

**MARION COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION MEETING**  
**5155 Silverton Rd. NE, Salem Oregon**  
**November 1, 2007 – 9am – 12 Noon**

**ROUTINE BUSINESS:** Wynn Cudmore, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Higgs, Doug Tookey, Ted Dingman, Jyll Smith, David Harrison, and Wynn Cudmore.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** George Moeller

**RECORDER:** Carol Ault

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tanya Beard, Russ Dilley, Jeff Bickford, and Carol Ault

**GUESTS PRESENT:** None

**INTRODUCTIONS:** The staff and PC members introduced themselves.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Doug Tookey moved to approve the August 9, 2007 minutes. The motion was seconded.

**Discussion:** None

**Results:** Minutes were approved as written.

**PUBLIC INPUT: NONE**

**PARK COMMISSION INPUT:**

- What ever happened with the Turtle Ridge Wildlife project that was discussed at the last PC meeting? Jeff and Russ went with the representative from Turtle Ridge to South Salem to talk with the lady that wanted to donate her property to the county when she was gone, with the understanding it would be made into a park and not a development. This person was not interested in donating her property to a wildlife rehabilitation center.

The conversation then led to the lady wanting to stay on the property and the county maintaining the property for her until which time they took it over. Jeff explained to her that the county was not able to do maintenance on property not owned by the county. Jeff has not heard anything else from Turtle Ridge.

**Master Plan update** – Jeff Bickford

MIG had two general public input sessions on October 18<sup>th</sup> at Marion County Courthouse Square. There were only three public citizens present at the first session, but the ideas and suggestions were great and it was an excellent discussion. At the second session, there were six public citizens present, and again, there was a great discussion and lots of good input.

There was a diversity meeting scheduled for October 25, to be sponsored jointly with the City of Salem. As it turned out, the meeting was cancelled, due to lack of attendance.

Late Tuesday, October 30, the on-line survey became available on Marion County's web site. Once there, click on the Public Works home page to get to the survey. There will also be a phone survey during November.

Q. Would it skew the survey if everyone emailed the link to folks they knew, and it was passed on to possibly reach more folks?

A. Good idea! Russ and Jeff felt that it wouldn't skew the survey at all.

Q. Are more public meetings planned?

A. MIG will take the information gathered from the public meetings, phone and on-line surveys, and initial Master Plan meeting to generate their Needs Assessment. The Master Plan committee will then meet at the end of January 2008 to get feed back on the information that is presented. From there a draft plan will be generated. This meeting will also be open to the public for comment.

Once a general consensus is reached about the Master Plan, then it will be presented to the BOC for adoption.

### **Marion County Park Closure** by Russ Dilley

The parks closed for the season on November 1, 2007. They will reopen May 1, 2008. All the restrooms will be closed, the trash containers will be removed until spring, and then all metal trash containers will be replaced with tough plastic ones. The metal trash containers will be used in the seven new recycling stations at Spong's (2), Scotts Mills, Roger's Wayside, Salmon Falls, North Fork and Bear Creek. The juvenile crew will be installing these recycling stations. There have been 12 new concrete picnic tables placed at Spong's (eight) and Roger's Wayside (four).

A citizen reported to Russ that someone took a joyride through Joryville Park by moving boulders, driving across the creek into the park. In their effort of getting up the steep bank of the park, they lost their license plate from their vehicle. The citizen turned it over to the Sheriff, which made it easy to track down the person. Restitution is being sought to pay for the estimated \$1300 damage to the park.

### **Weed Control & Vegetation** by Tanya Beard

Tanya was recently up the Santiam Canyon surveying the growth of False Broom, which is a noxious, invasive weed. There was a significant amount of False Broom in Minto Park (about 80 acres), and Pack Saddle had a little bit of growth. Treatment with a water-safe herbicide was done in these areas with grant money for weed control. A second treatment will be done on areas that were missed. Discussion followed regarding Maples rest area near Gates.

### **Pack Saddle Trail** by Tanya Beard

For 10 years, the North Santiam Canyon Economic Development Corporation (NSC) has been working on establishing a lengthy, multi-use trail that would extend from Idanha to Stayton. The opportunity has arisen for a trails grant application. Mia Moore is in charge of this and NSC is going to be the applicant and Marion County will provide a match to the grant. This trail will no doubt be included in the Parks Master Plan and has been written into the Marion County rural transportation plan. Further discussion followed regarding the trail.

### **Park Tours**

The meeting continued with a tour of two Marion County Parks – Denny Park and Spong’s Landing Park.

### **Determine date and time for next PC Meeting**

- **Thursday January 31, 2008, 9am – 12pm**  
**Marion County Public Works – 5155 Silverton Rd NE, Salem OR 97305**
- **Agenda for next meeting will be sent out once it is finished.**
  - Stair case in Niagara Park – check for deterioration

Meeting Adjourned