

**Parks Advisory Committee Meeting
Columbia County Courthouse Annex
Tuesday, November 19, 2019 6:00 PM**

Members in Attendance: Sandy Tetz, Ken Tennefoss, Gerry Tinkle, Dan Daoust, Steve Person
Staff in Attendance: Casey Garrett, Lindsay Elder

Meeting convened at 6:02 PM

Public Comment:

Six Scappoose High School students attended the meeting.

Gloria Rice- Needs a Department of State Lands (DSL) file number for the Wilkerson bridge project.

Introductions:

Six Scappoose High School students were in attendance. Casey gave a brief overview of the parks system.

Master Plan:

The public survey is currently up on the County website. Various distribution channels were discussed including social media, print media and a KOHI interview. Steve suggested we get the survey out as soon as possible to start gathering feedback.

Steve made a motion to open the survey and close it on December 31, 2019. Ken seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Gerry asked if an email is sent to campers after they make a reservation that could include a link to the survey. There is an email sent when a reservation is made, but nothing can be sent after the reservation is complete.

Casey explained to the committee and visitors how master plans are used when applying for grants. He explained that the master plan updates would be performed by the Parks department and then brought before the committee for review. There are several special interest groups focused on Dibblee Beach. Input from the committee will be needed for Dibblee Beach and the Salmonberry Lake project.

Gloria Rice asked about the status of the Salmonberry Lake project. Casey updated the group on the unsuccessful grant application. Casey has been encouraged to resubmit next year and will receive some resources to assist with that plan. He is considering establishing an ad hoc committee for the project. It has strong support from the City of St Helens. The Parks department is working on a conditional use permit and Casey will perform a site visit with an ATV specialist. Campsites have not been mapped out, but trails were mapped out with funds from a planning grant.

Steve asked about obvious park improvement candidates for focus. Casey would like to look at rebuilding the baseball stadium at Hudson and replacing outdated playground equipment. At Prescott, one of the Carr Slough owners is considering donating his portion of the property. There is much room for river park improvements. Fisher Park plan needs updates. Scappoose Bay Watershed applied for a grant and is working on a master plan. They believe that it will make a good location for students to learn about invasive species. Currently, no camping can be permitted at Fisher Park. Casey will look into the property deed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM