

DOUGLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting – May 15, 2015

9:00 a.m.

Conference Room 310

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PATRICIA K. HITT, COUNTY CLERK

PRESENT: Lonnie Ferber, Bill Swift, Jim Peterson, Greg Logan, and, Richard Patten

ABSENT: Dennis Acton, Don Larson (excused)

GUESTS: Norma Talburt, Karen Roberson, Joe Coyne, Surfrider Foundation, John Koenig, Celia Scott, DeeDee Murphy, Tom Wing, Phyllis Dever

Lonnie Ferber called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

MINUTES:

Lonnie Ferber motioned for approval of March 2015 minutes. Bill Swift seconded. Minutes were approved.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Agenda Items only):

Joe Coyne expressed his concern with parking fees, and advocated to keep Beach Parking Lot #1 free. Joe also discussed the lease with Army Corps Engineer's and would like to see the figures given to the Army Corps Engineer's for maintenance.

John Koenig (Co-Founder/Treasurer) from Warm Current has concerns about not having free access to the Beach Parking Lot #1 because it will be problematic to their foundation which supports and provides underserved youth access to the ocean.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Surfrider Foundation (Ryan Cruse)

Surfrider presented a letter in reference to the recently announced parking fees, along with a petition. The foundation expressed their concerns and asked the PAB (Parks Advisory Board) to exclude all parking fees at Winchester Bay Beach Parking lot #1. Surfrider also expressed interest in using creative ways to fund the parking area.

After audience discussion the PAB confirmed the parking fees will not be excluded.

Gary Groth and PAB will be open to suggestions after parking fees are initiated.

OLD BUSINESS:

FY 15-16 Budget Update

The budget has been approved and includes .5 additional FTE, and a \$2.00 per night increase for all individual campsites.

Capital improvements that will be funded from the Busenbark Timber Sale:

- Whistler's Bend campground and restrooms completion
- Master plan working with Planning Department.
- Study of Crab Dock - analyze condition of the dock with Marine Engineering Company
- Half Moon Bay campground expansion plan
- Scottsburg Campground completion

- Pavilion roof repairs (Stanton and Singleton)
- Fabrication & Installation of pay stations for parking fees
- Hestness Boat Ramp Toe Repair (pending MAPS grant approval)

Parking Fees Update

Anticipated revenue from parking fees is \$80,000 this fiscal year and \$250,000 next year. There will be some parking spots that will be designated for restroom and/or rest area use (10-15 minute parking).

Project Updates

River Forks new inclusive playground

The Job Corps is doing most of the construction. The last pour for concrete is near completion. Preparation for the fence is in progress for around the area. Playground should be done before school year is over.

Whistler's Bend

Utilities are in; however, due to the weather and wet ground conditions the completion of the road in the campground has been delayed. Knife River plans to startup work again Mid-July 2015.

Kanipe Campground

The Parks crew is finishing the domestic water vaults and pumps. Domestic water and power is done for the pavilion, still needs fire pits. Livestock water should be done soon. Restrooms are complete.

Adopt-A-Park

Gary announced two new recent adopt-a-park programs with Carl C. Hill and Longfibre Park.

ROUND TABLE:

Plaque for Dick – Lonnie will email Veronica the statement. \$80.00 was donated (Norma, Bill, Jim, Greg)
Letter of appreciation to Rotary Club from PAB, Parks Department, etc.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Joe Coyne: Mentioned getting the community involved with the campsite – was United Coast Guard owned. Spoke about promoting our parks and getting media coverage. Wants to know how we're going to handle the suppose RV sites at the Museum, and wants the community involved with this development.

Karen Roberson announces Friends of Kanipe Trail Run July 11th (5k), which is a fund-raiser for Kanipe Park and invited everyone to come out. Talked about *Restore Oregon* and how it identifies important structures in Oregon that are part of history and culture, holding an event on May 23rd to discuss restoration of Mildred Kanipe's House. The Oregon Veteran Memorial Wall is coming to Oakland on May 30th from 10 am to 3 pm at Oakland City Park. A grant was received from Oregon Heritage Commission in the amount of \$7,500. Attended meeting at the Umpqua Basin Economic Alliance to promote Kanipe Park.

NEXT MEETING:

The next park board meeting will be June 19th, 2015
Location: Court House Conference Room #311

A motion to adjourn was made by Swift, Peterson seconds the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Calla Mosezynski

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