the Climate Advisory Committee. Allen reported phase 3 of the Lane County Climate Action Plan has been released. It's called the Community Climate Resilience Plan. Currently committee meetings are on hold due to multiple vacancies.

01:17:37 Open

- Members engaged in open discussion.
- Shanley asked for an update on Ben & Kay Doris Wayside. Henry stated Lane County Parks can no longer afford to maintain that park so it is back to the State to maintain.

01:29:27 Operations Report

- Included in meeting materials.

01:32:34 Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments

- Park visitor-ship in 2022
- Vacant at large and beyond toxics group; follow up with Mike Allen
- Michael Gallagher – include in Eagle Rock restoration public meeting
- Eagle Rock garbage cans need removal
- Letter of support for Bicycle
- Put Master Plan action items on agenda
- Mike will follow up with email about illegal camping at Three Mile Prairie
- Invite Jason Blazer to talk more about the Ponderosa Project in the Spring
- Map to Mike Allen defining Three Mile Prairie – Shanley will send a link

Mayo adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.