

Lane County Parks Advisory Committee

2021 Accomplishments

- Supported County staff in implementing recommendations from HBRA Habitat Management Plan (projects: Eastern Uplands, Ponderosa, and Coast Fork Trail).
- Continued implementing the Large Event Oversight process.
- Filled PAC vacancies. Appointed Tyger Gruber to a first term PAC member representing District 1.
- Continued to identify and support efforts to increase Parks funding. Two PAC members (Kevin Shanley & Jim Mayo) served on Parks Funding Task Force.
- Provide support for a local option levy on the November ballot.
- Continued to identify and support ways Parks can better serve the community.
- Supported the Adopt-a-Park volunteer program.
- Continued to receive presentations and provide recommendations to the Board of Commissioners regarding park acquisitions, maintenance agreements and lease arrangements (i.e. North Jetty Park).
- Received a year-end maintenance presentation from Ranger Bowen.
- Received an update on the McKenzie Fish Hatchery Discovery Center project.
- Supported internship opportunities.
- Supported Parks staff with the Armitage Campground Expansion project.
- Supported the Facilities Condition Assessment with the goal of reducing the backlog of deferred maintenance.
- Supported the construction of three cabins at Harbor Vista Park

- Participate in the County Climate Action Plan as it was developed. PAC member Mike Allen serves as a liaison. County Climate Strategist Mark Nystrom presented to the PAC.
- Work with Parks staff with the implementation of the Parks Master Plan through Action Plans.
- A sub-committee was formed to develop a Matrix Scoring system for Action Plans. Members included: Kevin Shanley, Carl Stiefbold, Greg Hyde, Brett Henry, and Charlie Conrad.
- Three Actions Plans were selected: Improve park accessibility, establish a Water Trail, & improve park entrances.
- Supported the Parks Division staff as they focus on recovery and restoration of the parks damaged by the Holiday Farm Fire.
- Fuels reduction program initiated by Natural Areas Coordinator.
- A prescribed burn was conducted at Howard Buford Recreation Area in the Spring Box Unit.

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2022 Goals

- Support Parks staff with the implementation of the HBRA Habitat Management Plan.
- Support the Parks Division in obtaining sustainable funding through a public funding measure and other opportunities.
- Support of a Business Plan with a marketing/branding strategy and an Economic Impact Analysis to determine long-term sustainability of the parks system.
- Support an annual review of Parks Fees.
- Address the findings from the Facility Condition Assessment.
- Address the failing water and sewer infrastructure identified in the Facility Condition Assessment.
- Support a second Facilities Condition Assessment to prioritize the deferred maintenance backlog.
- Support a Preventative Maintenance Schedule as recommended by the Facilities Condition Assessment.
- Support Parks staff with the Armitage Campground Expansion project.
- Participate in a Park tour if COVID-19 restrictions allow.
- Ride-along with Parks maintenance personnel if COVID-19 restrictions allow.
- Fill any PAC member vacancies.
- Support the Adopt-a-Park volunteer program.
- Receive an update on the McKenzie Fish Hatchery Discovery Center project.

- Continue to support internship opportunities.
- Explore an opportunity for a lease agreement with Department of State Lands for the North Jetty property.
- Receive a year-end maintenance presentation from Ranger Bowen.
- Host an Open House at Armitage Park.
- Continue to implement the Master Plan through the execution of Action Plans.
- Explore purchasing a trail-finder app to orient park visitors.
- Support emergency management education at all Lane County parks.
- Institute a Vegetation Management Plan to reduce invasive plants at County parks.
- Evaluate and strategize a dog policy at Howard Buford Recreation Area.
- Look in to partnering with a 501C3 to facilitate volunteer groups with financial donations for park improvements.
- Support the Lane County Facebook page
- Support the Lane County Climate Action Plan.
- Evaluate regional trail opportunities. Explore the feasibility of a Regional Trail Master Plan.
- Evaluate accessibility (cultural & physical) of facilities at County parks (includes trails).
- Improvements to park entrances (signage and landscaping).
- Improvements to park kiosks and trailheads by developing a standardized design and prototype (Parks logo and information orientation).