



COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD  
Tuesday, September 18, 2018 6:00pm  
Development Services Building, Room 118

PAB Members present: Rob Smoot, Mike Ferrell, Don Morgan, Tara Hamilton, Louise Lopes, Zach Bergen, Tom Hester, Mark Elliott, Lee Pudwill, Sally Rask

PAB Members Absent: Morgan Parks, Lauren Zielinski

Guests: Kirk Morganson, Justin Ostrander, Mike Atkinson

Staff Present: Rick Gruen, Chris Dannenbring, Barb Guthrie, Thomas Gray, Tom Riggs

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Rob Smoot

**II. Meeting Minutes**

The meeting minutes from June 19, 2018 were reviewed; Rob motioned for approval with one correction; Tom Hester did attend the meeting, Don called for approval, Louise second; the motion passed.

**III. Citizen Input & Correspondence**

- Mike Ferrell brought in an article from the Clackamas Review, dated August 15, 2018. The article was written by Tina Johnson (staff member for NCPRD, Milwaukie Center) and Erin Holland (Meals on Wheels Coordinator at the Milwaukie Center). Tina and Erin wrote the article to inform people on smart ways to go down river without losing their belongings, and ways to avoid leaving trash on the Clackamas River. Rick offered to send the women thank you notes for all of their good work on the river and the many hours of cleanup these women have done.
- Kurt Schrader wrote a letter to Rick/Parks thanking them for the Wheel Chair Charging station at Barton.
- Tom R passed around a thank you card for PAB members to sign for the tour guide at Bull Run
- Sally shared a copy of an article from the Canby Herald with a piece written about Tom Riggs joining our staff.
- Don brought to the attention of the PAB that Metro was acquiring land adjoining the Madrone Wall Park property. This would make the top of the rock face wall

area accessible to visitors without them having to climb the wall. Metro is working with Parks in partnership to expand the hiking trails to the top.

#### **IV. Park Operations Updates—Tom Riggs**

Tom R revisited/discussed the proposed policy changes that may be put in place next year. The item Tom R discussed in particular was the large group restrictions for our parks. We are proposing that each park will limit the number of campsites reserved by a single group for a specific date to 30 sites. However, we do have very large groups that want to rent an entire park. In order to accommodate these requests, we are looking onto the possibility of hosting these large groups during the time before Memorial Day Weekend and after Labor Day Weekend. One of the groups that would be effected by this change is Canaco. Tom R introduced a member of the planning/steering committee of Canaco, Mike Atkinson, who requested the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Canaco group about the proposed policy changes.

Mr. Atkinson talked about the valuable experiences that the Canaco group benefits from their outings at Metzler Park, they have in past years booked the entire park. They have agreed for 2019, which is their 30 year anniversary for the Metzler campout, to book the event for the weekend following Labor Day. He also asked that there be serious consideration to letting them book again in August after 2019, or developing a large group area at Metzler adjacent to the present park facility.

Rick explained to PAB the background of this issue and the impact on small groups and individual family campers by having less accommodation times for these small groups, and the impact of very large groups on the park and staff. The special requests made by Canaco and other large groups have a direct impact on our policies and procedures. Rick will pull together a task force to look at policy changes; whatever changes we propose will be vetted by PAB first before it goes over to the County Commissioners for final approval.

Mike and Rick complemented Mike Atkinson and the Canaco group for adjusting their time in the park next year for the period after Labor Day. Mike A then left the meeting.

Tom R continued with his report to PAB. He talked about dealing with complaints over the summer season and drafting an intake form for such matters. We had a smaller than usual seasonal staff this year and he will be working with staff to develop a better system for recruitment and on-boarding training.

He is working with staff on the water system out at Metzler and Barton's irrigation system. This year we hired a private security company for patrol work to augment the Clackamas Sheriff's efforts out at the parks, with parking issues, access points and other problems that arise. The company worked well with existing staff and was a positive presence in the field.

The Boring Station Shelter is now complete. The construction went very well and was expedited to meet the deadline for the Boring Days event. Tom R is also working on usage counts for our outlying parks to assess value of these properties for our mission. He will be working on this over the fall and winter. Tom is also working on a new contract for the yearly install/de-install of the Hebb Park docks as well as the removal of the caretaker house at Hebb and the reconfiguration of the site as a host site. The Barton restroom will be replaced (with one similar to the one at Feyrer)—this will be done over the off season for that park. Additional off season work will be the development of a work plan for fall/winter repairs and maintenance. The drafting of procedures with the PGA (Public Government Affairs) office for communications to the public concerning park closures in the summer due to capacity issues, like at Barton, will round out Tom's off season work.

#### **V. Park Updates—Rick Gruen**

- Barton Park Master Plan—this will be a very large effort to plan out and design a large expansion of Barton Park in conjunction with Metro and opening the area adjacent to Bakers Ferry. We will need an inter-government agreement with Metro and working closely with our Board of County Commissioners. New usage items will be camping, hiking in camp sites, fee structures and including some extended use of the Fandrich property, developing horse riding trails and a possible hiking trail linking up to the Casadoro Trail. Rick will be drafting a RFP for a consultant to develop these plans; Rick would like to form a task force for this project with PAB members and other outside community participants. Once the plan is in a firm draft form, we will hold public meetings. We will need to be mindful of transit issues and impacts to pedestrian access to Barton Park, and improved check in booth at the entrance to the park, etc.
- Policy Changes—Rick will be asking for input from PAB and citizens for some of our proposed changes, such as large group rules/restrictions, and exclusion procedures. These changes will first be flushed out at the staff level and then for discussion with a larger group.
- Outlying Properties—Rick will be forming a task force to develop a plan for these properties with final discussions/agreements with PAB. We do not have the staff or financial resources to continue to maintain these properties and no budget to further develop them.
- Timber Sale, Boomer II—this sale will happen this fall/winter. The timber stand is near the Brightwood area. Rick will hold a public meeting to discuss this timber harvest; on October 18, which is open to the public; there will be a tour of the site on October 20. The harvest plan will be approved by the FAB, with final approval by the County Commissioners. Sally and Zach will represent PAB as members of the Timber Sale Advocacy Committee. Boomer II is approximately 80 acres, the timber stand is 55-70 years old. This parcel is at the top of the rotation list for harvest.

- Rick extended an invitation to PAB for the dedication of the Vietnam War Memorial at Boring Station for the following Friday, September 21.

#### **VI. Interviews for New PAB Members**

There were four applicants for PAB, Don and Mike have applied for another term on PAB. There are two additional people to interview, Justin Ostrander and Kirk Morganson. Rob instructed the PAB members to ask the same questions for each applicant.

Justin and Kirk were very good candidates; Sally suggested that we increase the size of PAB to be able to appoint the new candidates. It was discussed that there will be a need for more members (as they did with the Golf Course project) to fill slots on Rick's proposed work force committees. We could amend the by-laws to reflect the member number to 15-12 regular members and 3 alternates, then we will need to get approval from the County Commissioners. Rob asked for the motion to reappoint Mike and Don, and to expand the number of members. Tom H so moved; Sally second the motion, it passed unanimously.

As to the other candidates, Kirk and Justin, PAB thought we should appoint them as alternates once the by-laws are changed. Rob called for a motion to appoint the two candidates after the by-laws are amended; Louise so moved, Sally second the motion, it passed unanimously.

Sally requested a list of each current member and what is the status of their terms, length left on their current appointment.

#### **VII. Good of the Order**

Rob asked that Chris send to each of the PAB members the current budget for the Stone Creek Golf Club. After review of this budget, Rob asked that we have Stone Creek's manager attend a PAB meeting to talk about the golf club.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Motion for adjournment was called at 8:45 pm by Rob; Sally so moved to adjourn, Louise seconded the motion.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 in Room 119 of the Development Services Building in Oregon City.