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BENTON COUNTY NATURAL AREAS & PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

May 9, 2018

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

Committee Members Present: Phillip Hays, Kent Daniels, Suzanne Lazaro,
Ellen Tappon, Jay Sexton, Janine Salwasser, Dan Rosenberg.

Committee Members Absent: Andrew Damitio

County Staff Present: Laurie Starha, Parks Director; and Leanna Steinke, Recorder

I. Introduction of Guests

II. BUSINESS

A. Approval of April Meeting Minutes

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

B. Parks Tour - Saturday, July 28th 9:30-2:30

Laurie passed out the flyer for everyone to look at regarding the Parks Tour. She confirmed the July date that everyone liked from the last meeting. She then asked the committee who all they would like to invite on the Tour. Cities of Albany and Corvallis. Pat here from the City of Adair will be invited as well. Greenbelt, US Fish and Wildlife, Benton Soil & Water Conservation District, Cheldelin Middle School Science Teacher, NANA and AFRANA. She then asked the committee in which order they would like to do the tour and where they would like to have lunch. Hyak, North Albany, Adair, and Jackson-Frazier with Lunch at Adair was the order chosen.

Kent suggested on the next tour after this one that they go through Fitton-Green and use Cardwell Hill Road to get over there and go through Crestmont Land Trust. This will be finalized by the end of May.

C. Hyak Park Project

The restrooms are installed, just waiting on some electrical work to finish. Laurie has been working with the Sheriff's department on incident reports out there and will be talking with the Board of Commissioners on a definite closing time due to the illicit problems happening. The asphalt in the park is somewhat deteriorated and could use some surface work to help prolong life. The State Marine Board has a grant that may cover that project.

D. Trail Maps Meeting Update

Janine reported went over some of the details that were covered and who all had showed up for the meeting. The next steps are to update the trails map and correct the existing trails as well as create a map with just the existing trails, parking areas and transit stops. They would like to have a meeting with some of the five surrounding communities to figure out what and where the priority trails are. Laurie will work with Doug Sackinger in GIS to work on making a map for each community and will then set up a meeting with Janine and or Phil to iron things out.

E. Miscellaneous & Park Project Updates

Laurie advised that she had received an email from Jessica at Greenbelt Land Trust regarding a memorial bench or rock for some of the original land owners that donated. She will bring more details back to this committee but would like to hear what members of the board think of the idea in general. The committee liked the idea and looks forward to the details that Laurie will bring back.

Laurie reported that Ed Easterling who is tied to Crestmont Land Trust is trying to tie in Fitton-Green to the Crestmont Land Trust property. There was a conversation on a possible trail that would connect the two properties but at the time there was no money or resources to fund the project. Ed came in and met with the Community Development Director on what it would take to add the connector trail. There is a possible source for funding to build the trail this year via a donation from the Autobahn. She also asked the Board how they felt about this possibility. They all were in favor of this idea. Dan asked if Laurie could send out a map of the property so that everyone can see the area it encompasses and the road access areas.

Laurie shared that the Parks Department now has an intern for the Outdoor Ed/Rec program. Plans and specifications are also starting on the Bellfountain Park Shelter as well.

III. MEETING ADJOURNMENT - 8:28pm.

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