

**Parks Advisory Committee Meeting
Columbia County Courthouse Annex
Tuesday, January 21, 2020 6:00 PM**

Members in Attendance: Sandy Tetz, Ken Tennefoss, Gerry Tinkle

Members Absent: Dan Daoust

Staff in Attendance: Casey Garrett, Lindsay Elder

Meeting convened at 6:02 PM

Public Comment:

No public comment

Second Quarter Occupancy and Earnings Reports:

Casey went over second quarter occupancy and earnings with the committee. Revenue is reduced in winter months. It should increase again in Quarter 3.

Casey explained that fees would be going up marginally across the board. Most overnight rates will increase by three dollars, but the five dollar reservation fee will be eliminated.

He then mentioned the possibility of allowing some long term camping at Hudson during the winter months. Campers would potentially be allowed to stay for a maximum of 28 days before having to leave for a set amount of time. Also will disallow tent camping during the winter at Scappoose RV Park.

Survey Results (first look):

There were approximately 270 responses to the survey. This data puts us one step closer to completing the master plan. Comments were varied, but most people support the parks.

Lindsay will email out the survey data once it's consolidated.

Interpretive Signage/Tourism Initiative Studio:

The Columbia County Tourism Initiative will be pursuing a grant to conduct a trail studio. They will be looking to create a master map of all the trails in the county and look for ways to enhance current trails and develop new ones.

Casey showed the committee some of the interpretive signage that will be placed along the Crown Z Trail detailing the history of the trail. The idea is to set Columbia County apart by using human and natural history to enhance the user experience.

Other Business:

Gerry spoke to Crown Z Trail cyclists who were having trouble with flat tires on the trail between Ruley and Nehalem Divide. Casey will have someone take a look and see if a culprit can be identified.

Ken inquired after Prescott Beach Development. Casey indicated that the PGE lease agreement would have to be revised before development can begin.

Casey has summer 2020 campground hosting almost in place. The Big Eddy position will be moving to volunteer this year. Volunteer duties consist primarily of checking guests in and out and stocking restrooms.

Bob Rice would like to see interpretive signage regarding equestrian history on the Crown Z Trail. Casey advised him to come to the Crown Z Trail Advisory Committee meeting and speak to Dale Latham.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM