

DOUGLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting on March 15, 2012

10:00 a.m.

Douglas County Parks Division Office

PRESENT: Lonnie Ferber, Greg Logan, Jim Peterson, Don Larson, Dick Swartzlender Jim Dowd and Gary Groth

ABSENT: Dennis Acton (excused), Bill Swift

GUESTS: Midge McGinnis, John Robertson, Leslye Wing, Ray Jensen

Ferber called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES: Logan moved for approval of the February 16, 2012 minutes. Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Park Director Introduction

The Board of Commissioners has selected Mr. Gary Groth to manage the Parks Department beginning April 1, 2012. Staff introduced Mr. Groth; he gave a brief bio of his education and experience. Groth is also the Director of Land. Staff and Groth have been visiting the Parks and meeting caretakers, office staff and park crew over the past few weeks.

The Board of Commissioners has asked Mr. Dowd to consult on special projects as needed, such as the Oregon State Police Department remodel and Orc Rock capital project.

General Park Updates

Sparrow Park Timber Sale: The Land Department auctioned off the Sparrow Park Timber on March 8th. The timber sold for two dollars over asking price. The total bid was for \$110,696. Revenues from the sale will go to pay off the three purchased cabins, the furnishing and any related cabin expenses.

Umpqua Lighthouse Lens Agreement: In addition to maintaining the grounds and interior of the lighthouse, the County will also take on the responsibility of maintaining and replacing the lens. Once the contract is finalized, the county will put in a small generator (which will come out of Facilities 11-12 budget).

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony sometime in April. The lighthouse will be power-washed before the ceremony.

Sportsman Shows: Jackson, Josephine and Jackson Counties teamed up to share the expense of booth the Douglas County and Jackson County sportsman show. Both events were great success.

Windy Cove Cabins: Rich's Portable Cabins was the only company to submit a bid for the coastal cabins, and the department will move forward in the building process. One cabin will go in Windy Cove A site 1 and the other will go in Windy Cove B site 1. The coastal cabins are slightly bigger than

the Miwaleta cabins. The furniture has already been ordered for both cabins. The plan is to have both cabins available for rent by Memorial Day weekend.

2012-2013 Budget

The Parks Department was asked to provide a 10% reduction to the general fund allocation; in order to meet this requirement it will be necessary to make a reduction in overall expenses. Unfortunately, with the price of gas going up it is expected that revenues will fall short; therefore the only way to meet this will have to be a reduction in staff. The budget was developed and is ready to be submitted.

Logan made a motion to present the 2012-2013 Park Budget as is, Larson seconded. Motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners is also looking to sale both parcels of ADA, which is 39 acres. The Land Department is looking into if the site is zoned for a home site. The county will act as its own selling agent. The asking price would be approximately \$451,000.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

The Friends of Kanipe wanted to wish Mr. Dowd well and welcome Mr. Groth along with introducing themselves to Mr. Groth.

NEXT MEETING:

The next park board meeting will be on April 19, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the parks office in the Justice Building Room #116.

A motion to adjourn was made by Larson and seconded by Swift. Meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katrena Garoutte, Administrative Assistant
Douglas County Park Department