



PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA



April 8, 2024

6:00pm Public Meeting Session: Hybrid (Remote & In-Person)
Customer Service Center – 3050 N Delta Hwy., Eugene
Goodpasture Room

Members: Greg Hyde (Chair), Mike Allen (Vice-Chair), Julie Daniel, Timothy Foelker, Reilly Newman,
Darlene Raish, Richard Vasquez

PAC Meeting

- I. **Introductions** – (5 min.)
- II. **Public Comment** – (up to 10 min.)
- III. **Assignment Review** – (5 min.)
- IV. **Review of Meeting Summary** – All (5 min.)
- V. **New Business** (15 min.)
 - 1) Park Standards
 - 2) Levy Paving Assessments
 - 3) Dune Restoration
- VI. **Old Business** (15 min.)
 - 1) Covered Bridge Task Force
- VII. **Staff & Committee Updates/Reports** – (10 min.)
 - 1) 3-Mile Prairie
- VIII. **Open** – All (5 min.)
- IX. **Operations Report** - (5 min.)
- X. **Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments** – (5 min.)
- XI. **Adjourn**

2024 Meeting Dates:

JANUARY 22	MAY 13	SEPTEMBER 9
FEBRUARY 12	JUNE 10	OCTOBER 14
MARCH 11	JULY NO MEETING	NOVEMBER 18
APRIL 8	AUGUST NO MEETING	DECEMBER 9

Lane County Parks Advisory

March 11th, 2024

Meeting Summary

This written indexed summary of minutes is provided as a courtesy to the reader. The recorded minutes created pursuant to ORS 192.650(1) are the official minutes of this body under Oregon law.

The recorded minutes are available on the Parks Advisory Committee website:

[Parks Advisory Committee - Lane County](#)

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Brett Henry, Bjorn Carlson, Ed Alverson, Kylee Tupes

Guests Present: Brad van Appel

Public Members: Stephen Lawn

Meeting is called to order at 6:05 PM by Greg Hyde

00:00:00 Introductions

00:01:14 Public Comment

- None

00:01:27 Large Events Oversight Committee

- Scorecards sent out last week and the majority were returned. Requirements were met and scorers voted to pass the events presented which were the Wildflower festival in May and the Mushroom festival in October.
- Frequency of event review and event requirements for approval were discussed.
- Scorers consisted of all PAC members, stakeholders, neighbors of the property, an agent from Travel Lane County, and others.
- Tim Foelker moved to approve both events, Julie Daniel seconded, the motion unanimously passed.

00:20:11 Assignment Review

- Correction of February meetings minutes.
- Consider utilizing electronic waivers so parents can allow their children to participate in volunteer work in Lane County Parks.

00:20:57 Review of Meeting Summary

- Julie Daniel motioned to accept meeting summary, seconded by Darlene Raish, passed unanimously.

00:23:08 New Business

- 1) Levy Cooperative Projects
 - Please see the Meeting Materials.
 - Brett Henry and Jodi Low will go before the Lane County Board of Commissioners on April 2nd to ask for a motion to allow the County Administrator to sign the Cooperative Project Grants.
 - Motion to recommend these cooperative projects to the Board of Commissioners. Tim Foelker moved to pass the motion and Richard Vasquez seconded the motion as presented, with the recommendation to revisit funds dedicated to the Emerald Vally Pickleball Club. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Henry noted that the levy was passed in November 2022 with the ballot language stating that the measure will fund the regional pickleball facility.
- 2) Levy Conservation Projects
 - Please see the Meeting Materials.
 - Dune restoration in three locations, more information is needed. (Conversation with Ed Alverson at the end of the recording 01:38:18)
 - Interpretive programming not yet determined.
- 3) Levy Project Prioritization
 - Please see spreadsheet in Meeting Materials.
 - North Jetty parking lot project is planned to start this year.
- 4) HBRA Re-Opening Celebration
 - Park is scheduled to open March 15th. Celebration details to be announced.

01:10:26 Old Business

- 1) Recreational Immunity
 - Please see the Meeting Materials.
 - Language was added to the existing bill to define the term "Recreation". Senate Bill 1576 A passed unanimously.

01:15:27 Staff & Committee Updates/Reports

- 1) Equity Survey Results
 - Please see the Meeting Materials for full results.
 - The survey is being distributed at events, directly to organizations, and through social media.
 - Richard Vasquez suggests a bar code survey at Parks to allow further outreach.

2) Covered Bridges

- The three covered bridges under the maintenance of the Parks Division are within the County right-of-way and thus are eligible for transportation funding.
- The Covered Bridge sub-committee can invite public to become members of a taskforce.

3) 3-Mile Prairie

- There is a group is interested in adopting 3-Mile Prairie. Mike Allen e-mailed Jodi about forming a Friends of the park group for the undeveloped park.

01:45:53 Open

- None

01:45:58 Operations Reports

- Please see the Meeting Materials.

01:47:17 Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments

- Tim Foelker noted that at Wildwood Falls Park, picnic tables were left in poor condition, ADA portable toilet was placed in a location with a large puddle in front of entrance making it unusable and the Dorean Covered Bridge restroom needs more attention.
- Covered bridge taskforce follow-up.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

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5-YEAR FUNDING MEASURE TO SUPPORT AND IMPROVE LANE COUNTY PARKS

Lane County's park system includes 4,364 acres of natural, recreational, and cultural assets at 68 sites spread across the County's 4,800 square miles. The County's parks and open spaces encompass ecosystems that support wildlife habitat, biodiversity, and clean air and water. County parks provide access to fishable, swimmable, and navigable rivers and include developed facilities such as campgrounds, RV sites, picnic areas, boat launches, and various trails. The Lane County Parks Division has operated on a budget of approximately \$4 million per year, of which 48 percent is user fees. Currently, there is no property tax funding. Lane County Parks Division is looking for additional, stable operational funding. Maintenance, development, and enhancement projects have been deferred requiring supplemental revenue to fulfill the Lane County Parks & Open Space Master Plan approved in December 2018.

The proposed local option levy is a five-year property tax. The median homeowner would pay approximately \$38 per year, based on \$0.16 per \$1000 of assessed value. The proposed measure would raise an estimated \$31 million to support maintenance and realize improvements at Lane County Parks as follows:

- **PARK INVESTMENTS & IMPROVEMENTS:** *improve park amenities including restrooms & lockers, shelters, paving & curbs, boat ramps, trail signage, water, electric and sewer systems; add EV charging stations; update ADA accessibility transition plan and undertake improvements*
- **MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS:** *add 10 additional full-time employees and supplies, including a grant writer to leverage funding to supplement fee-based revenue*
- **SPECIAL PROJECTS:** *undertake facility and trail improvements, cooperative improvement projects, and water access enhancements; hire a dedicated Sheriff's deputy to patrol Lane County parks and address safety and security concerns; assist with the development of a regional pickleball facility*
- **CONSERVATION & EDUCATION:** *perform riparian & floodplain restoration and invasive species removal; create educational and interpretive programming in habitat restoration, stewardship, recreation, and birding with community partners and volunteers*

The proposed levy would fund improvements at many parks, including five large and well-visited parks that are located in each region of the county:

- Armitage Park & Campground
- Baker Bay Park & Campground
- Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah
- North Jetty Park & Beach Access
- Richardson Park & Campground

Professional evaluation of the condition of Lane County's most used parks found \$21.9 million in deferred maintenance projects unaddressed due to limited funding. If these projects are not addressed the total will reach an estimated \$38.4 million within ten years. The proposed measure begins the process of addressing this deferred maintenance.

Restoration projects would be undertaken to preserve habitats, helping to improve water quality. It would fund the repair or replacement of aging restrooms and water systems that pose a risk of failure near bodies of water. Plus, camping and boating infrastructure at Fern Ridge Reservoir and along the McKenzie, Willamette, and Siuslaw rivers would be improved.

This measure would provide a dedicated revenue source for Lane County Parks over the next five years, and leverage partnerships, various grant opportunities, and volunteerism.

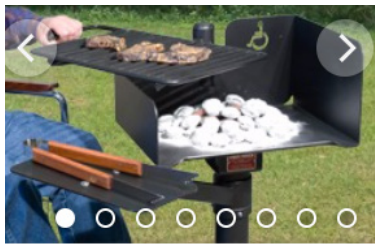


LANE COUNTY PARKS - EXISTING SITE FURNISHINGS



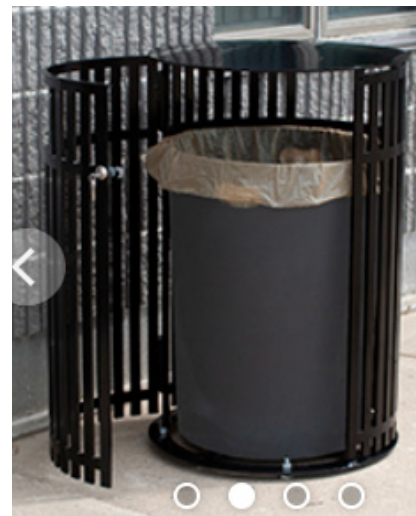


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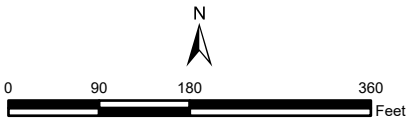


Area to be annexed (redline)

City Limits (yellow dash)

Bureau of Land Management, State of Oregon, State of Oregon DOT, State of Oregon GEO, Esri, Canada, Esri, HERE, Garmin, USGS, EPA, USDA

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LMD Viewer Web Map

Lane County, Oregon

PROJECTS	TREATMENT			
	Reconstruction	Inlay (mill/fill)	Overlay	Slurry Seal
	New	Match existing infrastructure: curbs, driveways, road approaches.	Salvage existing section and strengthen overall structure.	Low Cost
HBRA - Mt. Pisgah: Main Lot	\$1,166,000	\$820,000	\$774,000	
	5" ACP	2" Inlay/ 5" ACP Reconstruct (rock section)	3" Overlay	
HBRA - Mt. Pisgah: North Lot	\$305,000			
	3" ACP			
North Jetty - West Lot	\$872,000			
	5" ACP/ 12" Agg.			
North Jetty - East Lot	\$185,000			
	3" ACP			
Armitage Park Lot	\$388,000			
	3" ACP			
Richardson Park - North Lot	\$1,949,000	\$1,141,000	\$1,411,000	
	5" ACP	2" Inlay	3" Overlay	

Richardson Park - South Lot	\$1,768,000	\$869,000	\$781,000	\$238,000
	5" ACP	2" Inlay	2" Overlay	Type II

Lane County Parks Natural Areas Operations Report for March 2024

Ed Alverson, Natural Areas Coordinator

Ice Storm Recovery: March brought additional work in response to the January ice storm. I've been involved in efforts to address lingering storm clean-up needs with Vickery Park and Whitely Landing, as well as conversations with BPA about future repairs to trails in HBRA that were damaged by their equipment responding to down transmission lines.

HBRA Trails: Rebecca and I are working with Friends of Buford Park staff with the ongoing implementation of the Trail 3 East project, which will be constructed to universal access standards. The project should be completed later this year.

Stakeholder Meetings: I facilitated the monthly HBRA stakeholder meeting and participated in a project meeting for the HBRA Waterway Access project.

Eagle Rock Park: Efforts are continuing to construct a covered shelter in Eagle Rock Park; Rebecca and I have been reviewing the LMD permitting requirements as the park design report is being completed by RTCA staff.

Armitage Park: I worked with Parks Maintenance staff to flag the areas of Armitage Park with shooting stars and other wildflowers so they can be left un-mowed during the spring. I've also been participating in the Armitage Park sewer and water project meetings.

Zumwalt Park Shoreline Stabilization: Walama Restoration has now installed straw bales and willow stakes along the eroding shoreline on the east side of the park. The reservoir should reach full pool in mid-April, so it will be interesting to see how the plantings respond.

Parks Newsletter: I've written short articles for the Spring Parks Newsletter on the topics of boot brush stations at HBRA, prescribed burn habitat response, and tick season.

Sheriff's Work Crew: I was part of a group of Parks staff who met this month with Sheriff's Work Crew staff in an effort to initiate more regular assistance with Parks projects by the SWC.

Project Planning and Coordination: I participated in several meetings coordinating rare plant recovery. One was the annual meeting of the Prairie Plant Working Group, another was a working group specifically focused on the recovery of the leafy peavine, *Lathyrus holochlorus*, which grows at HBRA. Rebecca and I participated in a meeting of Rivers to Ridges partners to assist Willamalane with scoping a planned slough restoration project in Island Park, Springfield