



Oregon Recreation Trails Advisory Council

Minutes

Wednesday, October 2, 2019
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Roseburg Public Library
1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd
Roseburg, OR 97470

Housekeeping

Attendance: Lauralee Svendsgaard, Coastal Representative
Skyler Archibald, Coastal Representative
Robert Spurlock, Chair
Rod Sell-District 4
Del Scharffenberg, District 5

OPRD Staff: Jodi Bellefeuille & Jayme Jones

Other Attendees: Bo Ensign – ORPD, Joey Martinez – ORPD, Robin Wilcox – ORPD

Agenda Item: August 2019 Minutes **(Action)**
Presented by: Robert Spurlock

August 2019 ORTAC meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion to approve August 2019 minutes by Lauralee Svendsgaard.
Seconded by Rod Sell.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council Business Items & Program Updates

Agenda Item: Office of Outdoor Recreation **(Information)**
Presented by: Jodi Bellefeuille



The OREC Task Force’s draft strategies are available at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/orec/Pages/Governors-Task-Force.aspx>. Final proposed strategies will be made available for public comment in early 2020. The next OREC meeting is planned for November 15 in Klamath Falls.

An update will be shared at the Trails Summit during the Trails Coalition meeting.

Agenda Item: Oregon Trails Coalition and Oregon Trails Summit **(Information)**
Presented by: Jodi Bellefeuille

Trails Summit: Thanks to everyone who played a role in planning the Summit or recruiting/submitted session proposals!

Oregon Trails Coalition: An interactive meeting will be held as part of the Friday Trails Summit agenda. It will include a Coalition update, legislative recap, and opportunity to help shape the Coalition’s vision of success and strategy for 2020.

Agenda Item: Scenic Bikeways Program **(Information)**
Presented by: Jodi Bellefeuille

The Scenic Bikeways & Waterways position has been moved to OPRD’s Planning & design division. A job posting will be released once the Planning & Design manager position is filled.

Agenda Item: OPRD Grant Programs **(Information)**
Presented by: Jodi Bellefeuille

Recreational Trails Program: The RTP Grant Advisory Committee meets October 22-24 in Bend. Applicants will present their proposed projects to the Committee for review. The Committee will evaluate and score all applications to create a priority ranking list of projects to be recommended to the OPRD Commission for final approval. A detailed presentation schedule will be posted on OPRD’s website.

Local Government Grant Program: The OPRD Commission approved the LGGP Committee’s project recommendations on September 18. See the project list on OPRD’s website.



Agenda Item: Regional & Scenic Trail Designation Management **(Information)**
Presented by: Jodi Bellefeuille

2019 Five-Year Trail Reviews:

- **Humbug Mountain Trail:** Skyler, Rod, and Jodi hiked the trail on August 9. The viewshed restoration looks fantastic. There were some recommendations for signage improvements but after the visit we learned that new signs already under design. Feedback has been provided to the Park Manager.
- **40 Mile Loop:** Robert, Jim, Del, and Jodi have reviewed portions of the trail. Information will be compiled later this year to provide to the relevant land managers.
- **Willow Creek Canyon:** Lauralee, Jim, Rod, and Jodi hiked the trail on September 13. Property ownership and public access issues were identified, along with concerns about trailheads, parking, signage, and more. Feedback will be provided to Jefferson County and the City of Madras once initial questions have been answered.

Agenda Item: Bicycle/Pedestrian Rulemaking Advisory Committee Update **(Information)**
Presented by: Jodi Bellefeuille

The Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC) met on September 11 to discuss rules proposed in response to House Bill 2592, which directs OPRD to dedicate up to \$4M/biennium for bicycle/pedestrian trail projects in coordination with ODOT. The proposed rules will be released for public comment around October 1.

\$2M/biennium of the funds will be allocated by OPRD for signature, scenic, and recreation trail projects that meet transportation needs.

The public comment period ends November 4, 2019.

Agenda Item: OPRD Trails Report **(Information)**
Presented by: Robin Wilcox

Signature Trails-Oregon Outdoor Recreation Initiative

- Provide access to Oregon's treasure landscapes
- People will plan travel around a desired experience
- Source of pride and prosperity for local communities



- Facilities and services that are world class
- Resources and branding are embraced by local communities
- Provide a range of urban to rural experiences
- Scalable experiences

OPRD Trails Project- 3 typical funding sources

- Facility Improvement Projects (FIP)
 - 20% new construction
 - 80% maintenance backlog
- Trail Services program (subset of FIP)
- Design Services-bike hubs, trail heads, hiker/biker campsites, trails

Signature Trails Policy Option Packages:

\$1.25M for the Oregon Coast Trail

\$1M for new construction for Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail support facilities.

Question/Comments:

How did you identify those Signature Trails Policy Option Packages from your last biennium?

-The Oregon Coast Trail came up as one of the projects because in 2017 we were asked to do the action plan with no funding in it. This was an effort to get some funding for the development of the action plan and an opportunity to get some funding for the maintenance of the existing of Oregon Coast Trail.

Why aren't Signature Trails under the designated trail program?

-The designated program is a program that is in rule. If we wanted to add signature trails as a designation it would require a rule change. The commission would have to approve opening rule making.

- The intent and goals of the signature trails initiative are different than the designation program.

- We have this opportunity as ORTAC to review and provide input on those \$2M Signature Trails Projects.

The updates Planning & Design give could come with a summarizing hand that tabulates the dollars spent. An example would be a one page memo with a table that list the project and with a brief description of each project.

What counts as a trail project?

-Trails/ Amenities. Parking lots do help with the overall experience. Restrooms become a major need when you are traveling and trying to get people to treat the environment correctly.



Agenda Item: Recommendation of ORTAC Congressional Districts 1, Congressional District 4, and Coastal Representative Positions **(Action)**
Presented by: Robert Spurlock

Recommendation of ORTAC Congressional District 1, Congressional District 4, and Coastal Representative positions were reviewed. Phone interviews were used to identify their top three choices.

Motion to recommend Frasier MacDonald to Congressional District 4, Jenna Beh to Coastal Representative, and Owen Rodabaugh to Congressional District 1 by Skyler Archibald.
Seconded by Del Scharffenberg.

Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item: Recommendation of the reappointment of Robert Spurlock **(Action)**
Presented by: Robert Spurlock

Recommendation of the reappointment of Robert Spurlock, Congressional District 3 Representative was reviewed.

Motion to recommend Robert Spurlock by Lauralee Svendsgaard.
Second by Skyler Archibald.

Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item: 2020 Meeting Location and Dates **(Information)**
Presented by: Jodi Bellefeuille

January 2020-Newport
April 2020-John Day
July/August 2020-Portland
October 2020- TBD (most likely will coincide with Oregon Trails Summit)

While we will continue to plan tradition quarterly meetings, ORTAC could consider changing the format or using our time for other efforts. For example, ORTAC could host trainings to respond to needs we hear about at our quarterly meetings, or assist the department in developing technical resources.



Comments:

ORTAC quarterly meetings are very valuable, continue the outside connection, and find ways to draw more people into the quarterly meetings.

Robert was thinking it could coincide with Metro's Quarterly Trails Forum for the July/August 2020 meeting date.

Officer Elections will wait till 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.
