



Clackamas County Parks Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes, Tuesday October 15, 2024

**Hybrid online or at Development Services
Building, Room 118, Oregon City, OR 97045
@6:00pm**

Members Present at DSB 401: Justin Ostrander, Sarah Furber, Tom Hester, Dana Hindman-Allen, Walter Hull, Louise Lopes, Don Morgan, Angela Pederson, Rob Smoot

Members Not Present: Mike Ferrell, Chad Parker, Eric Pfeiffer-Robinson

Staff Present at DSB 118: Sarah Eckman, Tom Riggs, Mark Shaw, Barb Guthrie, Thomas Gray

Commissioner Shull Present via Zoom

I. Call To Order

Justin called the meeting to order at 5:59 pm

II. Meeting Minutes

1. Justin called for a motion to approve the minutes from August 20, 2024 meeting; Don motioned to approve, Tom Hester seconded; minutes were approved.

2. Justin called for a motion to approve the minutes from September 17, 2024; Walter motioned to approve, Louise second; minutes were approved.

III. Citizen Input & Correspondence

There was an article/cartoon in the Canby Herald about the increase in fees at Oregon State Parks (day use fees are increasing from \$5 to \$10, camping fees are also increasing). The cartoon implied the increase is a bit much.

IV. Carver Park Renaming Request

Recapped previous PAB discussions about the Board of County Commissioners asking the PAB work with the Committee on Community Involvement (CCI) on a request to rename the Carver Park boat launch. PAB and CCI made a recommendation to develop a more robust naming policy based on the existing policy. The proposed policy edits are being moved forward through the policy change process, but we do need to capture a response from the PAB to the BCC. The PAB would like to review such requests under an adopted framework and would like to hold off on reviewing the request for Carver Park until that framework is adopted. However, we did not officially vote on a motion to either consider the renaming as is, or to formally say we would like to hold off on considering the renaming until after the policy changes have been considered by the BCC. A question was asked about whether we're renaming just the boat launch or the whole park, and it was clarified the request is just for the boat launch. A Motion was made to wait until the overall policy for renaming is approved. Rob motioned, Don seconded the motion, Tom Hester called for the vote, it was approved unanimously.

V. County Code Update/Changes

BCC has pushed back our request for code changes and fee increases. Given the extra time, Tom will be making additional code changes for our rules, and reviewed the major ones.

1. Tom reviewed some language pertaining to the notification timeline for citations, which will stay as is for now after discussions with county Council.

2. We are proposing to remove the static limit of 8 people per campsite and allow the Parks Manager to designate site capacities for individual sites. That new language will be part of the requested changes.

Motion was called for by Dana to approve proposed changes, Tom Hester seconded, motion passed.

VI. FY 25/26 Budget Planning

Tom did a quick recap of the budget for this fiscal year that was submitted for approval (which was reviewed by the PAB last spring). However, there have been some changes, we did not receive the Tourism funding for three projects: the East Campground Shelter Conversion, the Overlook House remodel, and the Barton cabins. Those projects are all technically in our budget, but will not occur this fiscal year. The Barton water system design is

based on getting Metro money lined up. We're adding a few more gators than originally planned, due to more units needing replacement. Next year's budget planning will begin in earnest after the first of the year.

Revenue Brain Storming Tom wanted to kick around some ideas for things we can enact to generate revenue at the program level. In particular, concessions. 1. What other great ideas does the PAB members have, 2. What feels appropriate to a park setting? What is actually worth pursuing? A discussion followed with several ideas. Due to limited funds and staff bandwidth, Tom requested narrowing down to a few ideas to pursue. Discussion about getting more public input maybe via a social media campaign or resident survey, and giving PAB more time to review and think about these ideas. Justin requested that a list of these ideas be included in the minutes for further discussion. *PAB members are requested to review the list and come to the next meeting with thoughts on what are the best few ideas to move forward on.*

1. Food Trucks that sell ice cream, tacos, etc. at the boat launch areas, water, etc on very hot days
2. Selling inner tubes, sunscreens- we need a formal concession policy.
3. Leasing land/space for cell towers (could they provide WiFi in the process?)
4. Rustic Store to sell ice, camping equipment, etc.
5. Saturday markets/Farmer's markets
6. Plant Sales – native plants/backyard wildlife habitat
7. Corporate sponsorship/naming of Picnic Shelters
8. Concessions should “enhance” the parks experience
9. Park related merchandise – post cards, tote bags, etc.
10. Parks Passport program
11. Event/concert series
12. Promote sales of annual passes, maybe through corporate partnerships

VII. Summer Park Tours for 2025

Discussion about the impacts of summer weather, especially during July, and whether to change our Park Tours routine. Determined that if we have to cancel a tour again due to high temperatures, we will move the PAB meeting to the County's Development Services Building, and do a hybrid meeting with on-site/zoom. We will make that decision each month to determine where we will be meeting with enough time to get notification to PAB members.

VIII. Administrative Updates-Tom Riggs

Justin asked for a report on this past year with numbers for how many people came visited/stayed at the parks, much revenue we earned, any major problems and staff levels we were able to hire. Tom Riggs did say that we had an increase in visitors from 1.3 million to 1.4 million. Tom agreed to put together some numbers.

Issue before PAB, Oregon State Parks is raising their fees-they are charging all camping the out of state fees, not just RVs but also tent camping, which at present we do not. If the PAB supports us in expanding the out of state fees to non-hookup sites, we would need a motion to be voted on. There was discussion around the sites it would apply to, and general concerns about increasing the fees too much. Dana Motioned to not extend the 25% out-of-state surcharge to tent sites at this time. Rob seconded. Motion passed.

IX. Park Updates: Mark Shaw

1. Feyrer Paving- Complete overlay, additional parking, widen shoulders, accessibility enhancements, amphitheater and curbs • \$416,242 total project cost, less than \$30,000 coming from our Department, Oregon State Parks Grant and Metro Bond Dollars picking up the rest; ADA path from restroom to playground to be paved.
 2. Barton Host Site Expansion- Excavation and Concrete completed by Volunteer Group – NW College of Construction.
 3. Hazard Tree Removal- Roughly 40 trees removed with only Barton and Satellite Properties remaining
- Other projects: New Trail at Madrone Wall, New Amphitheater at Feyrer, Boring Station Trailhead stage overhaul, Boosting Host recruitment for 2025.

X. Good of the Order

Walter thought it was important to reiterate the seriousness of the ADA parking issue. That is actually a crime to use a disabled parking hanging tag that does not belong to you. That checking the ADA hanging tags ownership, and reviewing disabled veterans id is very important.

XII. Adjournment Justin called for adjournment at 7:45 pm—Rob so motioned, Tom Hester seconded.