



Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

January 24-25, 2012

Portland

Tryon Creek State Natural Area

1/25/2012 Meeting Minutes

Those attending all or part of the meeting included:

Commissioners Present:

Jay Graves, Vice-chair

Sue Musser

Robin Risley

Jim Brown

Brad Chalfant

Staff:

Tim Wood, Director

Steve Shipsey, Assistant Attorney General

Vanessa DeMoe, Commission Assistant

John Potter, Assistant Director, Operations

Roger Roper, Assistant Director, Heritage & Community Programs

Lisa Van Laanen, Assistant Director, Administration

Chris Havel, Associate Director, Communications & Research

Darin Wilson, Technical Services Manager

Richard Walkoski, Communications & Research

Kathy Schutt, Integrated Services Manager

Jenn Cairo, Valleys Region Manager

Mark Davison, Planning Team Leader

Ron Campbell, Planning Specialist

Tanya Crane, Budget Manager

Michele Scalise, Grants Program Coordinator

Wayne Rawlins, Grants Manager

John Mullen, Tryon State Natural Area Manager

Clay Courtright, Park Ranger Supervisor

Kevin Price, District Manager

Jim Morgan, Stewardship Manager

Terry Bergerson, Communications & Research

Alex Phillips, Bikeways Coordinator

MG Devereux, Project Manager

Visitors:

Kristen Stram, Oregon State Parks Trust

Bennett Burns, Oregon State Parks Trust

Charlotte Lehan, Clackamas County Commission Chair

Paul Savas, Clackamas County Commissioner

Jerry Norquist, Cycle Oregon

Representative Mitch Greenlick and Meredith Greenlick

Heidi Beierle, Scenic Bikeways

Doug Parrow, Scenic Bikeway Committee

Tuesday, January 24th

Workshops:

Program Review - Local Government Grant Program

Michele Scalise, Grant Program Coordinator

Wayne Rawlins, Grants Program Manager

Mr. Rawlins and Ms. Scalise provided the Commission with a program review of the Local Government Grant Program (LGGP). They briefly shared the history of the program and gave a more detailed look at all of the components of the program, including: program administration, policy and authorization, program constituents, committees, staffing, budget and revenue, and the grant application process. Mr. Rawlins and Ms. Scalise also provided background on the different types of grants available in the program

Park System Plan Update

John Potter, Assistant Director of Operations

Mr. Potter provided an update on the Park System Plan. He covered the following topics:

- Calculate Iconic Index by Park
- Determine What Characteristics Make a Park “Iconic”
- Consider the Most Iconic Parks
- Analyze Iconic Index by Business Line
- Consider Emergent Business Lines
- Develop Park System Management Principles
- Refine Initial Strategy

Wednesday, January 25th

Executive Session

The Commission met in Executive Session to discuss acquisition priorities and opportunities. The Executive Session was held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e). The Executive Session was closed to the public.

Business Meeting:

1. Commission Business (Action)

- a) Approval of Agenda

The following changes were made to the agenda:

- Item 8c, Land Acquisition—Beaver Creek Natural Area –Tracy property, was removed from the agenda.
- Item 10a, Scenic Bikeways, was moved up in the agenda to be heard after Item 5, Consent Calendar.

- Item 9c, request to adopt OAR chapter 736, division 45; Natural Areas Program, was removed from the agenda for technical changes and will be heard at the April Commission meeting.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the January 2012 Commission meeting agenda. Commissioner Risley seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

2. Public Comment:

a) Representative Greenlick

Representative Greenlick discussed Forest Park and referred to a report from 1903 by the Olmsted Brothers. He talked about the history of Forest Park and what the future might hold. Representative Greenlick commented that the city has been struggling to manage the park. He shared his concern for the park and presented the Commission with a proposal that suggests OPRD work on an agreement with the City of Portland over the next decade to get control of Forest Park and make it a State Park.

The Commission and Representative Greenlick discussed what the mood of the community is to this kind of change, the City of Portland's level of interest in the idea, funding needs and sources and the long-term vision for Forest Park.

b) Oregon State Parks Trust Kristen Stram, OSPT Chair Bennett Burns, OSPT

Ms. Stram and Ms. Burns gave a presentation to the Commission providing them with a review of the 2010 Trust activities, a summary of 2011 and goals for 2012. Topics of discussion included:

2011 Summary

- Accomplishments
 - Strategic planning
 - Operations
 - Office Move
 - Name Change, New Logo, identity refinement
 - Oregon State Parks Foundation
 - Fundraising
- 2011 Campaigns
 - Fort Yamhill
 - Let's Go Camping
- Challenges
 - Limited Staff Capacity
 - Challenging fund raising climate
 - Inadequate controls on historic finances
- Today
 - Current Status
 - Ended 2011 on solid financial ground
 - Fulfilled historic obligations
 - Starting 2012 anew

- Staffing
- Year end fundraising

2012 Goals

- Goals – Operational
 - Hire new Exec Director
 - Heavy focus on fundraising
 - Increase depth of board
 - Strengthen marketing/branding
 - Work on legislative changes
- Goals – Campaigns
 - Cottonwood Canyon Interpretive Center
 - Let's Go Camping

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes (Action)

a) November 2011

Commissioner Chalfant moved to approve the November 2011 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Musser seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

4. Director's Update

Tim Wood, Director

Cottonwood Canyon

Director Wood gave an update on Cottonwood Canyon State Park. He provided information on the following developments:

- Transfer of property to the state through the Recreation Public Purposes Act
- Oregon Solutions group appointed by the Governor to look in to fundraising and establishment of an interpretive education center at Cottonwood Canyon
- America's Great Outdoors project opportunity

Tree Management Issues – Van Duzer Corridor

Director Wood stated that the department has had considerable challenges managing the trees in the Van Duzer Corridor along Highway 18. He said that the property was acquired to protect the views from logging activity and the department has managed it as well as we could as a natural area. Director Wood explained that because of a massive harvest along the property lines, it not only makes the property line very evident but also creates an inability of our trees to withstand the change in wind patterns created by recent harvesting on adjacent property. Director Wood stated that he wanted the Commission to know that the department is working proactively with ODOT to reduce vulnerability of those trees and is taking an active approach to reduce hazards.

Hiring Freeze

Director Wood discussed the hiring freeze in place for state government positions. He shared that the department has made a request for 350 exceptions to the freeze to cover key seasonal positions and a few other key positions that need to be filled.

Retirements

Director Wood shared two upcoming retirements with the Commission.

Director Wood announced that Cliff Houck will be retiring soon and passed on a message to the Commission from Mr. Houck. He shared that Mr. Houck wanted to thank all of the Commissioners for the opportunity to work with them; he also wanted to pass on his appreciation and recognition of all the work that the Commissioners do for the betterment of the state and the department. Director Wood shared that Mr. Houck has 28 years of state service, his work in support of the Commissions direction has helped create great projects all across the state that will leave a legacy for the future. Director Wood added that Mr. Houck was always fun to work with and he always enjoyed his interaction with Mr. Houck.

Commissioner Graves stated, on behalf of the entire Commission, that the feeling is absolutely shared. He said that Mr. Houck has been a pleasure to work with. Commissioner Graves said that Mr. Houck is a great representative of Oregon State Parks. Commissioner Graves wished him a long and happy retirement.

Director Wood announced that this was the last Commission meeting for Kate Schutt. He said that she will be retiring very shortly after 25 years of service with the department. Director Wood said that Ms. Schutt has an incredible ability to work through conflict and work with people to move things forward. He added that Ms. Schutt is well-respected and this respect is a hallmark to her contribution to OPRD. Director Wood stated that Ms. Schutt's influence and training lives through many that have worked and currently work in the department. He recognized that she has made a great commitment to the department. Director Wood said that he always enjoyed working with her; stating that she is forward looking and a fun person to be around.

The Commission thanked Ms. Schutt for her work, specifically on the Snowy Plover Habitat Conservation Plan and State Fair planning.

5. Consent Calendar (Action)

- a) Approval of Delegated Authority Report
 1. Contracts
 2. Natural Resources
- b) County Opportunity Grant Projects
- c) ORTAC Appointments
- d) 2011 Director's Expense Report

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Musser seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Item 10 a - Scenic Bikeways

Alex Phillips, Bicycle Recreation Coordinator

- a) Scenic Bikeway Approvals for Bend and Cottage Grove (Action)

Ms. Phillips stated that the two bikeways being considered for designation as state scenic bikeways are the Covered Bridges Scenic Bikeway near Cottage Grove and the Twin Bridges Scenic Bikeway near Bend. She said that if these two bikeways are designated it

would bring the total number of State Scenic Bikeways to eight and total almost 600 miles. She said that the committee, meeting since 2009, has worked very hard to create criteria to find the best of the best rides. Ms. Phillips explained that the committee developed criteria considering two areas, the scenic value and road conditions. She said that the committee discussed the issue of road conditions extensively. She informed the Commission that over 1000 miles of applications were received and many had to be turned down due to road conditions as well as for scenic reasons. Ms. Phillips shared that the promotion of the bikeways are done in three different categories; mild/family friendly, moderate and extreme riding. She said this is done so that the cyclist is prepared for the kind of ride they will be taking; this not only makes sure that the best bikeways are being proposed but that the right people are ending up on the right rides.

Ms. Phillips shared specifics of each proposed bikeway and of the application process. She stated that the applications for these two bikeways were submitted by local proponent groups in January 2010. The full committee voted to recommend the routes for designation and instructed the proponents to prepare bikeway plans for the routes. Those plans consist of the records of the local public meetings, notification and minutes, a local marketing plan, sign location tables and other items.

Scenic Bikeway Approvals Public Comment

Heidi Beierle

Ms. Beierle stated that she had put the Covered Bridges bikeway plan together with Lane County. She said that there was great support from BLM, city and county government, destination marketing organization, and the cycling community for the proposal. She encouraged the Commission to come out and ride the bikeway; sharing that the bikeway was part of the Cycle Oregon ride in 2010. She mentioned that there has been good publicity for the bikeway and positive partnership building with government agencies, community business and interested people.

Jerry Norquist, Executive Director of Cycle Oregon

Mr. Norquist shared background about Cycle Oregon and the vision of Oregon being the number one cycling destination. He said that Oregon is currently the only state in the 50 states that has a scenic bikeway program. He shared that he is constantly asked by other states how this program was created and how they can do the same thing. Mr. Norquist said that in working with Cycle Oregon the last 10 years he has had the opportunity to travel around Oregon and interact with many rural community leaders. He said that most of the communities have seen the economic benefits associated with bicycling and want to expand this opportunity. Mr. Norquist stated that this is the first program in the country and that the process is proponent driven. He said that the bikeways connect rural and urban areas and promote the best bicycling in the state; in many cases the bikeways provide a connection to our State Parks and other trail systems. Mr. Norquist stated that he is asking the Commission to support the two proposed scenic bikeways. He added that these bikeways promote economic development, encourage tourism, and provide Oregonians with the best routes to explore this wonderful state.

Doug Parrow, Vice-Chair Scenic Bikeway Committee

Mr. Parrow stated that these designations were a critical step in a long process. He said these proposed bikeways come after two years of work by the proponents and the committee. Mr. Parrow said that the committee was tasked with taking what was presented in early 2010 and identifying likely candidates, then going out and seeing these routes from

a bicycle to evaluate them against the criteria. Mr. Parrow shared that he truly believed that the committee is bringing forward the best of the best in terms of bicycling across the state. Mr. Parrow explained the steps in the scenic bikeway proposal and decision process and urged the Commission to approve the two proposed bikeways.

Discussion

Commissioner Brown stated that there were a couple of public comment submissions regarding technical concerns about these bikeways. He asked if the concerns will get worked out at a local level in the implementation process.

Mr. Parrow replied that if the routes were designated, a part of the bikeway plan is to work within the community to make them better and work through concerns that communities have raised.

Commissioner Graves said that these bikeways are listed on Ride Oregon Ride, are there other ways that they get promoted and marketed.

Mr. Parrow said that each proponent groups have their own ideas and plans for how they are going to market the bikeways. He added that OPRD also shares the information on their web site.

Commissioner Musser asked about the concerns for safety. She wanted to know if the approval of the bikeways would make the committee's job more difficult.

Commissioner Chalfant commented on the Twin Bridges Route, he said he would respectfully disagree with the safety concerns. He said that there are safety concerns anytime bikes are on roadways. Commissioner Chalfant stated that he does not believe these concerns are to a level that they should hold the designations up. He said that the designations will actually provide momentum for proponents to encourage county and potentially state funding to address and improve some of the safety issues. He said that the designations will raise any safety issues to a level where they can get addressed.

Commissioner Musser moved to approve the Scenic Bikeway Approvals for Bend and Cottage Grove. Commissioner Chalfant seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

6. Budget

a) 2011- 2013 Budget Update (Information)

Lisa Van Laanen, Assistant Director of Administration

Ms. Van Laanen gave a brief review of the 2011-2013 budget. She said that the December 2011 Lottery forecast was released November 11, 2011. It reflects a decrease in Lottery Fund revenue for the Department of \$1,688,434. She said that the Department received direction from the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO), to bring the following items to the January 2012 meeting of the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means:

1. Request for permission to apply for a federal grant (Heritage Commission)
2. Request additional limitation for the Natural Heritage Program (\$861,950 federal funds)
3. Request additional limitation for the Acquisition Program (\$2,190,000 federal funds)

Ms. Van Laanen reported that the above requests were granted.

Ms. Van Laanen reported that LFO has now directed the Department not to bring the annual Fee Waiver report to the February 2012 Legislative session. She said that in

addition to the statewide hiring freeze, restrictions have been set on expenditure authority. She explained that any funds not committed are to remain uncommitted and we have been instructed to hold back on any spending. She said that we are hoping that session will give us more information on the restrictions.

b) 2013- 2015 Budget Planning (Information)

Tanya Crane, Budget Manager
Lisa Van Laanen, Assistant Director of Administration

Ms. Crane and Ms. Van Laanen discussed the broad categories listed below where analysis, projections, assumptions and decisions must be made during the budget building process.

- Revenues
- Expenditures
- Ending Balance
- Specific Programs
- Process Details

The Commission was provided a narrative to provide background information about the budget building process for the 2013-15 biennium, to discuss the factors impacting decision making and seek guidance in some areas of necessary decision making.

7. Planning and Land Use

a) Interpretive Program Development (Information)

Kate Schutt, Integrated Services Manager

Ms. Schutt provided a brief update on the Interpretive Services Program. She stated that the Interpretive Services Program has been moved into the new Integrated Park Services Division, with Planning, Signs, Trails and Volunteer Services. Ms. Schutt shared that as part of the move, responsible staff was asked to do a program review including input from a wide cross-section of OPRD programs and divisions. The review discussions covered a full perspective of the interpretive program, the interpretive strategic plan, and related policy, as well as a discussion about what is really appropriate for Oregon State Parks relative to other state parks in terms of interpretation. Ms. Schutt said that division staff will present details from the review, proposals for amending the program strategic plan and policy, and other program development recommendations, along with an overview of the management unit-based planning approach at a Commission workshop on the Interpretive Program at the April meeting.

Commissioner Chalfant asked if there were any major changes anticipated going forward. Ms. Schutt replied that the changes were not necessarily major, however there is a need to strongly recognize the importance of the goal to provide memorable experiences; to put ourselves in the place of the visitor to anticipate what they need to have those memorable experiences. She said that when planning for interpretation we need to look at how we can integrate it more thoroughly with the larger planning exercises.

b) Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) Update (Information) Terry Bergerson, Communications & Research

Mr. Bergerson explained the components of SCORP and shared steps in the process and the project timeline. He said that to remain qualified for federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grants, each state must prepare a SCORP every five years. Mr. Bergerson shared that, in Oregon, the plan not only guides this grant program, but also serves as the foundation for criteria in other OPRD-administered grant programs, including the Local Government, County Opportunity, Recreational Trails, and All-Terrain Vehicle programs. He said that SCORP also informs Oregon State Park System operations, administration, planning, development, and recreation programs. Finally, the plan helps governments, as well as the private sector, deliver quality outdoor recreational opportunities to Oregonians and out-of-state visitors.

The 2013-2017 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is underway, and has completed or is engaged in these steps:

1. A survey to determine both county-level recreation resource and facility needs, and identify statewide outdoor recreation issues.
2. Advisory Committee meeting. The primary intent of the meeting was to identify a list of final statewide planning issues to address in the plan.
3. Statewide recreation resource/facility inventory. Data collection is nearing completion on the statewide inventory project.

Immediate next steps:

1. A combined phone, mail and online survey of visitors. The statewide outdoor recreation survey will examine outdoor recreation patterns of Oregon residents and tourists from nearby states. Introductory survey letters will be sent out to approximately 50,000 Oregonians.
2. Develop a “sustainability” chapter for the plan. The work includes developing a vision for sustainable park systems in Oregon; case studies related to sustainable practices; evaluating current internal strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats towards the development of sustainable park systems in Oregon; identifying specific sustainability recommendations for park planning and management; and developing grant criteria for encouraging sustainable park practices for OPRD-administered grant programs.
3. Develop a parkland classification system and suggested “level of service” standards for inclusion in the plan. Parkland types include pocket parks, urban plaza parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, regional parks, nature parks, special use parks, regional sports parks, linear parks, and destination parks.

Overall Project Timeline:

1. OSU completes statewide outdoor recreation survey report: June 30, 2012.
2. Gallagher Consulting completes sustainability chapter: June 30, 2012.
3. Finalize draft document: July 1- October 15, 2012.
4. Develop grant program evaluation criteria: September 1 – October 15, 2012.

5. Prepare layout for final document: October 15 – November 15, 2012.
6. Public review of draft plan: November 15 – December 15, 2012.
7. Submit final plan to National Park Service: December 31, 2012.

Discussion

Commissioner Chalfant asked how the private providers get folded in to SCORP. Mr. Bergerson replied that they are included in the inventory. Commissioner Chalfant added that the reason he asks is that frequently we are going to see that there may be a private provider that has acquired properties for public use that would need to be considered.

Commissioner Graves said that there were over 1,600 recreation service providers included in SCORP; he asked where something like Cycle Oregon would fit in to SCORP. Mr. Bergerson explained that the term service provider as used in SCORP is referring to those that have recreational facilities on the ground, the inventory does not include services.

8. Real Property

Jim Morgan, Stewardship Manager

a) Land Acquisition—Minam Store property (Action)

Mr. Morgan said that the “Minam Store” property is a 2.2 acre in-holding located 34 miles northeast of LaGrande in Union County within the Minam State Recreation Area. He said the in-holding includes a known cultural resource location with archeological significance. The site is also the gateway to rafting the Grande Ronde River and has long been a property of interest for OPRD. The site provides for unrestricted access to the river during the boating season.

Mr. Morgan said that Western Rivers Conservancy purchased the property on March 24, 2011 for \$244,000 as a result of expressed Tribal interest. Since the acquisition, Western Rivers has entered into a lease agreement with Grant and Lottie Richie who operate a shuttle and rental service from the 30’ x 30’ pole frame building on site. A well house and two RV hook-ups are also located on the property. Mr. Morgan said that a May 20, 2011 appraisal was completed by Jack Waldemarson with an estimated market value of \$244,000. A review of the appraisal was completed by Clara Taylor for OPRD with a supportable conclusion of value. A phase 1 environmental report has been completed on the site, and was reviewed and accepted by staff without further recommendation. A building inspection and well test are pending, but no significant issues are expected.

Commissioner Chalfant moved to approve the Land Acquisition—Minam Store property at a purchase price of \$244,000. Commissioner Musser seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

b) Land Acquisition –Beaver Creek Natural Area –Oakes property (Action)

Mr. Morgan shared that an appraisal by Rick Walker Certified appraiser was completed and reviewed at an amount of \$15,000. A phase 1 environmental report was also completed by Fernwood Environmental Services with “no recognized environmental conditions.” He said that this acquisition would add 8.1 acres of wetland to OPRD

ownership within the Beaver Creek Initiative area adjacent to our existing ownership and is funded by U. S. Fish and Wildlife grant funds.

Commissioner Chalfant moved to approve the Land Acquisition –Beaver Creek Natural Area – Oakes property at a purchase price of \$15,000. Commissioner Musser seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

c) Land Acquisition—Beaver Creek Natural Area –Tracy property (Action)
This item was deleted from the agenda.

d) Easement Acquisition – Rogue River Greenway Trail –RailAmer Inc. (Action)

Mr. Morgan explained that this acquisition request was to re-route the trail around a current railroad crossing signal within the alignment of the trail. He said to re-route the trail OPRD need to acquire a 30' X 100' easement from Rail America, Inc. The acquisition of this easement and re-route of the trail is the most cost effective means to create a safe crossing for pedestrians.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Easement Acquisition – Rogue River Greenway Trail –RailAmer Inc. Commissioner Chalfant seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

e) CELCP Grant and purchase of Big Creek at Carl G. Washburne Memorial State Park (Action)

Mr. Morgan said this property has been on the acquisition list for some time. He explained that Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP) applications were made in 2009, 2010 and in 2011. In 2011, the CELCP application was successful and OPRD was issued an award letter on June 29, 2011; the CECLP grant will cover half of the appraised market value. Mr. Morgan shared that OPRD has now obtained limitation authorization from the Legislature to allow us to accept the CELCP funds to go toward the acquisition of the Big Creek property.

Mr. Morgan clarified that the Commission was being asked to authorize staff to work with the landowner, TNC, toward acquisition of the Big Creek property using the CELCP grants, contingent on the transfer of the funds from the federal government to OPRD; and that the acquisition costs to the state not be more than half of the appraised value.

Commissioner Chalfant made the motion to move forward with the Big Creek acquisition as outlined by Mr. Morgan. Commissioner Risley seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

f) Ben Hur Lampman Transfer to City of Gold Hill (Action)

Mr. Morgan explained that this request is for the transfer of OPRD property along the Rogue River to the City of Gold Hill. He said that OPRD, because of close proximity to Gold Hill and small size, has not developed a host site nor dedicated staff to the site. He said that the City of Gold Hill has an interest in obtaining rights to this property with a vision of a local city park. Mr. Morgan stated that staff is asking for authority to transfer

the property to the City of Gold Hill; this is done through our transfer policy where we can transfer land to other public agencies at no cost providing the criteria are met.

Commissioner Musser moved to approve the Ben Hur Lampman Transfer to City of Gold Hill. Commissioner Chalfant seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

9. Rulemaking

- a) Request to go to rulemaking for OAR chapter 736, division 17;
Veterans and War Memorial Grant Program (Action)
Wayne Rawlins, Grants Program Manager

Mr. Rawlins stated that because of Senate Bill 342 (2011) the administrative rules need to be updated to reflect statutory changes. He said the statute only changed who may apply for grant funds. Previously, just veterans' non-profit organization could apply for grant funds for construction or restoration of veteran or war memorial projects located on government-owned properties.

Mr. Rawlins asked the commission for approval to go to rulemaking to amend OAR chapter 736, division 17 to comply with Senate Bill 342.

Commissioner Musser moved to approve rulemaking for OAR chapter 736, division 17; Veterans and War Memorial Grant Program. Commissioner Chalfant seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

- b) Adopt OAR chapter 736, division 4; ATV Program (Action)
Wayne Rawlins, Grants Program Manager

Mr. Rawlins stated that the current Administrative Rules needed to be amended in order to incorporate the new statutory provisions and amendments enacted in HB 2329 (2011). He said the bill provides clarification of ATV classes I, II and III and adds a new classification - Class IV. Mr. Rawlins explained that the bill also directed OPRD to adopt rules to provide for Class IV safety education courses, equivalency examinations, and issuance of Class IV permits. In addition, three new positions were added to the ATV Advisory Committee; a representative of a Class IV user group, a person who represents persons with disabilities, and a representative of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Mr. Rawlins said that the Department formed a Rulemaking Advisory Committee consisting of stakeholders including members from Bureau of Land Management, county park directors, U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement personnel, county sheriffs, private citizens, Oregon State Marine Board, and land managers. He shared that three public hearings were held and there were no oral or written public comments received.

Commissioner Musser moved to adopt amendments to OAR chapter 736, division 4; ATV Program. Commissioner Risley seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

- c) Adopt OAR chapter 736, division 45; Natural Areas Program (Action)
Item 9c was moved to the April meeting for technical changes.

10. Heritage & Community Programs

Roger Roper, Assistant Director of Heritage and Community Programs

- a) Scenic Bikeway Approvals for Bend and Cottage Grove (Action)
This item was heard by the Commission following Item 5.
- b) Heritage Programs Report (Information)

Mr. Roper shared that the November 2010 formation of the Heritage and Community Programs directorate brought together a variety of programs that had never had obvious reasons to work together very closely. He said that over the course of the past several weeks, the following areas of potential coordination were discovered:

- Veteran and War Memorial Grant Program: Heritage staff will now be assisting with the administration of this grant program, given both the historical nature of the program and the fact that Heritage staff already have strong working relationships with many of the veterans and military history groups that have an interest in these memorials.
- Archaeology and Recreation Grants: Given that many of grant-funded projects are on lands that have high potential for archaeological resources (ATV grants in particular), there is an opportunity to better assist grant applicants in dealing with archaeological issues at the planning and grant-request phase, rather than have them be surprised further down the line.
- GIS for Grant-funded Projects: Many of the parks and trails projects funded by our grants could benefit from being recorded in a GIS (computerized map) that could be shared with local governments, land-use planners, recreationists, and others. We're looking at ways to take advantage of Heritage staff expertise with GIS (primarily archaeologists) to help create a system that might serve recreational and grant purposes.
- Organizational Training for Bikeway Partners: Heritage staff have considerable experience and expertise in helping local partners form and perpetuate local organizations (historical societies, landmark commissions, museum boards, etc.). Scenic Bikeway proponent groups could benefit from some of that same training. Topics include public education, event planning and execution, succession planning, marketing and promotion, developing public/private partnerships, and basic organizational development.
- Coordination between Scenic Bikeways and Local Historic Districts: Most of the designated Scenic Bikeways begin, end, or pass through communities, many of which have strong historic character. By coordinating the efforts of our historic district partners with those of the bikeway proponents, we can magnify the impact of both programs.

- c) Heritage and Museum Grants (Information)

Mr. Roper said that Heritage and Community Programs has recently awarded grants under two of its five "heritage" grant programs: Heritage Commission and Museum grants. Mr. Roper explained that these are small dollar projects but very meaningful to the communities. He briefly discussed the recently awarded grants:

- Heritage Commission Grants
 - o 14 grants

- o \$133,700
- o For a broad range of activities, including public education, conservation, curation, etc.
- Museum Grants
 - o 9 grants
 - o \$55,675
 - o For museum-related activities, including exhibit preparation, artifact conservation and curation, etc.

11. Natural Resource Management

- a) Alternative Analysis for Aquatic Resources at Bates State Park (Information)
Jim Morgan,

Mr. Morgan discussed the work being done at Bates State Park. He said that since the approval of the Master Plan for Bates State Park by the Commission and Grant County in September 2009, OPRD staff has conducted additional inventory and monitoring of the property's natural resources in order to develop a Natural Resource Management Plan. Mr. Morgan discussed the different type of information gathering tactics used to develop alternatives. He said that a stakeholder meeting was held to talk about the alternatives and get feedback. He shared that the issues that have been raised are focused on water quality and fish habitat and passage.

Mr. Morgan said that while there was no clear consensus on the preferred alternative, one or a combination of alternatives would meet the three broad goals stated in the Master Plan and merit further study. He explained that additional water quality, fish passage, and habitat studies are planned to continue through 2012 and further researching of regulatory constraints and water rights are needed to refine a preferred alternative. Mr. Morgan stated that a more focused and refined analysis to recommend a preferred alternative will be developed by January 2013.

Discussion

The Commission and staff discussed the condition of the site, Tribal involvement, funding, and water quality.

12. Reports (Information)

- a) Let's Go Camping
- b) 2011 Centennial Horizon Projects
- c) Cottonwood Canyon Update
- d) Integrated Water Resources
- e) Bandon Snowy Plover Management Plan
- f) Rulemaking Status

Reports in agenda item 12 were provided to the Commission as information only.

13. Commission Planning Calendar (Information)

April 3-4 2012 Commission Meeting
Medford, Oregon

Monday – Travel if necessary

Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. start
Site Visits along Rogue River Greenway, Fort Lane, VOR
Work-sessions: Interpretive Programs
Tuesday evening dinner

Wednesday – Executive Session and Business Meeting

The January 25th meeting of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at 2:33 p.m.