



Oregon Recreation Trails Advisory Council

Minutes

Thursday, October 4, 2018
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Best Western Premier Peppertree Inn
1082 SW Yates
Bend, OR 97702

Housekeeping

Attendance: Jim Thayer, District 1
Joe Kresse, District 2
Robert Spurlock, District 3
Rod Sell, District 4
Del Scharffenberg, District 5
Skyler Archibald, Coast Representative

OPRD Staff: Jodi Bellefeuille, OPRD Staff
Nicole Sprecher, OPRD Staff
Jan Hunt, OPRD Staff

Other Attendees: Don Clements – Chehalem Vally Parks and Recreation District, Laura Underhill – Bend Parks and Recreation District, Nunzie Gould – private citizen, Jessie Foster - KTVZ

Agenda Item: Approval of July Minutes (Action)
Presented by: Robert Spurlock

July ORTAC meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion to approve July minutes by Joe Kresse.
Seconded by Del Scharffenberg.

Motion carried unanimously.



Council Business Items

Agenda Item: Office of Outdoor Recreation Update (Information)
Presented by: Jan Hunt

Cailin is still networking and working on outreach with other stakeholders within the state. Next steps are to form a rulemaking committee and Office of Outdoor Recreation Advisory Committee.

Agenda Item: Oregon Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (Information)
Presented by: Robert Spurlock

The Safe Routes to School Program is currently in the application process. Deadline for applications is October 15th.

Agenda Item: Oregon Trails Coalition and Trials Summit (Information)
Presented by: Robert Spurlock

- The Doug Newman Award will be presented at the Summit.
 - On Friday morning, the ORTAC group will be helping with check in. Jim will have to leave early, but everyone else should be able to go.
 - The Oregon Trails Coalition annual meeting is tomorrow (October 5).
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Agenda Item: SCORP Committee (Information)
Presented by: Jim Thayer

The final advisory committee meeting is going to be in October, and the SCORP Report will be released very soon. There will be two pieces, the SCORP report, and the Parkland Mapping Report.

Agenda Item: Scenic Bikeways Committee (Information)
Presented by: Jan Hunt



The Scenic Bikeways/Scenic Waterways position is still vacant, but finalists have been interviewed. Jan is currently in the process of doing reference checks, and hopes to have someone in the position by November 1.

Agenda Item: OHTAC Update (Information)
Presented by: Jan Hunt

OHTAC (Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council) had their last business meeting in The Dalles on August 31st. The Council is going to be dissolved, and there are other organizations that will take over their body of work.

Agenda Item: OPRD Grant Programs (Information)
Presented by: Jan Hunt & Jodi Bellefeuille

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- The RTP (Recreational Trails Program) committee meeting is in two weeks. OPRD should be able to approve 40-50% of non-motorized trail applications that applied this round.
 - o The RTP Committee also has two upcoming vacancies starting next year, one for an equestrian representative and one for a paddling/water trails representative.
 - The LGGP (Local Government Grant Program) has just finished its cycle, and funded a number of trail and park projects.

Agenda Item: Regional & Scenic Trail Management (Information)
Presented by: David Stipe & Jodi Bellefeuille

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- David will finish his revisions to the Dinah Moe Humm trail review. He is halfway done with OC&E documentation.
 - David will work with Philip Richardson of Eugene Parks & Recreation to work on the trail management plan for the Eugene Ridgeline Trail.
 - Cape Lookout Review – There are a few clarifications that need to be made to Lauralee’s notes on the review, and then that will be sent out to the group. Jodi has also discussed with OPRD’s Communications Divisions about adding the Scenic/Regional Trails Signs to relevant park brochures.
 - The letter to Roseburg about the Umpqua Greenway has gone out. David believes they will make revisions to the issues that were identified.



- Robert and Del have not put together any documentation for the Marine Drive portion of the 40 Mile Loop in Portland, but they will work on it.

Agenda Item: Trails Report (Information)
Presented by: David Stipe

- Planning and Design has been working with Lincoln County to do improvements to the Oregon Coast Trail, specifically to widen portions of the shoulder of the road. There will be some improvements to the overlook on the north side of the 'trail'. There has been some scouting for an actual trail, and those potential projects may be completed in the next biennium.
- Valley Region: Milo McIver Overlook has been improved with full ADA access. Some Silver Falls projects have been finished, and P+D is currently working on building a new loop that connects to the Conference Center. The section is also working on addressing trespassing issues at Shellburg Falls. The Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail has reopened, and the next project will be working on reopening another portion of the trail containing a 500 foot tunnel.
- Mountain Region: Finished up the Deschutes River Trail project at Tumalo. P+D tried to get a connecting trail from Tumalo to Bend, but was not able to because of some cultural issues that were identified. Some other projects have been identified, such as installing wood steps at White River Falls, and installing a trail around the Fort Rock cinder cone.
- There is an opening for the Recreation Trails Planner at OPRD. David will work on getting a posting sent out to the ORTAC Contact List.

Agenda Item: OPRD Restructure (Information)
Presented by: Jan Hunt

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is restructuring portions of the Department. Biggest change is that the Business & Technology Solutions (BTS) will now be moved under Central Services. Grants & Community Programs (the section where Jan, Jodi, and Nicole work out of) is housed within BTS. The entire division of BTS will now report to Daniel Killam.

Agenda Item: Election of Officers for 2019 (Action)
Presented by: Jodi Bellefeuille

- Lauralee is the current chair, and Robert is vice chair.



- Robert was interested in the position of chair, and both Joe and Jim were interested in vice chair.
- Nomination for Chair: Jim Thayer moved to nominate Robert as Chair. Motion seconded by Del Scharffenberg. Motion passed unanimously.
- Nomination for Vice Chair: Robert made a motion to nominate Joe Kresse as Vice Chair. Seconded by Jim Thayer. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item: 2019 Meeting Locations and Dates (Information)
Presented by: Jodi Bellefeuille

January 17-19, 2019 – Brookings
April 2019 – Pendleton/Hermiston
August 2019 – Salem/Lebanon
October 2019 – TBD (most likely will coincide with Oregon Trails Summit)

The Council also identified some potential meeting areas for 2020, including Grants Pass, Cannon Beach/Seaside, and Corvallis.

The call for Trail Designations are going to be pushed to next year so necessary updates can be made to the manual and procedures.

At least three five-year trail reviews should be completed in 2019. Jodi will follow up with members about this and post the draft 2019 schedule to Basecamp.

Agenda Item: 2019 Vacancies and Recruiting (Information)
Presented by: Jodi Bellefeuille

OPRD will recruit in 2019 for three council positions that will become vacant in 2020. Dates for the recruitment and interviews are included on the draft 2019 schedule. There was some talk about restructuring the times at which a council member is appointed but that Council terms are limited by statutes. Joe will follow up with ideas about how to better stagger positions.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.
