

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Staff Presentation Worksheet

Presentation Date: Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010

Time: 11 a.m. Length: 15 minutes

Presentation Title: Modifying Proposed Amendment for County Code Regarding County Parks Fees

Department: Business and Community Services (BCS), Sheriff's Office

Presenters: Dan Zinzer and Gary Barth, BCS; Matt Ellington, Sheriff's Office

POLICY QUESTION

1. What fee should be imposed to increase security and to accompany the alcohol ban for the summer season at county parks?

ISSUE & BACKGROUND

During extreme hot summer weather over the past three years, some day-use patrons of parks on the Clackamas River have created law enforcement issues (litter and pollution, unsafe rafting equipment, traffic congestion, crowd control, excessive alcohol consumption, trespassing on private property, illegal parking). Volunteer and education efforts, property acquisition and temporary restrooms have helped but not resolved the identified issues, leading to increased Sheriff's Office financial resources.

In study sessions Oct. 13 and Dec. 22, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners directed parks staff to create a fee schedule for the public which could increase security funding. The County Parks Advisory Board (PAB) voted not to raise the day-use entry fees to the \$9.60 needed to fill the gap, noting that those services should be funded by the Sheriff's Office. Following the Feb. 11 first reading of the proposed fee increase, the PAB voted to raise the fee to \$5 to 1) be consistent with State Parks and Metro Parks and Greenspaces, 2) add solar-powered electronic collection machines and Carver and Barton parks and 3) enhance the ecOzone program with two seasonal temporary parks employees.

QUESTION(S) PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Will the \$5 seven-day-a-week entry fee be approved at the existing security level for the summer season in the parks?
2. Will the ecOzone volunteer and education program be enhanced with two seasonal temporary parks staff members?

OPTIONS AVAILABLE *See attached sheet*

RECOMMENDATIONS

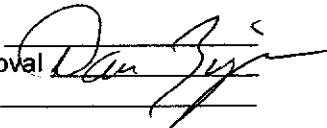
Staff respectfully recommends that the Commissioners modify the amendment to the county code from the \$8 day-use entry fee to a \$5 entry fee seven days a week with the alcohol ban as proposed.

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval

Department Director/Head Approval

County Administrator Approval

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