

**DOUGLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD**

**Minutes of Meeting – January 29, 2016**

9:00 a.m.

Conference Room 310

DOUGLAS COUNTY OREGON  
FILED

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PATRICIA K. HITT, COUNTY CLERK

**PRESENT:** Lonnie Ferber, Jim Peterson, Richard Patten, Don Larson, Greg Logan, Bill Swift, Dennis Acton

**ABSENT:**

**GUESTS:** Commissioner Morgan, Stuart Cowie, Landa Baily, Joe Coyne, Joseph Quinn, Heather Robbins-Hinton, Bill Johnson, Diana Wales, Richard Chasm, Kat Stone, John Hunter, Joe Ross, M.A. Hansen, Phyllis Dever, DD Murphy, Glenda Martin, Linda McCullom

Lonnie Ferber called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**MINUTES:**

Peterson motioned for approval of the December 18, 2015 minutes as written with a revision to reflect the sale of Swiftwater. The minutes indicate the sell "potential," however, it is more accurate to say that it is "pending." Acton seconded. Minutes were approved.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Agenda Items only):**

Ferber asked that this be moved toward the end of the meeting to give Cowie a chance to make his presentation and then we will open it up for any question or comments the public has at that time.

**Diana Wales**

Requested confirmation that the recommendation for the applicants will be announced at a PAB meeting. Ferber confirmed it will be at the March 2016 meeting.

**Landa Baily**

Asked for additional clarification regarding the process for the applicants, Ferber and Groth confirmed that the questions will be drafted by the three current PAB members, and himself.

**Unidentified Guest**

Expressed his opinion regarding the process for the Parks Master Plan. Groth confirmed that all of the parks will be in the master plan, however, the passive and unclassified parks will not have the same detail as the active parks.

**M.A. Hansen**

Asked for additional clarification regarding exactly what parks will be in the master plan and wants to see the plan. Cowie confirmed that all 64 park properties will be part of the Parks Master Plan. It will be broken into 3 categories (active, passive, unclassified), however, there will be more emphasis on the active parks because they have received most of the comments about future amenities. Cowie expressed that after the public comments we received related to logging, that all subcategories related to unclassified park properties were removed.

**Susan Roden**

Asked for confirmation relating to the schedule for upcoming meetings. Cowie confirmed that meetings are scheduled for the third Friday each month, however, due to the timeframe needed to draft the plan, the meeting for April was pushed out to the last week of April.

**Joe Ross**

Commented on current PAB process, public notification, data collection, Crab Dock repair, Anna Drain Park, support for nature trails, Pass Creek, O&M plan related to sales and logging, and the News Review notices regarding this plan.

**Joe Coyne**

Expressed concern regarding change of direction in master plan, and feels there is not enough information to be considered a comprehensive plan.

**Diana Wales**

Commented on the crab dock prioritization, and feels the master plan should include a capital improvement plan and financial plan.

**Richard Chasm**

Commented on the logging of Busenbark, clear cutting vs. tree harvesting, adopt a park opportunities, and the planning process.

**John Hunter**

Commented on the Forest Practice Act related to Wilson Creek, and wants more information regarding salvage logging of the burned timber at Swiftwater related to the ecological effect of leaving.

**DeeDee Murphey**

Commented on the importance of the crab dock to the Winchester Bay community.

**Diana Larson**

Interested in who was hired to do the logging at Busenbark Park. Concerned about the timeline for the master plan in relation to the current PAB members and their expiring terms.

**Landa Baily**

Commented on the Kanipe Planning Committee, self-sufficiency for all parks, master plan process, adopt a park, budgeting, usage data collection, diversity within the PAB board, and campground usage year round at Kanipe.

**Susan Morgan**

Discussed the effects the endangered species act had on the county in relation to the safety net funds, and the County's reserve funds.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Crab Dock Meeting Update**

The county hosted a meeting in Winchester Bay to discuss the deteriorating crab dock and possible solutions to repair and maintain. All three commissioners were present at this meeting along with all seven Parks Advisory Board members, Larry Spielbusch the previous project manager (1986 repairs), and Jenny Carlson with OBEC.

**Swiftwater Sale Update**

The county has a purchase and sale agreement in place; however, when the fire started in July, 40 acres were burned. WRC wanted to update the sale price based on the lost timber, therefore, at this time we are still waiting to hear back from WRC.

**Underwood Barn Roof Update**

The barn roof had a large hole in it and many other parts of the roof were lifting. Songer Construction has just completed the repair. The Friends of Kanipe had a fundraiser and these funds will be used to pay for the majority of the repair.

**ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:****Parks Master Plan**

Stuart Cowie reiterated why the County has chosen to go through the process of completing a Parks Master Plan. He indicated the Planning Department is using ORS 195.120 and OAR 660-0034-0040 as the rules and guideline for developing the plan. He gave an overview of (1) the Town Hall meeting held on 01/05/16, (2) the public comments provided at the meeting regarding Active classified parks, and (3) the written public comments submitted to the County after the Town Hall meeting was held.

Cowie indicated his objective was to get feedback from the PAB regarding their feelings about parks identified within the Active category. The PAB discussed 5 of the 16 Active park properties prior to outbursts from the public demanding time to speak. Following Cowie's presentation he indicated over the next two months he would prepare a draft Parks Master Plan. He indicated the following tentative dates as a timeframe in which the public could anticipate completion of the draft.

April 1 – The draft plan will be put on the Parks Master Plan webpage for the public to view.

April 14 – A Town Hall meeting will be conducted to get feedback from the public regarding the draft.

April 29 – The draft plan will be presented to the PAB for their review and possible recommendation.

Stuart has handled a packet to include all 16 parks with a list of potential opportunities, comments received from the public since the last meeting, and the Oregon State Park statute.

**PAB Application Process**

Ferber announced that at the February meeting we will conduct business as a board then the meeting will adjourn while the three current PAB members, Gary and Veronica provide a list of questions to each applicant. The questions will be responded to in writing. Upon completion all questionnaires will be review and ranked by the three current members, Gary, and Veronica. Following the review of the questionnaire they will bring back a recommendation to the PAB, and then the recommendation will be presented to the BOC.

**ROUND TABLE:****AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:****NEXT MEETING:**

The next park board meeting will be February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Location: Court House Conference Room #310

A motion to adjourn was made by Swift, Patton seconds the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Veronica Van Drimmelen*

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