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BENTON COUNTY NATURAL AREAS & PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 13, 2019

Avery Day Room
360 SW Avery Ave., Corvallis
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Phillip Hays, Suzanne Lazaro, Janine Salwasser,
Jackie Hastings, Dan Rosenberg, and David Smith.

Committee Members Absent: Ellen Tappon, Travis Obermire and Jay Sexton.

County Staff Present: Laurie Starha, Parks Director; Adam Stebbins, Natural Resource
Coordinator; and Leanna Buck, Recorder.

I. BUSINESS

A. Approval of January Meeting Minutes

Suzanne moved to approve the minutes as written and Jackie seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

B. Update on Membership and direction of the Committee

Laurie reported that the members of the Ft. Hoskins Committee would like to see
one of their members appointed on the Park Board when the restructure takes place.
Laurie will take the suggestion to County Counsel. It was also suggested that the
member be David Brauner, Chair of the Ft. Hoskins committee. The Parks Advisory
Board agreed that they would like to see Dr. Brauner apply to be on the Parks Board
when there is an opening in July. The Board also sees the value in the institutional
knowledge of older members currently on the Board.

C. Adair Park and damage to Oak Grove

Laurie stated that there are impacts happening to the oak grove in Adair Park from
the Disc Golf usage through the grove. There used to be quite a bit of camas that
grew throughout the oak grove and now there is almost none due to trampling

during the winter/spring. There has also been quite a bit of soil compaction which effects the health and viability of the trees. Laurie and Parks staff have met with the Willamette Disc Golf Club regarding these issues and discussed winter closure of tees in this area. She also shared that Adair Park is the leading park in the state for Disc Golf.

D. 2019-2021 Budget

Laurie passed around a list of CIP projects that was prioritized by the Department. This was a draft and she asked the Parks Board to take a look at what was on the list and requested input. The Department draft budgets have been turned in. Once the Department budgets have been balanced the remaining funds will be placed in the CIP fund. Each Department then can submit requests for funding of projects. It is unknown at this point how much money will be in the CIP fund in the 2019-2021 biennium.

E. Miscellaneous & Park Project Updates

Adam passed around the draft Park Use Estimation Survey that included the first year of car counts and the user survey. They had about 430 respondents to the survey. He asked that everyone take this home, read through it and come back with questions and comments at the next meeting.

F. Other

III. MEETING ADJOURNMENT ~ 8:57pm

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