

Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning Advisory Committee

MINUTES

Thursday, March 18, 2010

Members Present: Lynn Hacklin, Michael Hinton, Larry Sprouse, Kim Kines

Members Absent: Zack Bolitho

Staff Present: Steve Meshke, Linda Dygert

Chair Michael Hinton called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Minutes of the January 28, 2010 Meeting: Chair Hinton asked if there are corrections to the minutes and Lynn Hacklin said that on page 2 in reference to changing the number of members from seven to five, the officers are not required to be lay committee members. *Hacklin made and Kines seconded a motion to approve the January 28, 2010 minutes with the aforementioned correction.* **Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Comment: None.

Parks Report: Steve Meshke said that repairs have been completed on the dock at Carnahan. He said the gangway wood was rotten and falling into the lake. He said that Cory Johnson has been working with an Eagle Scout group on weed eradication. Meshke said that staff are working on projects indicated in the Stewardship Plan. He also noted that the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners approved the change in the by-laws from seven members to five members.

Meshke said that staff have been getting the parks ready for summer and that freeze issues with pipes are now under control. He said a new park host has been selected for Cullaby Lake and he will begin work on May 1. He said that he and Cory have been working on the park host site area and are going to re-locate the sewer and electricals to the other side and put in a privacy fence.

Chair Hinton asked about thoughts on the dog park at Cullaby and he has had contact with the Schellers who worked on the Warrenton Dog Park. They advised staff to look at run-off and water issues. Meshke said that the race track area may be a better location or Big Creek.

Old Business: Meshke said that HDR has completed the design standards and noted that copies had been distributed at the last meeting. He said that the standards will not be presented to the Board of Commissioners and will only be used internally. He said that standards are already being used and is looking at replacing the entrance sign for Cullaby Lake. He noted there is money in the budget for signage.

Meshke said that the final draft of the Natural Resources Stewardship Plan has been received and Barry Sims made a presentation to the Board of Commissioners at a work session on February 24, 2010. He said that the Board liked the plan and the only change is to the Smith Lake property where one of the parcels was missed. He said that a new map will be prepared and the plan will be before the Board of Commissioners on March 24 for approval as an addendum to the Parks Master Plan.

Meshke said that Sirpa Duoos, Clatsop County Property Specialist, has some money available from timber revenue to take care of some weed issues. He said that Barry Sims will send a quote for drafting an RFP for a list of contractors who do spraying/maintenance/upkeep. He said a contractor will be hired to start an eradication measure program (i.e. Klootchey Creek). Sprouse said that the state is presently getting bids in for a noxious weed control program and he will provide the list. Kines asked what types of chemicals are used when spraying around water and Meshke said that the county has a policy to use products approved to be used around riparian zones. He added that Roundup cannot be used and a product called Aquaneet can. He said the RFP should specify products to be used. Sprouse said there will probably have to be setbacks and weeds will need to be hand pulled near the water.

New Business: Chair Hinton said that in Seaside, holly (an invasive) couldn't be cut down without a restoration plan. He suggested working with the watershed councils and there should be discussions about what to do next. He said that a list of ideas could be developed for the Board of Commissioners. Meshke said that Duoos wants to get something going in the next month and that he will coordinate with other agencies. He said that areas to be hit should be prioritized and suggested Williamsport and Klootchey as possibilities. He said that weed eradication is a good goal for the year and that ideas should be mapped out and analyzed. He said that page 15 of the Stewardship Plan has a list of priorities charted with Klootchey Creek at the top of the list. Sprouse said there is presently no coordinated effort on a large scale and that Japanese Knotwood is an issue. Hinton noted that there may be savings if all efforts are coordinated.

In regard to regional partners and community assessments, Chair Hinton suggested it would be good to collectively meet with different entities, i.e. Warrenton Parks, Forestry, etc. Sprouse suggested having an annual or bi-annual meeting and Kines added that much could be learned about an annual information sharing meeting. Meshke suggested having all agencies give a ten minute presentation on what they are doing and it would be good to include groups like Knappa High School. Kines suggested coming up with a list of those to be invited and Hacklin would like to include recreational interests. She referenced the "Take a Hike" publication which appeared in the Daily Astorian. Meshke suggested working on agenda items and a list of invitees over the next year and would shoot for a fall/winter meeting. Sprouse suggested bringing in a guest speaker.

Meshke asked if members would like to schedule a visit to the parks and the consensus was yes. Hinton said that a field trip could aid with goal setting and suggested re-visiting goals and priorities at the next meeting.

Member Reports: Chair Hinton said he attended a meeting in Seattle with Seaside staff to get ideas for a visioning process for Necanicum Natural History Park. He said they met with Jones & Jones and visited Cedar Hills Watershed and Interpretive Center, Snoqualmie Point, and Mercer Creek Slough Interpretive Center. He added that Seaside would become a city within a park and would include a trail system, pedestrian bridges, and a lookout tower. He said there is no timeline yet but a final draft plan is being worked on.

Meshke said there was a meeting in Westport on March 9 with Wauna to discuss the rerouting of Plympton Creek. The plan is to move the creek mouth upstream because of the constant need for dredging at the ferry landing. He said that Georgia Pacific is the owner of the property and the watershed counsels are pushing the project. He said that staff from Wauna were excited about the possibilities for a day use park.

Meshke said he is going to a seminar in Salem to discuss how to deal with contaminated sites and that environmental companies will be present to talk about how projects can be done. Hinton asked about the yacht club at Westport and Meshke said the Westport Boat Club has a lease which would need to be addressed when the county receives the property.

Sprouse said there is a Recreation Advisory Committee for ODF that meets periodically to discuss what's going on in the state forests. He said the next meeting will be in late April. He will see about expanding the meeting to invite other stakeholders who will be involved or impacted, i.e. Sheriff, Coast Guard, etc.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 29, 2010. As there was no further business, Chair Hinton adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Approved by:

_____ Date Minutes Accepted by Committee _____
Chair Signature