

DOUGLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting on October 26, 2006

10:00 a.m.

Douglas County Park Department Office

PRESENT: Lonnie Ferber, Dennis Acton, Jon Hill, Jack Reilly, Dick Swartzlender and Jim Dowd

ABSENT: Tom Ryan, Bill Swift

GUESTS: Elaine Zech and Dian Smith, Umpqua Kennel Club; John Sowell, News-Review

MINUTES: Reilly moved for approval of the minutes of the September 19, 2006 board meeting. Acton seconded. Motion carried.

OFF AGENDA

There was discussion of Elaine Zech's written request to rent all of Stanton Park for the Umpqua Kennel Club (UKC) dog show August 4 and 5, 2007, plus set-up on August 2-3, 2007. She sees this as potentially being an annual event. Park Department concerns are:

1. Existing policy allows reserving only the pavilion and group camping area at Stanton Park – not the individual campsites.
2. With 1,000 – 1,200 attendees expected daily, parking for other park users, and for that many attendees in itself would be an issue.
3. The proposed Park Policy Manual states "... no group or organization will be allowed to secure an entire park for their use unless ..."

The board agreed to table the subject until the Park Policy Manual and any revisions are approved. Since UKC must submit its proposal for the show to the American Kennel Club six months in advance, Dowd advised Zech to call him next week for an update on the manual's review.

OLD BUSINESS

Pitchford Master Plan

Dowd distributed Larry Gilbert's email of October 25 on "Park Components." There was a lengthy discussion of potential park elements. The consensus was:

Higher Priority	Lower Priority
No organized sports; pick-up games only	Dog Park
Children's Play Area	Casting Pond
Pavilion/Shelter/Wedding Gazebo	Community Center
Restroom	Amphitheater
Interconnecting Paths	Public Art, Fountain
Bike Racks	
Benches, Group Picnic and Large Lawn Areas	

Park Policy Manual

Due to time constraints, discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Kanipe Park Projects

Dowd's memo of October 17, and the written request from Jim Lee of Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District to cut and mill 4-6 trees at the park was discussed.

MOTION: Acton made a motion that the Park Advisory Board recommend to the commissioners that the county consider the use of a few fir trees growing in the oak woodland, or dead, diseased, or down fir trees to be used for the planks and side rails on the new bridge and other facilities and additions to the park. Reilly seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Other

Other topics discussed were the spiraling building costs with respect to the new restroom planned for Windy Cove B. Dowd will talk to the commissioners on this. Also, Dowd presented his ideas for coast projects including the equine camp and a park work shop. He will forward a plan to the Park Advisory Board in the next month or so.

NEXT MEETING – A meeting will be held at the Courthouse Annex (corner of Fowler and Douglas) at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, November 14, to discuss the Park Policy Manual and Pitchford Master Plan, with Larry Gilbert to attend.

Acton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Hill. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Douglas County Park Department