



# Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

December 4, 2008  
8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting  
Council Chambers  
City of Brookings  
898 Elk Drive  
Brookings, OR 97415

## 12/04/2008 Meeting Minutes

Those attending all or part of the meeting included:

### **Commissioners Present:**

Jim Parr, Chair  
Jay Graves, Vice-chair  
Jim Brown  
Sue Musser

### **Staff:**

Tim Wood, Director  
Chris Havel, Communications Coordinator  
Roger Roper, Assistant Director, Heritage Programs  
Lisa Van Laanen, Assistant Director, Administration  
John Potter, Assistant Director, Operations  
Kathy Schutt, Interim Asst. Director Rec Programs and Planning, Planning Division Manager  
Steve Shipsey, Assistant Attorney General  
Vanessa DeMoe, Commission Assistant  
Jeff Farm, Ocean Shores Manager  
Andy Latomme, Region Manager  
Alice Beals, Property Agent  
Wayne Rawlins, Grants Division Manager  
Cliff Houck, Property and Resource Manager

### **Visitors Present:**

Robin Risley  
Gary Milliman  
Mayor Larry Anderson  
Michelle Benoit  
Craig Tutor

### **The Honorable Larry Anderson welcomed the Commission to Brookings**

Mayor Anderson stated that the city of Brookings appreciated the Commission coming to Brookings and considered it an honor.

### **Business Meeting**

On Thursday, December 8, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. Commission Chair Parr called the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) meeting to order.

Director Tim Wood introduced newly confirmed Commissioner Robin Risley. Ms. Risley will fill the West of the Coast Range vacancy on the Commission. Ms. Risley resides in Cannon Beach and is a realtor. She is very active in the areas parks department activities and advisory board role and is an Oregon native.

#### **1. Commission Business**

##### **a) Approval of Agenda (Action)**

Commission Chair Parr stated that Item # 11, Commission Best Practices, needs to be changed to an information item.

**Commissioner Graves moved to approve the agenda with the edit of item #11 to an information item. Commissioner Musser seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**

#### **2. Public Comment:** *This time was for the public to address matters **not** included in the agenda.*

The Honorable Larry Anderson

Mayor Anderson stated that as a citizen and the Mayor of Brookings, he would like to thank the Commission for coming to Brookings. He stated that he was surprised and comforted to see Sue Musser on the Commission. He informed the Commission that he has worked alongside Oregon State Parks for over 35 years while in Brookings; and during that time has gotten to know Dave Neighbor. Mayor Anderson shared that Mr. Neighbor is doing an outstanding job. Mayor Anderson also said that Oregonians have a very special place for parks; sharing that we are probably in one of the most passionate areas of the state for appreciation for State Parks. Mayor Anderson mentioned many accomplishments and efforts of the community and for him Harris Beach State Park is the gem of the park system for Oregon, as it is a vital economic component of the community. In closing, Mayor Anderson complimented the Commission for the development of the Harris Beach master plan.

#### **3. Approval of the September 18, 2008 Commission Meeting Minutes (Action)**

Commission Chair Parr requested that the Oregon State Parks Trust agenda item in January include an in depth financial contracts update; including an update on money raised in support of OPRD. Tim added that we will also have the Director of OWEB joining us in January.

Commission Chair Parr stated that the September minutes need to be clarified as follows; youth licenses for ATV's need to be clear as to what they are able to do as it relates to their age.

Commission Chair Parr reiterated the idea of an improved picnic table contest and invited ideas for a competition.

Commissioner Musser stated that the list of focus items in relation to the centennial plan was comprehensive and was appreciated.

Commissioner Graves requested a clarification on the question about merchandise. Director Wood's response was that it would be available in the near future; Commissioner Graves asked if there is a date? Director Wood stated that a date is not available at this time. Director Wood further explained that prototype items will be available soon.

**Commissioner Brown moved to approve the September Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Graves seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**

#### **4. Director's Update (Information)**

##### Guide to Oregon Heritage Sites Insert

Director Wood presented the Commission with a prototype of the insert that will accompany the 2009 Heritage Guide. Director Wood explained that the insert will be a guide to Oregon heritage sites. The sites identify road trips that can tie together sites of interest related to Oregon history, including many parks, museums, historical sites, and Native American sites. Director Wood shared that the Heritage Guide and insert will be published and available after the first of the year.

Director Wood referenced a discussion paper on the State Fair.

Director Wood stated that at Chair Parr's request staff met with Chair Parr to discuss the State Fair. The memo captured the conversation as it relates to the fair as we see it today. Director Wood stated that we need to focus our time now on the days around the fair, the use of the Expo. He shared an idea of putting together a panel that would give us advice and guidance on running the fair as a business. Director Wood stated that the purpose of this is to initiate discussion and gather your thoughts.

Chair Parr stated that the project would be more focused on the Expo not the State Fair. He commented on the progress that has been made over the past three years. He said that the question is "What do we do with the Expo?" Chair Parr said that we need to create a "Blue Ribbon Panel" for a short period of time for fair time next year; from that panel we would have a direction and be able to talk to the people about that direction. Chair Parr stated that the Commission is asking staff to work on a concept that they can bring back to the January 2009 meeting. Chair Parr added that he would like to have a Commission representative on the panel, Vice-Chair Graves volunteered to represent the Commission on the panel.

Commissioner Brown added that he liked the idea of the panel. He stated that it will help us open our minds to ideas. He also discussed partnership ideas for the Expo and State Fairgrounds.

Commission Chair Parr acknowledged Assistant Director of Heritage Programs, Roger Roper and staff, for spearheading and completing the successful effort of the Special Assessment Program for Historic Properties.

Commission Chair Parr acknowledged receipt of a letter from Barbara Roberts to Director Tim Wood regarding the Local Government Grants and the work of Kyleen Stone, Wayne Rawlins and Michelle Scalise.

## 5. Consent Calendar

### A. Approval of Delegated Authority Report (Action)

1. Contracts
2. Natural Resources
3. ORTAC Appointment

#### **Discussion**

Commissioner Brown asked a question on the Oregon State Fair permits. He questioned how we charged ourselves for permits. Ms. Van Laanen explained that it is actually revenue that is coming in from the permits.

Commissioner Graves asked about the agreements listed. Director Wood explained that these are agreements similar to retainer agreements that we have entered into with various firms. As we choose to use the services of these firms work orders will be placed for the cost of the services. These agreements are renewed periodically.

Commissioner Musser asked about the Samuel Boardman change order. John Potter explained that there was some work that could not be done due to permits. The scope of the work was changed; money was freed up to do other work.

Commissioner Graves asked about the Guitar Hero tournament cost at the State Fair. Ms. Van Laanen explained that this was a competition that was held at the State Fair and an entry fee was charged.

**Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Musser seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**

## 6. Facility Investment Program (FIP) Contracts (Action)

- a) Stub Stewart West Cabin Village - Enclosed Shelter with Kitchen  
Staff requested Commission approval for award of the contract to Lester L. Brock Construction in the amount of \$209,650.00.

**Commissioner Musser moved to approve the Stub Stewart West Cabin Village contract. Commissioner Graves seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**

- b) La Pine Electrical & Water Upgrade  
Staff requested Commission approval for award of the contract to Big River Construction in the amount of \$453,729.95.

**Commissioner Brown moved to approve the La Pine Electrical & Water Upgrade contract. Commissioner Musser seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**

## 7. Grant Approvals (Action)

Wayne Rawlins, Grants Division Manager, requested Commission approval to award County Opportunity Grants.

- a) County Opportunity Grant Approvals

Mr. Rawlins shared that the County Parks Assistance Advisory Committee met on November 6, 2008. This grant program provides funding for acquisition development, rehabilitation, and planning of county parks that provide RV camping. Mr. Rawlins stated that the funding available for distribution to counties is \$616,983 and a total of 8 applications were received with grant requests totaling \$890,676. The Committee prioritized requests for funding based on local need/benefit, planning and public involvement, design (with emphasis on sustainability and accessibility), and strength of matching funds. The Committee recommended funding projects on their priority list as established at their meeting for a total of \$616,983.

#### **Discussion**

Commissioner Brown asked what type of interaction occurs between the agency and the county in terms of the priorities. Mr. Rawlins replied that counties have their own internal selection mechanisms in place and that the counties normally do not seek our input. We do hold workshops for prospective applicants and explain to them what the advisory committee looks for in a project. Mr. Rawlins explained there is established criteria including SCORP criteria that should be addressed in any project. He stated that the interaction with the applicants is prior and post to try and help the applicants gain grants in the future.

**Commissioner Brown moved to approve the County Opportunity Grants. Commissioner Musser seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**

#### b) ATV Program Grant Approvals

Mr. Rawlins stated that the ATV Account Allocation Committee met in September 2008 and reviewed 7 grant applications totaling \$477,930. Of those reviewed 6 have been recommended totaling, \$220,121. Staff request Commission approval of the recommend list from the committee.

#### **Discussion**

Commissioner Graves noticed a difference between the two requests (reports). One states “insufficient funding available” and the other states “not recommended for funding”, he asked what the difference was between the two. Mr. Rawlins explained that very rarely are grants not recommended. The majority of the time they like all projects that come in front of them, occasionally there are projects that do not meet the need of that particular grant program or projects that have not been put together well.

Commissioner Graves asked, with high gas prices and the economic times that we face, has there been an affect on ATV usage? Mr. Rawlins said that we have not seen a decrease of ATV operating permits. He added that we are starting to see a drop in a registration of RV’s, from 5%-15%.

Commission Chair Parr noticed the Morrow County grants are being used to purchase actual youth size ATV’s; have we done that before? Mr. Rawlins answered that we have purchased ATV’s for counties that are gearing up for the hands-on education training.

**Commissioner Graves moved to approve the ATV Program Grants. Commissioner Musser seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**

**8. ATV Committee Membership Nomination (Action)**

Wayne Rawlins, Grants Division Manager, requests Commission approval of appointment of Mr. Wade Bryant as the Member-At-Large member of the ATV Account Allocation Committee for a term of four years effective immediately.

Mr. Rawlins said that the All-Terrain Vehicle Account Allocation Committee (ATV-AAC) has one vacancy to fill. It is the Member-At-Large position. On September 15, 2008, OPRD solicited applications to fill the vacancy through public notices, via our web site, and direct conversations with clubs and associations. After four weeks, OPRD received 5 applications. Interviews were held on October 29, 2008 in Salem.

Mr. Rawlins shared that the ATV-AAC unanimously selected Mr. Wade Bryant of Bend, Oregon. Mr. Bryant has owned a small business (NAPA Auto Parts Store) in Bend for the past 24 years. He has served on a number of youth organizations and as a member of the Boy Scouts of America, has taken scouts to Japan on an international exchange program. Mr. Bryant and his family actively recreate with ATV's along with friends and helps clubs with their trail maintenance programs. Mr. Bryant feels that OHV recreation is a privilege and not a right and intends to help support education to encourage responsible riding.

**Commissioner Brown moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Wade Bryant as the Member-At-Large of the ATV Account Allocation Committee. Commissioner Graves seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**

**9. Rulemaking (Action)**

\* The Commission did not accept further comment prior to their action on the following item. The public comment period had ended.

Lisa Van Laanen, Assistant Director of Administration, seeks Commission approval to adopt the following rules as permanent.

- a) Request to adopt OAR Chapter 736, Division 146,147,148 and149;
  - 736-146 - General Provisions Related to Public Contracting
  - 736-147 - Public Procurement for Goods and Services, General Provisions
  - 736-148 - Consultant Selection for Architectural, Engineering, Land Surveying, and Related Services
  - 736-149 - General Provisions Related to Public Contracts for Construction Services

Ms. Van Laanen said that these rules were brought to the Commission in July for permission to go to rulemaking. The amendments were posted; only one comment was received and was incorporated.

Commissioner Brown asked what "mandatory use contract" means in page 6 of Division 147 Ms. Van Laanen explained that it means that we have to use the mandated Department of Administrative Services (DAS) contracts.

**Commissioner Graves moved to approve the adoption of Division 146,147,148 and 149 rules as permanent. Commissioner Musser seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**

- b) Request to adopt OAR Chapter 736, Division 10; General Park Area Rules (Metal Detecting and Hunting Ban)

**Commissioner Brown moved to approve the adoption of the Division 10 rules as permanent. Commissioner Graves seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**

- c) Request to adopt OAR Chapter 736, Division 004-0062; Ocean Shores ATV Operating Permit for Disability Access

**Discussion**

Commission Chair Parr asked Jeff Farm to discuss how this would impact ocean shore management and enforcement. Mr. Farm stated that we have three beach rangers on the ocean shore. This will allow us to check for permits. At this time it is hard for us to tell how many will take advantage of the opportunity. He stated that this is a good policy and a good practice to move towards; to accommodate those who need transportation needs on the ocean shore.

Commissioner Brown asked about the term “transportation needs.” Would “access needs” be a better term for this rule? What we are really trying to provide is equal opportunity access. Director Wood concurred with this change.

Commissioner Musser shared her concerns with having an abundance of ATV’s on the beaches. Should this become a problem what can we do? Jeff Farm explained that access will be limited and the management plan will address usage issues. Mr. Farm added that in the rule you will see that there are restrictions on usage as to the scope of the access, area, time and environmental conflicts.

The Commission discussed having an ADA flag for ATV’s for identification purposes.

**Commissioner Musser moved to approve the adoption of the Division 004-0062 rule as amended to read “access” in the place of the term “transportation”. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**

**10. Real Estate**

- a) Acquisition Update (Information)  
Cliff Houck, Property and Resource Management Section Manager

Mr. Houck presented the Commission with an updated acquisition report. Mr. Houck explained that the real estate market is in a very changing time. Calls have increased as well as the interest. A number of properties of past interest have made contact recently. Mr. Houck stated that the agency will need to be more discriminating in our acquisitions; and flexible in what are final focus is for the next biennium.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Brown stated that the update has been very helpful. Commissioner Brown asked about Ash Island; what is the rationale of this property? Mr. Houck replied that it has dropped down in the priority list. He shared that there is a real community focus that supports that park; it is within their city’s plan for park development and possible trail connection to Champoeg. Commissioner Brown asked about access to the Island. Mr. Houck said that the Island is strictly accessed by boat. Commissioner Brown stated that this is a piece of property that he would be interested in seeing.

Commissioner Graves noticed a drop in Murtha's estimated cost from previous reports. Mr. Houck shared that he is showing possibilities of partnerships and grants. Ms. Schutt will be sharing more about Murtha Ranch later in the agenda. Mr. Houck stated that another main reason for the difference in the reports is necessitated by the Governor's Recommended Budget. Director Wood stated that we asked for 18 million in acquisitions and the Governor's Recommended Budget came in at 10.5.

b) Fuller/Beaver Creek Property Acquisition (Action)

Cliff Houck, Property and Resource Management Section Manager, requests Commission approval to purchase the Fuller property for \$330,000 subject to a life estate for Freda Fuller and George Ehlers.

Mr. Houck explained that the Beaver Creek estuary and the lowest end of the watershed are within the 220 acre Ona Beach State Park. Immediately upstream of the park are 80 acres of the Beaver Creek wetland complex—which has been designated as one of "Oregon's Greatest Wetlands", owned and managed by The Wetlands Conservancy. Mr. Houck stated that OPRD acquired a 318 acre parcel east of the Conservancy's ownership in 2007 and is now known as Beaver Creek State Natural Area.

Mr. Houck stated that the owner, Freda Fuller, has agreed to sell the 30 acre property to OPRD for \$330,000. The property has an appraised value of \$365,000. A life estate value for Ms. Fuller and her friend Mr. George Ehlers was established at \$35,000 providing for a market value of the subject parcel with a life estate of \$330,000. The agreement to purchase will be completed subject to OPRD review and approval of a phase 1 environmental site assessment. The property has been use as a residential home site/forest land. The property has older second growth timber but was logged within the last 60-80 years.

**Discussion**

Commission Chair Parr asked about the life estate, where does the money sit? Mr. Houck replied that Ms. Fuller will receive the \$330,000. OPRD will receive title and deed to the property subject to them having the life estate; which will give them the right to live at the property and maintain the grounds.

**Commissioner Graves moved to approve the Fuller/Beaver Creek Property Acquisition. Commissioner Musser seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**

c) Compton/Clyde Holiday Acquisition (Action)

Cliff Houck, Property and Resource Management Section Manager, requests Commission of this acquisition at the value estimate of \$10,000.

Mr. Houck referenced maps that showed the parcels that would be acquired by OPRD. The properties known as Clyde Holiday State Wayside and Clyde Holiday State Recreation Site are in the Mount Vernon area along Highway 26 are separated by approximately 200 feet of private property. The approximately 0.81 acre parcel is bounded by OPRD and Grant County on the east side, OPRD on the west side, the John Day River on the south side and a private party on the north side. Through negotiation, the owner of the property has agreed to sell this parcel to OPRD as a means of making a legitimate connection between Clyde Holiday State Wayside and Clyde Holiday State Recreation Site. A value estimate of \$10,000 was completed and the owners have agreed to sell for the value estimate.

## **Discussion**

The Commission discussed the other parcels under private ownership close to or connected to the Compton property.

**Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Compton/Clyde Holiday Acquisition. Commissioner Musser seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**

### **11. Commission Best Practices (Information)**

Chris Havel, Communication Coordinator

Mr. Havel stated that annually Department of Administrative Services (DAS) requires the Commission to evaluate the practices of the Commission against standards that all state commissions and public bodies need to meet. The Commission received them by email from Mr. Havel. He summarized the evaluations and the results are in the Commission packet. Mr. Havel shared that of the Commission there was agreement on 9 of the 15 measures. A discussion of at least those 6 measures will take place at a workshop at the next meeting. Mr. Havel said that the results will then be reported back to DAS. More information will come to the Commission prior to the January 2009 workshop.

Commissioner Brown stated that his comment has now been adequately addressed by agenda item 10a.

### **12. Murtha Ranch Draft Concept (Information)**

Kathy Schutt, Interim Assistant Director of Recreation Programs and Planning

Murtha Ranch, on the lower John Day River, has been recently acquired by the Western River Conservancy and is now being offered to OPRD. The closest John Day River access to the south is 40 miles away, where Highway 218 crosses the river at OPRD's Clarno access. To the north the next river access from Highway 206 is about 25 miles away at Rock Creek, where the Oregon Trail once crossed the river. Acquisition of this property could provide a high level of protection for the outstanding ecological, cultural and scenic values found at Murtha Ranch, as well as many traditional activities that are currently occurring in a working land setting. The ranch offers an opportunity for expanded river access and related camping, and many miles of trails, plus a chance to interpret the stories of the John Day River country. It will require, with the appropriate partners, rehabilitation of several miles of river bottomland habitat that was farmed.

Western Rivers has also purchased the grazing allotment and is looking for OPRD to include this in our acquisition package. The grazing lease offers benefits for the management of a park at this location. Benefits include the ability to keep cattle away from recreational areas, construct trails and service roads on allotment lands and assure that no other entity holds the lease.

The department would like to enter into an agreement with the Western River Conservancy about how we will approach the potential purchase of this property and its grazing lease. OPRD will also explore the long term potential of obtaining fee title ownership of the BLM lands through trades or securing a recreational lease with BLM through the Recreation and Public Purposes Act.

Ms. Schutt discussed the report with the Commission.

Ms. Schutt highlighted ecological values, scenic and cultural value; and discussed highway access, facility opportunities, constraints and partners and timelines.

Other main topics covered from the report included:

Management Issues

- Weeds
- Loss of Riparian Corridors
- Trash Dumping
- Archeological dumping
- Grazing
- Energy Potential
- Environmental Hazard Evaluation

### **Discussion**

Commissioner Graves asked about the two million dollar increase in acquisition price. Ms. Schutt and Mr. Houck explained that price has not changed; the money is just listed in different bienniums.

Commissioner Brown stated that we have a responsibility to the communities to create working landscapes and we are committed to helping. We need to be more forthright in this document about our commitment about creating a river-trail.

The Commission asked what the term “level three” interpretive services means. Ms. Schutt said that it is the level of interpretation you have on site. Level three is usually self-serve. There is not staff on site; you would have panels or kiosks.

Commissioner Graves asked about water rights. Ms. Schutt stated that she has inquired with Western Rivers about water rights. There are water rights for irrigation and a well. Water rights will be documented prior to purchase.

Commissioner Graves asked if there would be any revenue from the park. Ms. Schutt said that there is not currently a fee for park use; future camping would produce a fee and a day use parking fee could be imposed.

The Commission discussed grazing rights and costs. Mr. Houck added that the grazing was not appraised because the property was classified as recreational use.

### **13. Heritage Programs Update (Information)**

Roger Roper, Assistant Director of Heritage Programs

- **Historical Research Workshop:** On October 23-24, 2008, Heritage staff conducted a workshop in Salem for OPRD interpretive staff and others who conduct historical research. Attendees were introduced to some of the major research repositories in the area—the State Archives, the State Library, and the Marion County Historical Society, among others—and were given a chance to do some exploring into their research topics. They learned about “primary” and “secondary” sources and good research techniques. One of the most popular sessions of the workshop was the presentation by a Grande Ronde tribal representative who provided a Native American perspective on Oregon history.
- **Cannon Update:** A sub-committee of the Cannon Advisory Committee is reviewing five proposals for conserving the two historic cannons that were discovered near Nehalem Bay State Park in February 2008. Selection of the consultant is expected in late November or early December. Texas A&M has been chosen from the proposals.

- **“Heritage Heroes” Award Program Initiated:** During the course of the year, a number of individuals step forward to do something exceptional to save or preserve a cultural resource, often under emergency or unplanned circumstances. In an effort to recognize these efforts and to encourage others, Heritage Programs created the Heritage Stewardship Award in the summer of 2008. Recipients receive a certificate, a letter of commendation, and public recognition. Recipients thus far include the following:
  - A backhoe operator in Eugene who stopped her equipment and notified the authorities when she observed bones coming out of the ground. It turned out to be remnants of a long-forgotten historic cemetery. The remains were re-interred in a new location with the full cooperation and sponsorship of the hospital whose construction project impacted the burials.
  - A Forest Service employee who led the fight to save the historic, 119-year old Cloud Cap Inn from a late-summer fire that came within 60 feet of the structure and burned 3,000 acres on Mt. Hood’s east slope.

Additional Heritage Updates:  
 Special Assessment Task Force  
 Heritage Conference  
 Interagency Agreement with ODOT  
 Ernest Bloch Legacy Foundation

#### **14. Financial Update (Information)**

Lisa Van Laanen, Assistant Director of Administration

##### a) 2007-2009 Budget Report

- The Department reported to the October 2008 meeting of the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means as requested regarding ending balances and cash flow. Directed to come back in November with an increase.
- The Department has submitted an Emergency Board letter requesting additional limitation for the State Fair. The request is for \$939,242 of additional Other Fund limitation.
- The Department has sent two reports to the Emergency Board as required by statute: the Salmon Plate report and the Fee Waivers report.
- The Department is facing some additional spending reductions. Restrictions have been placed on regular and seasonal hiring, travel, training, and services and supplies. If necessary, the Department will go to the Legislature during the 2009 session to rebalance the budget.

##### b) 2009-2011 Budget Report

- The Department met with the Governor's Office and Budget and Management on Monday October 27th to appeal the budget packages that the analyst has recommended disapproval.

- The Department expects to prevail on all but the fair debt service shift to a new funding source. The transfer of the Natural Heritage Program was not approved in the Department of State Lands budget and will not be approved in OPRD's - the program will stay in State Lands.
- Once the December lottery forecast is available and other revenue projections are adjusted, OPRD will be making adjustments in concert with the Governor's Office to balance the budget which the Governor will release on Dec 1.

Based on the Department's revenue projections, adjustments will need to be made to Park User Fees, Forest Management revenue and RV registrations. DAS has also provided adjustments to statewide charges from DAS and for pension and health benefit charges.

### **Discussion**

Commissioner Brown asked what the rationale was in not transferring the Natural Heritage Program to the agency. Director Wood replied that the Governor's Office believed the agency has been encumbered with several new programs and responsibilities in recent biennia and did not want to add this new program.

Commissioner Brown asked about the statement phrased "adjust park fees to market recent inflation." Commissioner Brown is concerned about the title. Commissioner Brown states that the reality is that the increase does not align the park user fees with market inflation and it should.

Commissioner Brown stated that it would be of interest to have a work session on the Main Street Program at a future meeting. The Commission discussed the Corvallis meeting as an option.

### **15. Marine Reserves Update (Information)**

Jeff Farm, Ocean Shores Manager

[The Marine Reserves Update has been moved to a 2009 meeting TBD.]

### **16. Commission Planning Calendar (Information)**

January 29, 2009 Oregon City

#### January Commission Agenda Items

Best Practices Workshop

Legislative Priorities Workshop

FIP Program Update

HUB System Update

For your calendar: February 14<sup>th</sup> event in recognition of the new interpretive display at Champoeg.

**11:08 December Commission meeting adjourned.**