



Yamhill County Parks & Recreation Board

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 18th, 2021

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Location: Teams Videoconference

Present: Jim Culbert, Tim Duerfeldt, Rachel Flores, Neyssa Hays, Andrew Mortensen, Bill Pallotto, Martin Peters, Marie Vicksta

Absent: Steve Harloff, Sam Bremmer, David Hanson, Galen McBee

Staff: Ben Much

5:32: Call Meeting to Order

July Minutes approved unanimously

No Additions/Edits to Meeting Agenda

Continuing Business

Staff Updates:

Ed Grenfell Restroom - Going along pretty well. All work needed before Fall has been completed. Delivery of the vault toilets may be delayed a bit, but the project should be done around the beginning of the year.

Dayton Landing Boat Ramp Project -

The City of Dayton is unhappy with the latest Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) plans for boat ramp repair, which was first identified as needing repair in 2015. In 2017, work with the OSMB commenced in planning for a project to move the boat ramp, improve parking, and add a vault toilet to the site. Unfortunately, that plan violated a Dayton requirement only allowing for a flush toilet at that location, so the plan was abandoned in favor of a proposal to just repair the boat ramp. The latest OSMB work on that revised plan is a stormwater management plan dated August 2, 2012. We need to move ahead with this proposal, however the county wants to meet with Dayton to discuss this situation before notifying OSMB.

Motion - Andrew: The Board should recommend and request the County Commissioners' approval of the OSMB plan for the boat ramp improvement as currently designed. Second: Rachel. Motion passes unanimously.

Traffic Data from Labor Day Weekend - Traffic counters and trail cams were put out for the

extended Labor Day weekend at Huber (traffic counter), Blackwell (traffic counter), Chas. Metsker (trail cam), Crabtree(2 traffic counters), and Rogers Landing (trail cam). The following observations were provided by Ben:

Chas. Metsker - a lot of activity at the gate, but only about 50 of them went into the park.

Rogers Landing - 1000 vehicles per day, many of which were trailers.

Huber - 43.

Crabtree - 12 into the park. Knudsen Vineyard had 284 vehicles. Jim requested that this data be sent to Page Knudsen and the Chehalem Parks and Recreation District.

July Traffic Data - Andrew made the following comments on the traffic data collected over the July 4 weekend: Rogers landing had over 2000 lane counts each day, Sat. thu Mon., most of which were vehicles pulling boat trailers. This compared to less than half of that on the other weekdays counted between July 2-8. Lane counts measure both ingress and egress, and a vehicle and trailer entry results in 1-½ lane counts, and the same for their exit. Thus, about 670 vehicles visited Rogers Landing each of those three days. The other parks measured (Dayton Landing, Deer Creek, Ed Grenfell, Lafayette Locks, Miller Woods, and Stuart Grenfell) ranged from daily highs of 45 to 220 vehicles, with only minor increases on the weekend days compared to weekdays. Lowest visitation was at Deer Creek and the highest at Ed Grenfell (not including Rogers Landing).

Puzzle Quest Update - Missing some collections of passport sales from Yamhill and Carlton and Dayton. Vendors selling the most passports were the Mac Library, Incahoots, Hopscotch, and Social Good. Total of roughly \$1200 collected; about half of the passports that were printed were sold. The biggest public complaint was that the Wennerberg Park sign was too difficult to find. Ben purchased 3 different backpacks; hydroflasks; shovel, mess kit, and thermacell mosquito repellent as prizes. Winners were drawn from the returned cards as follows: First: Cathleen McKinney. Second Emma J. Mayne. Third "The Plaskers". The first place winner will be able to have first choice, then second, then third gets whatever is left. Ben will contact these winners to have them come choose their prizes at his office.

New Business

Master Plan Grants - Andrew had investigated past city and county grants by the Oregon State Parks for master planning and previously reported to the Board. Funding comes from the Oregon Lottery. Projects recently funded ranged from \$40,000 to over \$100,000, of which 50% is a required local match. A look at the current Parks Department budget indicates we do not have enough funding with all possible cost savings to match what would be required. We also discussed a two phase approach to planning, split across different budget years, but this does not seem appealing. Jim suggested a letter should be written to the County Commissioners to request support for parks master planning, and replacement of the \$40,000 that was being reserved for this in last year's budget, which was reprogrammed to cover personnel when work release contracts significantly declined due to the Covid epidemic. Ben will look at the prior year's budget and provide some specific numbers that can be included in a letter that Jim will draft and send to the Board for comments.

Jim Culbert reported: Dave Hanson wants to know what is going on with the interpretive signs for Deer Creek Park. Dave thinks he can get the money together to complete additional signs. Does the

board support that being pursued? Yes; all in support. Jim will contact Dave.

Jim Culbert: What is the status of the metal footbridge from Old Sheridan Road? Decision was going to be made early this year, but hasn't happened. Ben suggested Public Works might need a temporary pedestrian bridge across Deer Creek when the road bridge is replaced next summer. Jim wants to make a formal request to Public Works to use it at the east end of Ed Grenfell to access the undeveloped 1-acre county property there.

Jim Culbert: Asked about any updates on several Crabtree Park issues. Ben said the culvert replacement is on hold due to funding needs for Hess creek fish habitat mitigation and enhancement, and this delays resolution of the ROW and lease issues. Currently in the lawyers' hands.

Jim Culbert: Noted with regret the recent resignations from the Board of Martin Peters and Sam Bremmer, and asked if the Board has any thoughts on recruitment of new members. Ben said he would post a notice on the Parks Facebook page.

7:00 Meeting Adjourn