



Clackamas County Parks Advisory Board
Tuesday June 18, 2024
Barton Park, East Picnic Shelter at 6:00pm

PAB Members Present: Chair Justin Ostrander, Mike Ferrell, Rob Smoot, Walter Hull, Louise Lopes, Chad Parker, Eric Pfeiffer-Robinson, Thomas Hester, Angela Peterson, Sarah Furber

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

Guests Present: Commissioner Mark Schull and guest

I. Call to Order

- A. Justin O called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm

II. Meeting Minutes

- A. Rob S noted that he remembered seeing a repeat or a typo regarding the timing of the full-time Park Ranger posting closure in May's minutes. Tom clarified that the job announcement closed on April 29

MOTION: Walter H made the motion to approve the May minutes with Tom's clarification; Louise Lopes seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

III. Citizen Input

- A. Tom R mentioned that in the latest edition of the *ClackCo* (the County's quarterly publication), there is an article about County Parks on page 8 and an Experts section highlighting Thomas Gray (among others) for expertise in their field.
- B. Louise L saw on the news that Stone Creek Golf Club (SCGC) hosted the Tyrone S. Woods Golf Classic on June 16. The event raised money for the Tyrone S. Woods Wrestling Foundation. Tyrone was a wrestler in Molalla High School and went on to become a Navy Seal who lost his life Sept 2012 in Libya.
- C. As Sandy W was helping a customer in the lobby, the customer complimented Wagon Wheel Park and how clean it has been looking lately. She walks her dogs there often.
- D. Sarah Furber encouraged the board to add Google reviews of the parks online. She had visited Feyrer Park recently and added a review herself.

IV. Administrative Updates – Tom Riggs

- A. **Naming Criteria** – The Board of County Commissioners asked County Parks to work with the Committee on Citizen Involvement (CCI) on the criteria to apply to a request to name or rename an existing property. This was brought about when we received a request to rename the boat launch at Carver Park after Bob Toman. Tom dispersed handouts by CCI, containing correspondence, and their recommendations for changes to the current county policy. Tom R explained that the current policy focuses on the naming of a new facility, not renaming an existing facility or property. The aim of creating a new policy is to not tie up the BCC with frivolous requests.

Item B (page 5 of the handout) states that requests must be accompanied by a petition with at least 150 signatures or letters of support from Clackamas County residents or property owners of legal voting age. Sarah F indicated that it takes 500 signatures to add an argument in the voter's pamphlet and that 0.1% of the county's population is 450. Commissioner Mark Schull noted that requiring 500 signatures, rather than 150, would rule out small cliques; however, 500 signatures could rule out many groups. Section 8 of the handout specifies a "public-initiated request to rename." Section 6 refers to "County-initiated naming or renaming." The naming and/or renaming of a facility in that section is only when initiated by the County.

MOTION: Eric P-R made a motion to accept the CCI-suggested revisions, without significant changes. Walt H seconded the motion. All were in favor, except for Louise Lopes; Louise wanted the number of required signatures to be higher.

Tom made a note that the criteria have been supported at the current number of signatures, but if during the process, parks/county staff finds a number that makes better sense, it will be reported back to the PAB.

- B. **July 16 Tour** – For those interested and able, a Pre-Meeting Tour of Properties will leave from the Development Services Building in Oregon City at 3:45. The route will include Barlow Wayside Trail Park and Sandy Ridge BLM property next door, Hoodland property, and then conclude at Wildwood Recreation Area for dinner (5:30 pm) and the meeting at 6:00 pm.

V. Park Updates

- A. Seasonal Park Assistant Orientation is scheduled for June 29. There will be scenarios and some safety training. Onboarding summer staff is continuing, albeit a little slow this year; at about 42% staffing level so far. The market for seasonal employees is tough. Sandy W reported that we've had a more than average number of applicants start the process, then withdraw after finding other employment.
- B. After the meeting, there will be a tour of the lake area of Barton Park, with explanations of the project phases for the area.

VI. Good of the Order

- A. Commissioner Mark Schull informed the group that BCC will have a Policy Session in July (no date determined yet) to discuss parking rates in the parks. He also made comments about stimulating the Parks budget through Forestry and Stone Creek Golf Club proceeds, and referenced talking with Federal agencies regarding Fire Prevention & Protection in forestlands

VIII Adjournment

- a. Thomas H made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Angela P. Approval was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

After the adjournment, Tom R led PAB members on a tour around the new primitive campsites and the Barton Park lake project area.

Next meeting: July 16, 2024, with a tour and meeting at BLM's Wildwood Recreation Site picnic area: 65670 E Highway 26, Welches; dinner at 5:30 pm, meeting at 6:00 pm.
The Tour is leaving the DSB in Oregon City at 3:45 pm.