



Clackamas County Parks Advisory Board
Tuesday August 16, 2022
Feyrer Park at 6:00pm

PAB Members Present: Chair Justin Ostrander, Vice-Chair Mike Ferrell, Don Morgan, Walter Hull, Louise Lopes, Mark Elliot, Chad Parker, Eric Pfeiffer-Robinson

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

I. Call to Order

Justin O called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm

II. Citizen Input

Tom R said that Parks has received (through an email chain) accolades for the cleaning of the Springwater Corridor Trail.

III. Meeting Minutes

Don Morgan made the motion to approve the July 2022 minutes; seconded by Mike F. Approval was unanimous (not voting: Eric P-R. arrived after vote was taken).

IV. Administrative Updates – Tom R

1. Organizational Updates

Tom Riggs provided handouts of the organization chart of County Parks and maps of the current configuration & planned configuration of the Park Ranger areas. The current layout shows the county parks split into three areas maintained by the three Full-Time Employees (FTE) Park Maintenance Coordinators (Thomas Gray, Victor Harshman and Ben Brown). With Victor H and Ben B retiring at the end of the year, the park areas will be arranged in two areas: north and south. Each area will have a Park Maintenance Coordinator and a Park Ranger. Justin O asked how many FTE would be ideal in running the parks. Tom R said that six FTEs with a variety of skillsets would be the ideal number.

2. Hoodland Property

Mark E asked about the current status of the Hoodland property. Tom R said that the property cannot be given to a private entity/citizen, but it can be sold. Stipulations can be added when selling, such as requirements to keep the property as a park, or the option to zone for housing. We deal with three categories in which properties fall: Cat 1 - Parks, Cat 2 – Surplus and Cat 3 – Forest. Any Park or Forest property has to be moved to Cat 2 Surplus before being sold.

3. Capital Projects – Tom R

a. New docks at Boones Ferry Marina – The new docks require 2 contracts: one for the fabrication of the docks and one for the installation. Bid going is out for the fabrication contract.

b. New septic tanks at Barton and Eagle Fern Parks – Those two can be combined into one contract, which is in the works now.

c. Repaving Feyrer Park – We're checking into other possibilities as we did not get the \$150K grant match through County Opportunity Grant (COG). Another option is to look at Local Government Grant.

- d. Repaving of the East Loop at Barton Park – it's in the procurement stage. We're hoping to get that project started first of October. The East Loop is routinely open through mid-November, so the West Loop will be open instead to accommodate fall campers.
- e. Park Ranger Hiring – HR has received about 35 applications, but only a small number are qualified according to the HR questionnaire. We're looking into adjusting the questionnaire to be able to capture more applicants.

V. Park Updates – Mark S

1. Seasonal Hiring

Our seasonal staff is just over 50% of the target number. A few will be kept longer throughout the winter. We've got a good crew with team players this summer.

2. Peak Season Park Ops

With the low number of seasonals this summer, the parks are sharing employees and relying on CCSO and security a little more. The NW Enforcement Incorporated staff have been a great asset; essentially "Rangers in Uniform." For the most part, park visitors are great, but the old adage "10% of the people take up 90% of your time" is proving true.

3. Other: Reduction in General Fund. The county allocation to County Parks is reduced relative to perceived need - they are not seeing capital projects vs operating costs. Budgeting for projects is near impossible when we do not get awarded grant funding, so it negatively affects our basic operating budget.

4. Other: County Courthouse. Yes, the BCC is moving forward on the \$198M project to build the courthouse.

VI. September Meeting Options

The September 20 Parks Advisory Board meeting was voted to be at Barton Park's pavilion. We can tour the area to be paved after dinner & meeting.

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VIII. Adjournment

- a. Louise L made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm; seconded by Don Morgan. The meeting was ended unanimously.

After the adjournment, Tom R led PAB members on a walking tour around Feyrer Park.

Next meeting: September 20, 2022 at Barton Park pavilion, dinner provided