



Josephine County, Oregon

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PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

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JOSEPHINE COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD (PAB)

Monthly Public Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2019 – 3:00 PM

Josephine County Courthouse, Rm 157

Members Present: Diana Orler, Mikki Bird, Larry Ford, Dick Fowler, Bryan Hawkins

Staff Present: Sarah Garceau

BCC Liaison: Darin F. Fowler

Absent: Ivan Orgee, Henry Nussbaum

Quorum: Established

PAB Chair, Larry Ford, called meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Diana made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from March 13, 2019 and April 10, 2019, with Mikki seconding. All in favor, meeting minutes approved at 3:03 pm.

Commissioner Fowler states that he is getting familiar with parks, and has been using them increasingly so over the past few months. Fowler asked a few clarifying question in regards to the motion made last month in regards to funding for the cemetery.

The Parks Director gave an update on the Parks Department, including an update on the possible BLM land trade, the property known as Pinecone, and ADA compliance issues. The parks are moving into peak season, with that temporary summer workers are being hired for the field. The clarification between day users and campers has been a hot topic lately, it was clarified as to what amenities and portions of the parks can be used by each type of park user. Park kiosks contain lots of information and rules for the public to self-educate.

Park visits were discussed and the possible use of a SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunities, Threats). Analysis during the walkthroughs. Members supported it, Larry and Bryan said they would see what other parks use to create a system for the PAB.

A discussion on a possible youth outreach program and volunteers was brought up. The Parks Director stated that staff is doing all that we can to connect with community groups and volunteers, we would appreciate any help the PAB members can give in outreach.

Two applications were reviewed for potential PAB members, it was decided that applicants should attend meetings prior to be voted in to make sure they have interest and will have a meaningful contribution. Larry offered to reach out to the two applicants and invite them to the future meetings.

A discussion from the prior month's meeting at Granite Hill Cemetery took place. The Parks Department is looking to open grave sales to balance the expense of maintenance. The PAB was given a draft management plan for the cemetery and asked them to review it.

The PAB also discussed the Whitehorse Park remodel and the Schroeder tent loop, as well as the Parks

Department beginning to create a masterplan.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 PM.

Next PAB Meeting: June 12, 2019 at 3:00 pm at Pierce Riffle Park.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Garceau, Parks Director

Reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners this _____ day of _____, 2019.

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