Oregon State Parks: Integrated Park Services Division

South Beach and Beverly Beach Management Units Plan

May 24th & 31st, 2017 – Public & Advisory Committee Meetings Summary

Meeting Highlights:

- There were a total of three public meetings, an Advisory Committee meeting and public meeting held at Beverly Beach State Park in Lincoln County on May 24th, and a public meeting held at the Wilsonville Public Library in Clackamas County on May 31st.
- Attendance was moderate at the May 24th meetings (8 members in attendance at the Advisory Committee meeting, 9 members of the public in attendance at the subsequent public meeting), and was low at the May 31st meeting (only 1 member of the public in attendance at that meeting).
- Attendees expressed support for most park management and development proposals outlined in the Draft Master Plan.
- There were some suggestions / concerns about improving beach access at various parks including Gleneden Beach and Agate Beach.
- Several attendees at the public meeting on May 24th expressed opposition to the proposed Disc Golf Course at South Beach State Park, citing concerns about safety, natural resource impacts, and exclusion of other uses.

May 24, 2017 - Advisory Committee Meeting Comments:

Agate Beach
- Trail to be constructed by the City of Newport in the southeast corner of the park should be added to the concept design illustration.
- Can the crossing be improved at the existing beach access (currently just a few boards placed over the creek)?

Yaquina Bay
- Would like to retain the existing road width in front of the lighthouse in order to accommodate the beginning of the Newport marathon.

Boiler Bay
- ODOT is planning to construct a sidewalk along the front of Worldmark in Depoe Bay – wondering if OPRD would consider connecting Boiler Bay to the sidewalk via a pedestrian route through the park.

May 24, 2017 – Public Meeting Notes

Gleneden Beach
- Need for better wayfinding (people are not aware that there is an official beach access in the park and try to scramble down the bluff at the end of the road)
- Question about what plants could work for erosion control

Fogarty Creek
- Question about whether the plan addresses security/crime issues from a management and coordination perspective (answer was no, this would be a management issue handled at the park level)
- Comment that state park campgrounds generally feel too crowded and question about what the spacing would be like at the proposed campground (answer was that OPRD's design philosophy now prioritizes more spacing between campsites to allow for privacy and improved visitor experience and the campground at Fogarty Creek would be consistent with this approach)

Agate Beach
- Comment that the existing beach access looks like it could and should be improved with a permanent crossing

South Beach
- Several comments in opposition to the proposed 18-hole disc golf course for a number of reasons, including:
  - Feeling that there are already ample disc golf facilities in the area
  - Suggestion that the best use would be hiking trails and education about natural resources (especially given nearby OMSI presence)
  - Concern that trampling soil will introduce weeds
  - Feeling that the disc golf course has been "railroaded" through
  - Suggestion that funds would be better used to improve existing beach access points
- Question about whether there are plans to have an increased OPRD staff presence at the end of the South Jetty Rd because of issues with people camping, partying, etc.
- Question about whether there are plans to address eroded/sunken areas along the jetty structure (answer – nothing in the plan, but the proposed development along the South Jetty Rd. would be done in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers so there could be opportunities to address those kinds of issues)
- Suggestion that there could be improved parking / handicapped access to the beach for campground users

Fogarty Creek
- Suggestion to have more covered smaller picnic shelters for small groups