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## **BENTON COUNTY NATURAL AREAS & PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

**July 14, 2021  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

#### **GOTO MEETING**

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**Committee Members Present:** Dan Rosenberg, Mary Derr, Bob Hansen, David Smith, Jackie Hastings, Elizabeth Spatafora, and Suzanne Lazaro.

**Committee Members Absent:** Amy Becker and Travis Obermire.

**County Staff Present:** Lynne McKee, Natural Areas, Parks & Events Director; Jesse Ott, Natural Areas, Parks & Events Deputy Director; Leanna Buck, Recorder.

## **II. BUSINESS**

### **A. Approval of June Minutes**

David moved to approve the minutes as amended and Suzanne seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **B. Introduction of new Board Member**

Elizabeth Spatafora introduced herself to everyone and gave a little background about her interests and what drew her to apply for the board position. The current board then introduced themselves and gave a bit of background about themselves to her.

### **C. Open Positions**

Amy and Travis submitted their resignations for their positions on the board. Lynn let everyone know that one application has been submitted at the Board of Commissioners office but she asked that if anyone knows of someone that would be interested to please ask them to apply.

**D. Bellfountain Park Playground Grand Opening**

Jesse reported that the grand opening will be Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month from 3:00-6:00pm, the Board of Commissioners will be there as well as the Monroe Mayor and a few other city officials. Games, music, and food will be available for everyone's enjoyment, and the ribbon cutting will take place at 4pm.

He also shared that there will be different displays set up also. The tree work that was done out there will be discussed as well as the grant that was obtained to put the new playground in. He invited the Park Board to attend the fun event. David added that it would be good to send the invitation to former Park Board Members as well.

**E. Park Project Updates**

Jesse shared that the Adair Clubhouse refurbishment has been completed. He invited everyone to stop by and take a look.

He reported about that the trail closure and emergency issues that he has been working on for improving response to parking issues, trail closures, emergency access as well as responsible access to the parks, coordination with OSU Forests, Crestmont Land Trust, Greenbelt Land Trust, and City of Corvallis. He shared a slide show presentation to talk about what is going on behind the scenes right now. He has been working with everyone to line out trail closure plans for these trails. As well as getting a camera put out there so that people can see if there is parking available and for emergency services to see if anyone is parking illegally. There was some fantastic input given from most on the board. Jackie asked if a sub-committee would be helpful in helping with this issue and getting it done. Lynn will check with Joe regarding the sub-committee, David and Bob will be part of this committee along with other County, City and College Heads.

**F. Updates from AFRANA**

Suzanne worked through trying to explain what AFRANA is to our new board member and then gave the AFRANA update.

**G. Other**

Lynn asked the Board if they would like to start meeting in person again. Lynn and Jackie will work on what months the board will meet in person and via phone conference.

**III. MEETING ADJOURNMENT ~ 7:38pm**

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