

DOUGLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting on June 18, 2009

10:00 a.m.

Douglas County Park Department Office

PRESENT: Dennis Acton, Lonnie Ferber, Jon Hill, Dick Swartzlender, Bill Swift, Jim Dowd and Rob Stevens

ABSENT: Don Larson (excused), Jim Peterson

GUESTS: Derek Brown, Nathan Baker, Jill Talburt

Ferber called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Swift moved for approval of the May 21, 2009 minutes and Swartzlender seconded. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Disc Golf Tournament Concerns – Dowd and Stevens reported on the disc golf tournament held at Whistler's Bend Park during the weekend of June 5, 2009, the largest we have allowed in that park. There were nearly 200 participants plus spectators. The majority of the people camped in the two group campsites and the yurts.

Some negative issues that came to light consisted of over-crowding of campsites, dogs off leash, as well as washing dogs in the showers, late night noise complaints, illegal drug use, confusion over fee payment, and campers not vacating camping areas at the required departure time. Lack of road etiquette and other safety concerns were mentioned.

More disc golf events are scheduled for this summer. In order to prevent a recurrence of these issues, staff has set up a meeting with the various event promoters at the Park Office for 1:30 pm on June 24, 2009. Suggestions including requiring that additional security be provided by the promoter as part of the event agreement(s) will be discussed at the meeting next week.

2. Development of a Disc Golf Course in Pass Creek Park – Derek Brown and Nathan Baker of DiscGolfOregon.com presented a proposal for putting in a disc golf course at Pass Creek Park. Derek distributed handouts that included: a map of the course indicating Tees and Baskets; Phases of Development; Fundraising Possibilities; etc.

MOTION: Swift moved and Swartzlender seconded that DiscGolfOregon.com, as represented by Derek Brown and Nathan Baker, move ahead with additional planning to develop a disc golf course at Pass Creek Park. Discussion: It was agreed that the motion would be approved with the condition that at any time the Park Advisory Board and/or Park

Department could withdraw approval. The Motion, with that condition, passed unanimously with Larson and Peterson being absent.

Park staff will provide a development agreement between Douglas County and DiscGolfOregon detailing the conditions and responsibilities of the developer prior to the beginning of construction.

3. Coastal Equine Park Update – At the request of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, staff provided them with a report detailing the costs associated with construction of the Coastal Equine Park in Winchester Bay. The report included a copy of the preliminary design, estimated cost of materials, supplies, labor, projected revenue, and estimated pay back period.

The estimated costs using County labor and equipment are \$193,984. The amount is the total all-in costs and does not include any volunteer labor, donated material, or grant reimbursements. Based on an average return of \$24,225 it would take about 8 years to reach the break even point.

Park Division Liaison Commissioner Robertson indicated that the County does not have funds available to cover the expense of construction. At his request, Dowd submitted the report to the Oregon Equestrian Trails (OET) organization via Ms. Jill Talburt to see if they could provide volunteer and “substantial” financial assistance that would reduce the County’s burden. Talburt will write to the Board of Commissioners listing items that could be delayed, work that can be done by OET, etc. to decrease costs to the County. She will copy the Park Board on the letter.

OFF AGENDA: Talburt asked about the stream bank restoration grant program Jim Lee of Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District is working on at Kanipe. Stevens will review the grant and ensure trees that are being cut are in accordance with the grant.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

NEXT MEETING: The next Park Board meeting will be on July 16, 2009 10:00 a.m. at Park Headquarters.

A motion to adjourn was made by Hill and seconded by Acton. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Bachman
Douglas County Park Department