



Pedestrian/Bikeway Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

150 Beavercreek Road, Oregon City, OR 97045

<http://www.clackamas.us/engineering/pbac.html>

6:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductions

Members: Bruce Parker, Ray Atkinson, Mindy Montecucco, Del Scharffenberg, Dick Webber, Kenath Sponsel, Kelli Grover

Staff: Scott Hoelscher – Engineering Division (ED), Brett Setterfield – ED

Representatives: Tom Riggs – Clackamas County Parks & Forest, Rick Gruen – Clackamas County Parks & Forest, Ben Johnson – GreenWorks, Tonia Williamson – North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District

6:35 p.m. Barton Park Master Plan

Ben started by providing the committee with a detailed presentation on the Barton Park Complex Master Plan. One arm of the project is to do a shuttle analysis to address summer peak floating season with high traffic, and the other arm of the project is to look into neighboring sites for expansion of the project. The timeline of the project is scheduled for a year, with the kickoff meeting being held in May of 2019, and the final Master Plan to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners in June of this year. Ben showed an analysis of traffic flow in the park, with a large majority of vehicles coming in from Hwy 224. He then went into the Environmental Analysis looking at the floodplain, wetland, riparian forest, and seasonal streams. Tonia said there is a protected turtle habitat in the ponds within the park, and Ben said he'd be sure to include that in the report.

Ben went over the Design Alternatives for the new expanded park, looking at potential added day use areas, overnight areas, shuttle dropoff/pickup area, and the internal transportation network within the park. Ray asked if the northern end of the park would connect to the TriMet stop on Hwy 224, and Ben said there is a proposed sidewalk path that runs from the inner portion of the park north along Bakers Ferry Rd to the intersection with Hwy 224 to reach a TriMet stop or the general store at that intersection. Mindy asked what bikers would do in order to reach that Hwy 224 intersection, and Ben said they'd probably have to use the sidewalk as they wouldn't want bicyclists forced onto Bakers Ferry Rd. Ray asked about hiker/biker camping and where it would be placed, and Ben said that would be determined as the plan unfolds, with input from those campers. Mindy asked about acreage of the park, and Tom said it's over 100 acres, with an additional 19 acres that would be added from the neighboring property.

Rick and Tom gave a quick overview of how the park system earns revenue, with a majority of that being from funds generated from park fees. He said the general fund from the county doesn't fund much of the parks, so they are forced to generate much of their own revenue. Another thing they do is generate funds from timber sales from logging within their lands. Ray asked about the motivation to encourage biking, hiking, and transit campers for the park if the park generates funds from vehicles. Rick said they don't have a park entrance fee, just a parking fee and said that there is incentive for the park to encourage bikes with the strategic planning of the transportation network. Tom said that during peak summer days they are actually forced to close their gates because the park is completely full, which causes traffic issues and potentially forces

people to recreate elsewhere. He added that as the Cazadero Trail continues improvements, there will be people who drive to the park and unload bikes to use the trail, so that revenue issues would become a wash.

Ben provided an analysis of the Barton Park entrance road at Bakers Ferry Rd and the issues that are currently present at the intersection that cause safety issues and congestion. He gave several options being considered to help the present problems, including a pair of roundabout options. Mindy asked if during peak summer times the congestion would back up into the roundabout, and Ben said it could, which is why with these options they're considering adding a second lane and ticket booth at the park entrance.

Ben said they had an economist look into a shuttle analysis to reduce negative impacts on Barton and Carver Parks and help understand options for implementing floater-shuttle. He said it doesn't look like it wouldn't be a revenue generator for the county, but would help reduce traffic impacts and improve user experience. Ray asked about the potential for Bus Rapid Transit park-and-ride option that's being considered for the Sunrise Corridor, and incorporating that into this project. Ben said that would be a solid option because most of the people who use this park aren't from Clackamas County, so they travel through that area. He said they'll look into it.

Mindy asked which of the plans is leading the pack, and Rick said they've been discussing it and think it'll be a hybrid of the two options. He said the big issues is the potential for the four-legged roundabout, which would impact part of the Metro property. Kelli asked how many parking spaces the plans call for, and Tom said they would add 140 more spots to the 400 already available. Tom and Rick said the issue with parking is Carver Park has a limited parking and wasn't built for the usage it's currently getting, as it was built for limited boat trailer parking. They said they're "in the Park business, not the Parking business." Dick asked about park fees and if they fluctuate based on time of year, and Rick said they're currently charging \$6 per parking spot, and looking into charging \$8 per spot during weekend during peak months. Ray asked about the current private shuttle costs, and how that plays into the potential for a future County-run shuttle, and Rick said they're looking into a lot of components and how it'll play out.

Scott said he'll send out the link to the online open house which is scheduled for March 16th.

8:05 p.m. Approval of February Minutes

Del made a motion to approve the February minutes, Dick seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

8:10 p.m. Open Committee Discussion

Scott said the April 7th meeting will be with the Street Trust.

Tonia said the NCPRD Trails Master Plan is moving forward. They've selected a consultant and want to get the committee's input on the process. She said she'll present to the PBAC at the May meeting. Ray said Clackamas Community College's Transit Master Plan is currently underway and he wants to present the plan to PBAC for input, either in May or June.

8:15 p.m. Adjourn

Mindy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kelli seconded and the motion passed unanimously.