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BENTON COUNTY NATURAL AREAS & PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 12, 2019

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

Committee Members Present: Suzanne Lazaro, Janine Salwasser, David Smith,
Dan Rosenberg, and Travis Obermire.

Committee Members Absent: Phillip Hays, Jackie Hastings and Jay Sexton (resigned).

County Staff Present: Laurie Starha, Natural Areas & Parks Director; and Leanna Buck,
Recorder.

I. Introduction of Guests and New Members

II. BUSINESS

Laurie read a letter of resignation to the Parks Advisory Board from Jay Sexton. She will scan and email a copy of this letter to everyone on the board for their review.

April Meeting Minutes ~

Capitalize the "Small Cities Planner" in the minutes.

David Smith moved to accept the minutes as amended and Janine Salwasser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A. Park Tour

Laurie recommended to the Board a date and a location for the parks tour.

Committee discussed touring parks in South Benton County. Dan suggested possibly coinciding the tour with the Community BBQ on August 24th. The board agreed.

Suggested stops for the tour included Irish Bend, Bailey Branch alignment in Monroe and Bellfountain Park. Laurie then asked the Committee if there was anyone else other than the Board of Commissioners that they would like to invite.

Suggestions included AFRANA and Monroe City Manager. Laurie will send a "save the date" out to the Board and will send invites to the Commissioners, Administrator, City Administrator etc. Laurie also talked about the CIP project list and shared that all the Park projects that were submitted were approved in the 2019-2021 budget.

B. 2019-2021 Budget

Laurie reported that the Park budget was approved with no cuts. The budget increase from 2017-2019 to 2019-2021 was almost \$700,000. Laurie then went on to explained the different costs that created the increase. She explained the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the new Landscape Services contract that is out to bid right now is part of the increased costs.

C. Outdoor Education & Recreation Program Update

- o 2018 final survey and use estimation report
- o 2019 survey updates
- o 2019 vehicle counts
- o Natural Areas Celebration Week Events

The committee discussed the items above that were emailed out to everyone from Adam before the meeting and seemed happy and impressed by everything submitted.

D. Miscellaneous & Park Project Updates

Laurie advised that the Bellfountain Shelter is 95% complete and the cement work for the ADA ramp and walkway to the restrooms has been completed. The only thing left on the shelter is getting the gutters installed.

The North Albany Natural Area Trail System - There has been some clearing of invasive plants, brush and slash that has been removed and cleaned up. Parks Maintenance will go back in the fall again to reseed and replant that area that has been cleared. Trail Project is almost complete. Currently waiting on concrete contractor to complete ADA walkway from cul-de-sac into the park. The kiosks will be the last item installed.

All projects should be wrapped up by the end of June.

E. Other

III. MEETING ADJOURNMENT ~ 8:22pm

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