



Clackamas County Parks Advisory Board  
Tuesday, September 17, 2024  
Wildwood Recreation Area (BLM) at 6:00 pm

PAB Members Present: Chair Justin Ostrander, Louise Lopes, Eric Pfeiffer-Robinson, Mike Ferrell, Sarah Furber, Angela Pederson

Staff Present: Tom Riggs, Mark Shaw, Thomas Gray, Sandy Weijland

Guests: Commissioner Mark Schull

I. Call to Order

Meeting Called to order at 6:24 pm

II. Meeting Minutes

There was no quorum present, so August minutes could not be approved

III. Citizen/BCC Input

Commissioner Mark Schull filled the board in on a \$100M project at Government Camp. ODOT will move the current rest-stop restroom to another location to make room for additional parking. There will be a new gondola and restaurant; and room for an additional 2,000 people at Timberline. Public transit will increase from Sandy and Gresham to reduce vehicles on the mountain. The county's portion of this project is to work with any land issues.

IV. Park Updates

**Carver Park Renaming Request**

The Board of County Commissioners asked the Parks Advisory Board to work with the Committee of Community Involvement (CCI). However, since there was no quorum, no discussion was held to evaluate or review the request.

**County Code Update/Changes**

Most of the latest changes are housekeeping items: minor changes for clarification and grammar. There is one item for the board to vote on (in the future). Staff in the parks have brought up an issue with site occupancy and suggested decreasing the limit of 8 people per campsite to 6 people per campsite. Tom thought that 8 people per campsite is the industry standard, but after looking up other agencies, he found that there is not an industry standard. Campgrounds from various public agencies vary in their occupancy; anywhere from 2 to 10, depending on the site. Parks staff is recommending a code change to remove the specific number for maximum campsite occupancy, and instead leave the establishing of site occupancy up to the Parks Manager. The proposed changes will be brought to the next BCC Policy Session, which occurs before the PAB meeting, so we'll look into possibly a virtual vote.

**Summer Park Tours for 2025**

For the last two years, we've had to cancel the July PAB Park-Tour meeting due to the heat. Is this a reasonable schedule to keep to? What are pros/cons to the Park Tour meetings? Louise L suggested we start the Park Tour meeting earlier in the year, possibly have outdoor meetings in May, June, August, and September. Mike F likes to quality of meeting in person, rather than virtual. Justin O asked if weekend meetings are a possibility, it may be easier for board members to make it to more meetings. Eric P-R pointed out that all board members get an annual park pass, they can visit each park on their own. Another idea was to have an indoor back-up plan for the hot, summer month park meetings. Visiting locations from other agencies was seen to have value: it gives the Board an opportunity to learn of inter-agency relationships and the staff can see how other agencies operate facilities. No decision was made, but good ideas and conversation about the topic.

## V. Administrative Updates (Tom Riggs)

### **Tourism Maps**

Tom R shared new maps that Tourism have been working on for some time and provided several boxes for the parks: the Wild & Scenic Clackamas River Outdoor Recreation Map. It showcases a variety of outdoor opportunities along the Clackamas River. It's a good-sized map with lots of information and beautiful photos.

### **Metro Local Share Dollars**

Metro has approved their portion of funding for the Feyrer Community Project (more below). County Parks is working with the Oregon State Marine Board at Boones Ferry Marina for a new fuel line and a life jacket loaner station

## VI. Park Updates (Mark Shaw)

### **New FTE Park Ranger**

County Parks filled the second Park Ranger position vacated earlier this spring. John Shih has been working in the south area this summer as a temporary Park Assistant. We're excited to have him on board as the newest team member.

### **Feyrer Community Improvement Project**

Feyrer Park closed camping a couple of weeks early so the project could start Sept 16. The roadway portion of the project is expected to take 3-4 weeks; improving curbs, repaving, and an ADA walkway. There will be an addition new playground features, and an amphitheater likely located north of the caretaker's residence. An area will be made available by the decrease in the size of picnic area #3. Justin O asked if the number of parking spaces will increase and if there will be electric vehicle charging stations. There will be a few additional parking spaces, but this is also factored in with the decrease in the size of area #3. County Parks is set to receive some electric charging stations, but Feyrer is not at the top of the list. County Facilities has a goal of installing a certain number of charging stations in the county per year.

### **Barton Park Host sites addition**

The concrete pad of the two new host sites has been poured. The County Facilities team will be adding the water and sewer connections. The project is expected to be completed by mid-October.

### **Park Trails**

Trailkeepers of Oregon (TKO) have been working in Barton & Eagle Fern Parks

### **Park Hazard Trees Survey**

Coming up in October, Parks & Forestry will work together to identify & remove hazard trees. The Parks have lost many trees due to this year's hot weather taking its toll.

## VII. Good of the Order

None

## VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm

Next meeting: Tue, Oct 15, 2024, 6:00 pm, Room 118 at the Development Services Building, 150 Beaver Creek Rd, Oregon City