

# **DOUGLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD**

Minutes of Meeting on August 22, 2006  
5:30 PM  
Pitchford Boys Ranch

**PRESENT:** Lonnie Ferber, Dennis Acton, Jon Hill, Bill Swift, and Dick Swartzlender.  
Commissioner Van Slyke  
Staff: Jim Dowd and Rob Stevens

**EXCUSED:** Tom Ryan, Jack Reilly

**GUESTS:** Larry Gilbert, Colon Wade

**MINUTES:** of the board meeting of July 20, 2006  
Bill Swift moved for approval of the minutes with the modification to the Emile update. The change is to replace “acquired” to “obtained a one year lease”. Dick Swartzlender seconded. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Naming of the ATV Campground**

The Park Advisory Board briefly discussed the item and elected to table the naming of the ATV campground. The PAB felt it would be in the best interest of the County to wait until the Park Policy Manual was adopted and approved. Motion to table the naming to a future date was approved unanimously.

### **Tabling of the Park Policy Manual Review**

Staff recommended that the PAB consider tabling the Park Policy Manual discussion until the next meeting as the special presentation regarding the Pitchford Park Master Plan would be time consuming.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Pitchford Master Plan Discussion**

Consultants Larry Gilbert and Colon Wade representing Cameron, McCarthy, Gilbert, & Schiebe, Landscape Architects conducted a public input session on possible park uses for Pitchford Ranch. The consultants provided an agenda and aerial maps of the facility to the PAB and members of the audience. Mr. Gilbert discussed his company and their experience, background and history of Pitchford, existing conditions and facilities, project goals, a brief summary, and a project schedule.

Approximately 40 members of the public were then asked for their suggestions and input for the facility. While the majority of the audience were members of the OSU Extension Service Master Gardeners, a number of ideas were presented from everyone in attendance. Those ideas and suggestions were written on a large tablet. After all of the suggestions had been made, the consultants went through the list one more time with the PAB and audience to develop a final list for consideration.

The suggestions included:

#### Goals & Themes

- Compatibility with the Master Garden and continuation of the theme of the discovery garden.
- Passive use park / low intensity
- Community conference center
- Family oriented
- Horticultural/agriculture educational facility

#### Potential Improvements

- Fountains
- Interconnected paths and trails
- Children's play area
- Restroom
- Parking
- Community center (existing facility)
- Lodging (existing facility)
- Pick up game play fields
- Enhance park entrance
- Architectural elements (Umpqua area character)
- Dog park
- Park Department Administrative offices
- Pavilion
- Open lawn areas (pastoral)
- Arboretum
- Improved garden area
- Picnic areas
- Casting pond (fishing practice)
- Archery range
- Public art
- Seasonal craft show

After the list was presented to the PAB, the PAB thanked the consultants for their assistance. As this was the first of three public input sessions there was no motion made to accept the list. The PAB discussed the next public input session date and agreed that the next meeting should be after the next regularly scheduled PAB meeting. Tentative date included the last week in September.

**NEXT MEETING** – Scheduled for September 21, 2006.

Jon Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bill Swift.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Dowd, Park Director  
Douglas County Park Department

