

# **DOUGLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD**

**Minutes of Meeting on September 20, 2007**

10:00 a.m.

Douglas County Park Department Office

**PRESENT:** Dennis Acton, Lonnie Ferber, Jon Hill, Dale Christiansen, Bill Swift, and Jim Dowd

**ABSENT:** Don Larson (excused), and Dick Swartzlender (excused)

**GUESTS:** Bill Talburt, Lois Eagleton, John Robertson

Ferber called the meeting to order.

**MINUTES:** Swift moved for approval of the July 19, 2007 minutes and Christiansen seconded. Motion carried.

**OFF AGENDA:** Due to guests at the meeting, the following items were discussed:

Equine Campground – Dowd reported that the Park Department has received the authorization to move ahead with the project, however, no funds have been budgeted for this fiscal year. Bill Talburt, the Oregon Equestrian Trails representative said OET will be able to volunteer time to help with the planning of the project and will work with staff to do survey work and preparations for the future. The campground is projected to be a 10 site facility with a pavilion and restrooms on approximately 2 acres of land in Winchester Bay.

Mildred Kanipe Park – Dowd gave approval for OET to purchase and install a new metal gate to replace the damaged one currently in place at the equestrian pavilion. A new latch will be included to keep the gate closed. Also approved by Dowd was to spread additional gravel by the water trough at the equestrian area. Talburt brought up the topic of needing to get rid of the downed trees in the park. Discussion ensued regarding the removal and possible sale of the wood.

MOTION: Swift moved and Acton seconded a motion to have the Park Director investigate the commercial sale of downed material (unless identified by park staff) for purpose of firewood at Mildred Kanipe Park. Motion passed unanimously.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mildred Kanipe's Horse Drawn Buggy – The original buggy, which has been stored at the Douglas County Museum, has been requested by the Friends of Mildred Kanipe to be brought back to the park and put on display. The museum has given the Park Department permission to move the buggy to the ranch if that is the desire of the Advisory Board.

The buggy is in fair condition and Bill Talburt volunteered to do some restoration to the woodworking before placing it in the park. The upholstery needs restoration as well and a volunteer will be sought for that. The Friends have volunteered to provide interpretive signs for the project.

MOTION: Hill moved and Swift seconded a motion to move the Mildred Kanipe Buggy project forward subject to Park Department satisfaction. Motion passed unanimously.

County Opportunity Grant – Dowd reported that the Park Department has submitted a grant request to OPRD to complete Phase II of the Chief Miwaleta Campground Project. Components of this phase include the purchase and installation of electrical, water, and sanitary sewer infrastructure. Park staff is currently working on building cabins for the campground.

John Youngquist Memorial Plaque – Dowd invited the Park Board to the unveiling of a memorial plaque that has been placed at the Galesville Reservoir boat launch facility to honor the work of John Youngquist. Youngquist was the Watermaster for Douglas County and was the driving force behind the Galesville Reservoir project.

**OFF AGENDA:** Lois Eagleton announced that the English Settlement School at Mildred Kanipe Park was officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places on September 4, 2007. The State Advisory Committee will review the Farmstead building on October 16, 2007. Eagleton also passed around some trail signs that are going up at Kanipe Park.

Dowd informed the board that the Park Department may acquire a piece of property in the Elkton area for a new boat ramp off the North Umpqua River. He will keep the board posted as to the progress.

Dowd reported on the Oregon Park Association conference he attended this month and will look into the sustainability of using a wind turban for the vault toilets at the Coast.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Douglas County Park Foundation Inc. – Dowd reported that the Park Foundation has become inactive and would like to see a concentrated effort to revive it. Funds generated from the foundation could help with capital projects and long term stewardship of Park facilities. The foundation was incorporated in 1983, however, there are no bylaws and the majority of the foundation elected board member terms have expired. After some discussion, the following motions were passed:

MOTION: Acton moved and Swift seconded to appoint Jon Hill as a Class II member of the Douglas County Park Foundation Board for a 2 year term. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Dowd moved and Ferber seconded to appoint Bill Swift as a Class II member of the Douglas County Park Foundation Board for a 2 year term. Motion passed unanimously.

Dowd will put together any comments or suggestions from the Park Advisory Board regarding the bylaws and present them at the next Board meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Park Board meeting will be October 18, 2007, 10:00 a.m. at Park Headquarters.

A motion to adjourn was made by Christiansen and seconded by Swift. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Douglas County Park Department