

Clatsop County Recreation Lands Planning Advisory Committee
MINUTES
Thursday, July 30, 2009

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

Members and Staff Absent: Gail Galen and Steve Meshke

Others Present: Linda Dygert

Acting Chair Michael Hinton called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. and asked for introductions. Lynn Hacklin said she is a docent for Oregon State Parks and was a member of the Weed Board in Wahkiakum County in addition to renovating houses for resale. Zack Bolitho is the Chief of Resources at Fort Clatsop. Larry Sprouse is a unit manager with the Oregon Department of Forestry and is involved with their recreation program.

Minutes of March 26, 2009 and May 28, 2009 Meeting:

Hinton noted that clarification is needed before approval of the March minutes because the members in attendance at that meeting are no longer on the committee. He will check with Nicole Williams about how they can be approved. *Kim Kines made and Zack Bolitho seconded a motion to approve minutes of the May 28, 2009 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.*

Parks Report:

None

Review and Discuss Parks Sign and Design Plan:

Hinton asked the committee to look at the design standards for benches and picnic tables. He noted that depending on where the galvanized tubular structures are installed, there could be damage by skateboarders if there is an asphalt trail or sidewalk nearby. He recommended installation of a skate board clip that fits on benches which deters skateboarders from jumping on them. He recommended including that feature in the plan depending on the location of the bench. He also asked for better specifications on what is used on the benches, i.e. wood stain should be a marine grade sealant.

Hinton also suggested thinking about offering a memorial bench program which would include a plaque. He said that the design standard for a memorial bench could be different and noted that there are memorial light poles on the prom in Seaside. He said the idea could be discussed in detail later and could be incorporated into the design plan. Hinton also said that the tubular picnic tables must be anchored down by 'earth anchors' with a chain to prevent theft. Kim Kines asked about garbage cans and Larry Sprouse said that ODF uses galvanized cans. Kims also suggested that a parks tour may be in order for the new members. Larry Sprouse asked about a color standard and said that yellow is used by ODF. He also said that ODF uses a marine package on everything which is durable and rust resistant. It was noted that playgrounds will be discussed later and there is a need to use stainless nuts and bolts. Another item to discuss with the consultants are warrantees. Michael Hinton said he will talk to Steve Meshke about the points discussed.

Review, Update, and Prioritize RLPAC Goals List; Decide Whether to Continue Sub-Committee Concept:

Michael Hinton asked the committee members to review the RLPAC goals list which includes: best use for Aldrich Point, feasibility of campground at Big Creek, plan for replacing destroyed shelter at Cullaby Lake, develop vision for Klootchey Creek, do evaluation of sale of North Fork Nehalem parcel, discuss Lee Wooden improvements, decide if parkland zoning should be refined, develop park design standards, develop long-term park funding plan, discuss Sigfridson improvements, and develop a forestry management plan.

Hinton said that, understanding that action has been taken on some, there should be an attempt to prioritize the list. There was discussion about making a park funding plan the #1 priority. It was decided that any discussion should include Steve Meshke, *Bolitho made and Sprouse seconded a motion to table prioritization of the goals until Meshke is in attendance to represent the county.* **Motion passed unanimously.**

Member Reports:

Michael Hinton would like to discuss possible improvements at Big Creek at a future meeting. Kim Kines suggested using some of the wood from the Big Creek Bridge unless there is a problem with the creosote treatment.

Larry Sprouse reported on the ODF recreation program. He said that improvements have been made to the lower Nehalem campground. He also said that there is a horse camp and trails around the area which includes Gnat Creek. He said that ODF is working with local user groups to develop Nicolai Mountain. He said that grants are being pursued and noted that five employees have been lost in the district and although they are struggling financially, they are doing ok. He said there will be nothing new for awhile and they will be in a maintenance mode. He said that Lost Lake (right above Henry Ryerson Spruce Run Campground) will be stocked with fish.

Hinton said a report is needed on the status of logging at David Douglas.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 24, 2009. Hinton said that comments on the plan can be handled through e-mail correspondence and that he will talk to Meshke about the design plan suggestions. Sprouse recommended that all recreation providers meet once a year to 'partner' and would support formation of a Regional Council.

As there was no further business, Acting Chair Hinton adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Approved by:

_____ Date Minutes Accepted by Committee _____
Chair Signature