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BENTON COUNTY NATURAL AREAS & PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

September 12, 2018

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

Committee Members Present: Phillip Hays, Suzanne Lazaro, Ellen Tappon, Jackie Hastings, Travis Obermire, Jay Sexton and Janine Salwasser.

Committee Members Absent: Dan Rosenburg and David Smith.

County Staff Present: Laurie Starha, Parks Director; Adam Stebbins, Parks Superintendent; and Leanna Steinke, Recorder.

I. Introduction of Guests and New Members

II. BUSINESS

A. Approval of August Meeting Minutes

Ellen moved to approve the minutes as written and Jay seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Kiosk Updates-Adam

Adam reported that this was started in late 2016 and that the idea started as just updating the kiosk maps but has recently progressed into map design, picture documentation and draft elements of specific user needs. He then shared a slide that had a sample picture of what the maps would look like.

C. Wetland Mitigation Potential at Jackson Frazier- Adam

Adam talked about the Wetland Mitigation potential and the request from the Willamette Valley Neighborhood Assoc./Consultant to pay for mitigation and

maintenance. They are looking to mitigate additional area outside of the OWEB restoration that is currently taking place. This creates an opportunity to fund long term maintenance after the OWEB (5-year) restoration funding ends. The board was supportive of pursuing this idea.

D. Outdoor Ed/Rec Summary - Adam

Adam discussed the Outdoor Summer Adventures program and passed around a breakdown of the program. The popularity of each of our programs has expanded greatly. He would like to keep the momentum going but make sure the capacity is balanced as well.

E. Volunteer Coordination Opportunity - Adam

Adam shared that there are quite a few people that would like to volunteer in our parks. He added that we don't utilize the volunteer base that we currently have due to lack of staffing to manage it and set up the activities. He talked about combining forces with OSU and Greenbelt to see if they had staffing to support this program. Adam asked for approval from the board to commit to the civil service center to manage the volunteer groups for Parks.

F. Fitton Green/Greenbelt Land Trust Trail Connection - Laurie

Laurie passed around two maps for the group to look at regarding the trail connection between Crestmont Farms and Fitton Green. Construction will begin in October and the MOU between Crestmont Land Trust, Benton County and Audubon should be signed and completed next week. Also, the \$19,000.00 that was donated from the Audubon from the Amy Schoener trust will be used to complete the construction of this trail.

G. Joint Board Meeting - Wednesday, November 14th 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Phil explained a little bit of the history behind the joint board meetings. Laurie shared that instead of Staff from each entity developing the agenda and running the meetings, it would be the chairs of each group that would meet (probably via email) to put together the agenda. Phil then asked the group what they would like to see on the agenda to be discussed. Ellen shared that she would like to see the Trail Use Group on the agenda to share what the group has come up with. Janine suggested that it may help to have a break out session within the group to stimulate some brain storming on ideas to improve parks. Phil asked everyone to email him any ideas they may have for the agenda and asked that everyone keep this meeting on their calendars. Laurie advised that she would send out a poll to see who would be available to attend this meeting since it does fall on the regular Park Board meeting scheduled meeting in November. Place to be determined.

H. Update on Quarterly Trail Uses Group (Adair included) - Laurie

Laurie talked about the different trail groups that are meeting. She covered the different entities and the different issues that each has regarding dogs, seasonal closures, horse and bike uses. They are working on coming up with consistency in policy and requirements. Laurie then talked about the Park Board Break Out Trail Group that has been meeting and the focus of the different trail updates.

I. Miscellaneous & Park Project Updates

Laurie shared that a large section of the N. Albany natural area trail has been completed and is being utilized. Staff will continue to get the finish work completed and the connection to the cul-de-sac built..

She also added that the new shelter has been ordered for Bellfountain Park and the demo on the old shelter will start the last week in September.

III. MEETING ADJOURNMENT - 9:05pm

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