



*Yamhill County Parks & Recreation Advisor Board
Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2020
Online Microsoft Teams
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm*

Members Present: Jim Culbert, Tim Duerfeldt, Steve Harloff, Neyssa Hays, Galen McBee, Bill Pallotto, Martin "Marty" Peters,

Members Absent: Sam Bremmer, Roger Hall, Dave Hanson, Anne Lane, Marie Vicksta

Visitor: Andrew Mortenson, Parks Board Applicant

Staff: Jarod Logsdon, Parks Division Manager

5:36 Call Meeting to Order

Approval of Meeting Minutes - Roger first, Steve 2nd. Minutes approved unanimous
Additions/Edits to Meeting Agenda - None

5:35 New Business/Staff Updates

- Charles Metsker Park cleanup day went well and got a lot done. Crews will finish getting park ready for event.
- Dayton Landing Improvements: City of Dayton - OR State Marine Board Grant funding was awarded for improvement of Dayton boat ramp. Since 2017, the county and Marine Board have been working on it. In 2019 County presented site design to the city and were told that the vault restroom couldn't be approved because it is within a flood plain and municipal code forbids it. Many examples exist of vault restrooms within floodplains in other parks around the state. The county is requesting a decision from the city to exempt this proposal. If not, the project might have to be abandoned, because funding for a flush restroom is not available. Jarod will meet with the city July 27th to discuss this. The Board discussed this situation. One point made was that without any toilet facility, people will create one on their own wherever they have a need, so just dropping construction of the toilet is not a good alternative.
- Traffic counting - we need statistical data on use of parks to support needs for the parks. Andrew Mortenson is willing to donate his time as a transportation planner to help with this.
- Yamhelas Westsider Trail - This is taking up quite a bit of Jarod's time. The Next-Door social media platform was mentioned as a venue collecting many erroneous comments about the Trail. It was requested that Jarod develop a list of factual talking points that the Board and others can use to counter negative comments.
- Deer Creek Nature Park - Signs have still not been finished. Jarod will follow up with Sea Reach.
- Yamhill Parks Logo - Jarod will present the new Logo in the coming week.

6:15 Work Session

- Board Recruitment - How to increase Parks Board diversity. Having parks signs in English and Spanish would help to start. Marty works at Virginia Garcia and found

us through their Rise Program, which also helps with diversification of boards. Do we want help promoting our board to increase diversity? How do we increase diversity? Increase voting board members (currently capped at 13), or work to increase diversity through attrition. Invite interested individuals to come to our board meetings to express their thoughts about our parks, then, if still interested, we can encourage them to apply as vacancies occur. Identify community leaders in the LatinX community who might be able to help us. Contact schools. News advertisements. Jarod will draw up a draft strategy.

- Charles Metsker Nature Talk - Scheduled for Aug 8th. This was planned as a monthly summer series but was reduced to one due to COVID-19. What can we plan for that day? Signs about who Charles Metsker was? Maps of the existing trails.
- Discussion of Andrew Mortenson's Board application. - Tim and Steve spoke in favor of approving his application. Jarod mentioned he has planning experience as well. Tim moved that we accept Andrew's application. Steve seconded. Jim ensured we have a quorum of 7 for voting, and the vote for recommending his appointment to the Commissioners was unanimous.

6:25 Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Marty is working to create a Chehalem Mountain Trail and has been looking at land ownership and making connections with landowners. Jarod suggested he present his findings at the August Board meeting.
- Continue discussion on enhancing Board diversity.

6:29 Adjournment

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: *3rd Monday in August, August 17th at 5:30 pm online at the Yamhill County Parks Microsoft Teams Conference Call.*