



Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

May 24-25, 2011

Newberg

5/25/2011 Meeting Minutes

Those attending all or part of the meeting included:

Commissioners Present:

Davis Moriuchi, Chair
Jay Graves, Vice-chair
Sharon Rudi
Sue Musser
Robin Risley

Staff:

Tim Wood, Director
Steve Shipsey, Assistant Attorney General
Vanessa DeMoe, Commission Assistant
John Potter, Assistant Director, Operations
Roger Roper, Assistant Director, Heritage Programs
Kyleen Stone, Assistant Director, Recreation and Community Programs
Lisa Van Laanen, Assistant Director Administration
Cliff Houck, Real Property Manager
Jim Morgan, Natural Resources Manager
Darin Wilson, Engineering Manager
Richard Walkoski, Recreation Programs Manager
Wayne Rawlins, Grants Manager
Alex Phillips, Trails Coordinator
Kathy Schutt, Planning Manager
Jenn Cairo, Valleys Region Manager
MG Devereux, Cottonwood Canyon Project Manager
Mark Davison, Planning Team Leader
Bryan Nielsen, Park Manager
Dennis Wiley, District Manager
Ron Price, ATV Grants Program Coordinator

Visitors Present:

Don Clements, Chehalem Parks and Recreation District
Ryan Ruggiero, McKenzie River Trust
Nicole Nielsen-Pincus, McKenzie River Trust
Mayor Bob Andrews, Newberg
Bart Rierson, City of Newberg
Mayor Ted Crawford, Dundee
Kat Ricker, Chehalem Park and Recreation Public Information Coordinator
Mike Ragsdale, Chehalem Park and Recreation Board President

Tuesday May 24th

Workshop Sessions: 9:00 a.m. Champoeg RV Meeting Hall

1. ATV Program Review

Kyleen Stone, Recreation and Community Programs

Wayne Rawlins, Grants Program Manager

Ron Price, ATV Grants Program Coordinator

Ms. Stone, Mr. Rawlins and Mr. Price collectively reported on the ATV Program to the Commission. They gave a brief history and background of the ATV program and key milestones of the program. The discussion also included primary constituents and programs, the Committees involved in the ATV program, and program staffing and budget.

2. Champoeg Visitors Survey

Terry Bergerson, Planner

Randy Rosenberger, OSU Professor

Mr. Bergerson and Mr. Rosenberger presented the Commission with a summary of the Oregon State Park User Visitor Survey. They covered the project objectives and details from the 2011 Summer Surveys.

3. Park System Planning

John Potter, Assistant Director of Operations

Mr. Potter provided an update to the Commission on Park System Planning. He provided the Commission with an updated project timeline and draft outline.

Wednesday May 25th

Executive Session: 8:30 a.m.

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

Business Meeting: 10:15 a.m.

Don Clements, Chehalem Park and Recreation District Superintendent, introduced Newberg Mayor Bob Andrews, Dundee Mayor Ted Crawford, and Mike Ragsdale, Chehalem Park and Recreation Board President; the group welcomed the Commission to the area and provided a brief presentation and informational packet regarding Ash Island.

The information presented covered the Willamette River Trail, Chehalem Heritage Trails, Chehalem Paddle Launch, the Dundee Riverside District Master Plan, and the Newberg Riverfront Master Plan. They discussed the paddle launch operation, Ash Island ownership and future plans, and the trail connection between Dundee and Newberg.

1. Commission Business (Action)

- a) Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Risley moved to approve the May 2011 Commission meeting agenda. Commissioner Musser seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

- 2. Public Comment:** *This is the time for the public to address matters **not** included in the agenda. Speaking time is limited to 3 minutes. Although written testimony is not required, it is suggested that 12 copies be provided to the Commission Assistant prior to the meeting.*

Public comment was received on item 7a at the time the item was presented.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes (Action)

- a) March 2011

Commissioner Rudi moved to approve the March 2011 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Graves seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

4. Director's Update

Director Wood stated that at the January meeting there was conversation about strategic planning efforts at the Oregon State Parks Trust (OSPT). He shared that since that time, the OSPT was able to engage a group of Harvard business school graduates that have businesses in the community. He explained that the group comes together to take on projects of community interest and provide their expertise on a volunteer basis. The OSPT applied to this group for their assistance in developing a strategic position and to clarify their direction. Director Wood said that there had been a series of meetings with the group to look at helping the OSPT develop a strategic direction and help clarify their purpose. He said that the group has completed the initial work on a foundation piece and will start interviewing a selected group of interested parties and stakeholders to test against what they believe the OSPT should be doing. Director Wood added that the group is also working on a job description and recruitment plan for an Executive Director for the OSPT; they plan to bring on an Executive Director this summer. He shared that he thinks this is a good process for everyone and believes a good product will come from it.

- a) Delegated Authority (Action)

Tim Wood, Director

Delegated Authority

Director Wood stated that at the March meeting he provided an outline of the kinds of things that staff would look to bring to the Commission for action or adoption; from that discussion he updated the document to reflect what the authorities might be that would be delegated to the director as well as some changes in levels of delegated authority consistent with what had been discussed in the past.

There was no further discussion; Director Wood asked for approval of the updated Delegated Authority.

Commissioner Graves moved to approve the Reserved Authorities and the Delegation of Authorities. Commissioner Risley seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

5. Consent Calendar (Action)

- a) Approval of Delegated Authority Report
 1. Contracts
 2. Natural Resources
 3. Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Awards
 4. Recreational Trails Program Grant Requests
 5. ATV Grant Requests
 6. Forest Management Contract
 7. Heceta Head Lighthouse Restoration
 8. Lowell Water and Sewer IGA
 9. Saddle Mountain Paving

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

6. Budget & Legislative

- a) Budget Update (Information)

Lisa Van Laanen, Assistant Director of Administration

2009-11 Biennium:

Ms. Van Laanen stated that the department is on track to meet all obligations for this biennium and expects to end the biennium with appropriate carryovers for cash flow needs and to start the next biennium. Adjustments have been made to accommodate changes in both Other and Lottery Fund revenues through out the biennium. She reported that the June forecast – released in May, was up \$88, 000 and up \$853,000 for the next biennium. The budget unit continues to monitor other fund revenues.

2011-13 Biennium:

Ms. Van Laanen said that OPRD presented the Governor's Balanced Budget to the Natural Resources Subcommittee of the Joint Ways and Means Committee on March 21-23rd. She provided a summary of the budget changes from the Governor's Budget to Legislative Fiscal Office recommendations. Ms. Van Laanen discussed the statewide adjustments to expenditures, policy packages not approved and packages modified and adjustment to the ending balance

Director Wood explained Package 499. He said that house bill 2009 sets aside \$2 million dollars of state funds towards implementing the marine reserves program. This would help fund the research and management of the three designated marine reserves. He said the Governor originally requested that OPRD put \$500,000 in lottery funds toward that program, that amount would add to the funds from ODFW, totally \$2 million. The fund request has been moved to other funds and stipulated that this would be a one time payment.

Commissioner Musser asked if Package 117 meant that we wanted to set more money in FIP. Director Wood explained that additional spending approval was requested to spend the money that we saved in this biennium. He said the reason for the carry over is that we were prudent in managing funds in the current biennium so as to not get caught short if the revenue went down. He clarified that the funds do not go back to the general fund, it is put into the ending balance.

b) Legislative Update (Information)
Director Wood

OPRD was at one time following more than 350 bills, but many did not receive hearings and are now officially dead. Overall, we are experiencing success with the bills we feel must keep moving and feeling relief because many other bills are no longer in play. We continue to work actively with legislators, committee administrators, legislative fiscal officers and counsel, and stakeholders to ensure that all decisions are approached with the best information we can provide. The governor has appointed Richard Whitman as his Natural Resource Advisor and we work through him to keep the Governor's office informed of issues as they arise.

Director Wood gave a brief update on the current status of key bills affecting OPRD. He said that staff will update the Commission on other legislation that might affect department operations and state agencies as a whole at the July meeting.

7. Real Property

Cliff Houck, Property Resource Manager

a) Thompson's Mills Acquisition-Matlock Property (Action)

Mr. Houck stated this item was an action to acquire a 59 acre site surrounding both sides of Sodom dam. He said the department has an easement that allows us to go in and remove Sodom Dam however this property has fallen into foreclosure and letters have been exchanged asserting rights over the removal of the dam. Mr. Houck said that in working with partners it was felt that acquisition of the property was best so that through the removal and monitoring process OPRD would have full, undisputed access and rights to accomplish the needed tasks.

Mr. Houck said that an appraisal of the 59 acres was completed and provided a market value of \$228, 000. He added that a phase 1 environmental assessment was also completed. He said the property has been used as a long term nursery and materials and personal property are left on the property. He said that our department Safety and Risk Manager assessed the site for cost of removal of the items. Mr. Houck shared that the purchase and sale agreement would acquire the property from the Matlock's and allow Mr. Matlock a two year period for removal of personal property from the site.

Mr. Houck stated that the request was for authority to acquire the 59 acres from Mr. Matlock with the cost not to exceed the appraised value of \$228,000.

Commissioner Graves moved to approve the purchase of the 59-acre fee ownership from John Matlock for terms negotiated within the purchase and sale agreement. Commissioner Musser seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

b) Bend Broadband Easement Request – Ogden Wayside (Information)

Mr. Houck said this is an informational item that will come back to the Commission in July for action. He said this request would directly impact the Peter Skene wayside, a park along the Crooked River Gorge. He explained that the easement would traverse part of our property

and cross a bridge currently owned by ODOT. Mr. Houck stated that the easement of 17,800 sq. ft. was given a market value of \$2,500.

c) Blue Ruin Acquisition/Partnership – McKenzie River Trust (Information) 2:55

Mr. Houck shared that OPRD and McKenzie River Trust (MRT) staff have been discussing partnerships in the management and protection of areas of mutual interest along the main stem of the Willamette River. Out of these discussions several projects and ideas have emerged that would provide for increased recreation, upland access, efficiency in management and operations, and protection of the Willamette system. A written proposal by MRT was provided to the Commission outlining a long-term project developed from OPRD and MRT's discussions. In summary, the proposal mentions grant funding to acquire three properties at Blue Ruin Island and expansion of an 80 acre parcel that OPRD currently owns. The proposal includes acquisitions that would improve access and protection of Blue Ruin Island and a possible trade of properties between OPRD and MRT which would consolidate properties at Blue Ruin Island, Green Island, and Gravel Bar Landing

Mr. Houck shared that both he and Dennis Wiley, Willamette Valley District Manager, toured Green Island with MRT staff. He stated that he wanted to express that both he and Mr. Wiley were impressed with the work being done by MRT. He said their mission and what they are accomplishing ties very closely to Oregon State Parks. Mr. Houck said that during their visit they discussed the Gravel Bar Landing. The landing, at approximately 80 acres in size, has no upland access and has a long-standing encroachment issue. Gravel Bar Landing does provide a known boat pull out and is a favorite site for wintertime water fowlers. Recreational uses of Gravel Bar Landing would need to be provided for under any management agreement or property transaction. Mr. Houck said that through their discussion MRT became interested in Blue Ruin Island, another Willamette Greenway property where there is no direct access. Mr. Houck shared that MRT has moved forward in obtaining grant funding for acquisition work at Blue Ruin Island. A tentative agreement with two property owners (Stroda and Kropt) has been made which would make use of Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) mitigation funding for acquisition. Discussions are also underway to acquire mainland access for Blue Ruin Island for seasonal maintenance and operational work.

Mr. Houck stated that OPRD staff are in support of the proposal based on the increased recreation, natural resource protection, acquisition of mainland access for the Blue Ruin Island, and management/ownership by an upland access owner of the Green Island site. OPRD park staff is hampered with limited access on a number of Willamette River sites. This proposal resolves two access problems in one solution and identifies a significant benefit to management and operational efficiencies. This will establish a significant property for OPRD with no acquisition or impacts to farmland while protecting recognized outstanding cold water refuge for salmon. It is difficult to identify any elements to this project other than benefits to OPRD. MRT brings funding, staff resources, property, and a willingness to work flexibly with OPRD to help achieve our mission and goals.

Ryan Ruggiero, McKenzie River Trust

Mr. Ruggiero read a short entry from his journal reflecting an experience he had at Blue Ruin Island. He stated that MRT is eager to be a bigger contributor and partner in conservation efforts in this critical area. He stated that MRT has made good progress in reaching out to mainstem landowners in an effort to build trust and discuss possible opportunities.

Mr. Ruggiero provided a summary of the proposal to the Commission highlighting the following:

- Project Rationale
- MRT and OPRD Discussions
- MRT's Mainstem Willamette Initiative
- Project Mechanics
- Project Funding & BPA Funding
- Management Planning Obligations
- Long Term Vision for Blue Ruin Island

Discussion

Mr. Ruggiero shared that the appraisal on the properties is almost complete. He said that they expect to receive it soon and then it will go through a review process at Bonneville Power. He added that all three properties are alike in land type; they are river bottom with sand and gravel substrate; none of the properties involved have water rights.

Director Wood asked what kind of land management is being done. Mr. Ruggiero stated that MRT has two full time stewardship staff, one that works solely at Green Island. He said that MRT has been actively converting farmland back to riparian forest. He added that MRT does not look to do that everywhere, recognizing much of the agricultural land in the valley continues to be appropriate. He said that MRT saw an opportunity to take a site that had not been manipulated so much that it could not be brought back and to take advantage of the low gradient that the river has in that location and initiate a conversion back to riparian forest. The Gravel Bar Landing site is one area of Green Island that is in better condition, having fewer stewardship needs at this time; however it would still be included in the management plan with the understanding that public access would continue.

8. Planning and Land Use

- a) Cottonwood Canyon Comprehensive Plan (Information)
MG Devereux, Cottonwood Canyon Project Manager
Mark Davison, Planning Team Leader

Mr. Devereux stated, as previous presentations and information to the Commission have indicated, staff are just getting ready to wrap up the planning process. He said this has been an exciting process as well as a challenging one because of the nature of the property and also the challenges that have been given to look at the planning process and the way this project is approached in particular. Mr. Devereux explained that they looked to integrate more of the management ideas that would be necessary to operate the park once it was opened and consider the connections between the natural and cultural resources along with operations to get an overall picture of how the park would function from its inception to a 100 year timeframe.

Mr. Devereux shared that this process has necessitated taking a broader approach in how we engage the public. He reported that the commitment to community engagement has resulted in over 30 meetings with the general public, recreation advocates, neighbors, and potential partners. He said that they have worked very closely with co-land owners and managers to make sure that the land management needs are understood, identified and reflected in the plan and so there is a good sense of the needs of the community and the challenges that may come up on the ground as we move forward.

Mr. Davison provided a summary of the plan to the Commission. He said that one of the points stressed and appreciated by all that were involved was that with a park like this it is a once in a lifetime opportunity; everyone values other parks but realize Cottonwood Canyon is special. He said that rather than go for particular mandates they asked the public what was important to them; their responses created the seven park values that have guided the project. Mr. Davison pointed out that as you look at the seven park values you realize they fit in with our centennial horizon principles and park policies and mandates. The seven park values identified are:

1. Protecting a natural rugged place
2. Accessing the natural landscape
3. Enjoying outdoor recreation
4. Honoring traditional use
5. Preserving the complete history
6. Integrating natural and historic perspectives
7. Strengthening ties to the community

Mr. Davison discussed the Opportunities Plan with the Commission. The opportunities plan details the management focus and desired recreation opportunity levels. He explained that this plan broke the park down into various opportunity areas using the ROS (Recreation Opportunity Spectrum). The ROS is the desired level of recreational opportunity; classified as semi-primitive, rural or natural. Mr. Davison said that with a place this size, it's too big to be one park; the management zones define the emphasis on whether it is recreational, a combo of recreation and natural resource or primitive.

Mr. Davison discussed restoration options and recreation opportunities and concepts outlined in the Park Overview. He also shared some schematic design concepts of the core day use area. Mr. Davison stated that the 100 year framework has a 10 to 20 year cycle. He said that the priorities reflect not just the budget and staffing, but the whole spectrum of what is feasible, including constructability, visitors, local community and potential staff levels and budget. He discussed the phasing priorities of the plan.

Next Steps

The approved park plan is a critical step toward park opening in 2013. After the plan is approved, planning staff will begin working with land use officials to secure county approval for the development concepts. This is generally a six month process depending on issues that are raised at the county level. The plan will also be adopted into State Rule. Construction of the major infrastructure can begin after county land use approval and State Rule adoption.

Agency staff will also continue to work with partners like the BLM and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to develop management practices for the park study area. OPRD is currently completing a Cooperative Management Agreement with the BLM, and is preparing a Recreation Public Purposes Act Application to address management consolidation issues. The RPPA application and proposed use of BLM property for recreation will require additional environmental review under federal rules. The scope of that work is being developed with the BLM currently.

Timeline

April 25 – May 5
May 26
July 20
Fall 2011

Public Meetings
Comment Period Closes
Final Draft Submitted for Commission Review
Land Use Process

9. Recreation and Community Programs

a) Water Trails Update (Action)

Richard Walkoski, Recreation Programs Manager
Alex Phillips, Bicycle and Water Recreation Coordinator

Mr. Walkoski and Ms. Phillips provided an update on the departments water trails program. Mr. Walkoski stated that the previous water trails update last came to the Commission in July of 2007 with a prioritized list; a revised list was provided for the Commissions approval.

Ms. Phillips stated that the biggest need is to make the guides sustainable financially. She explained that this can be done by the use of sponsorships and by selling the guide this year so that the next printing is paid for. Ms. Phillips said there is a need to spend time investing in partnership development so that land managers and the local community have an ownership in it. She said it is important to show that it is not just State Parks doing the work. OPRD is working along side them. She added that the second printing of the Sandy will have those sponsorships.

Mr. Walkoski shared that the secretary of state has convened a river users group. This group is to bring together private landowners along rivers and recreational users along those rivers to work together on issues between the two groups. Early on in that discussion they became aware of the State Parks water trail program and asked Kyleen Stone to come and talk about how the program works. He shared that both Ms. Stone and himself had been to a number of meetings with the group. Mr. Walkoski said that he expected to see a bill that would have some sort of model based on the water trail concept in a future legislative session.

Mr. Walkoski asked the Commission to approve the proposed revised priority list. The John Day River had not originally been on the approved list of water trails that OPRD would spearhead. Because we are actively planning for Cottonwood Canyon State Park development along a major segment of the John Day River, we believe that OPRD should move into the leadership role for developing the water trail there. In addition, the Nehalem River has been removed from the OPRD priority list and moved to the list of grass-roots efforts, as a group is beginning work there now. The proposed, prioritized list follows:

1. Rogue River (guide nearing completion)
2. John Day (work to begin in 2011)
3. Clackamas River
4. Grand Ronde River
5. North Umpqua River
6. Remainder to be determined including: Coquille, McKenzie, Coos, Klamath, Snake, North Santiam, Trask, Kilchis, and South Santiam.

Commissioner Rudi moved to approve the revised water trails priority list. Commissioner Risley seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

10. Heritage Programs

- a) Heritage Programs Report (Information)
Roger Roper, Assistant Director of Heritage Programs

2011-16 Historic Preservation Plan

The SHPO recently made available for public comment a draft of the updated Historic Preservation Plan for Oregon. The National Park Service requires SHPOs to complete state plans and revise them every five or six years. The Oregon Historic Preservation Plan serves two primary purposes: first, it is a guide for SHPO activities. Annual work plans for the office and for individual staff members are rooted in the Plan. Second, the plan provides a framework for coordinating the goals and activities of preservationists statewide, those individuals and organizations that are not part of the SHPO (state and federal agencies, historic property owners, non-profits, local governments, etc.). The Plan allows them to see how their specific concerns and goals fit into the big picture of preservation issues and activities statewide. The Plan spotlights overarching issues from the SHPO perspective, sets goals for itself and its preservation partners, and details a series of objectives we will work to meet over the next five years.

The draft Plan was available for public comment through April 30th. That comment period concluded the Plan's public process, which began in 2010 with a series of regional public workshops and a Heritage Assessment Needs survey which together garnered close to 700 responses.

The Plan was sent to the National Park Service in mid-May for their final review and comments. The 2011-2016 Oregon Historic Preservation Plan is expected to be approved by the National Park Service in June. The draft Plan is available online on our website, www.oregonheritage.org, in the lower right-hand corner.

Heritage Conference

Mr. Roper reported that the Heritage Conference had 200 participants with three days of great activities. He said that staff did a fabulous job and there was great local committee and community support.

11. Operations Procurements and Facility Investment Program (FIP) Projects

- a) FIP Information Update (Information)
Darin Wilson, Engineering Manager

Mr. Wilson stated that this report provided the Commission a brief summary of the 09-11 Biennium Facilities Investment Program (FIP) projects and a status of the planning for the 11-13 Biennium FIP budget and projects.

09-11 FIP Budget and Project List

The Facilities Investment Program undertakes activities to reduce the backlog of maintenance and repair and other enhancement projects and activities related to infrastructure restoration, development and new construction. It also encompasses those management systems and personnel necessary to execute the program. Funding for this program comes from many sources but primarily is funded by lottery funds. Other sources for funding projects include grants from the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) and Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), paving preservation funds from an IGA with Oregon Department of Transportation and grants from other federal and state agency programs.

The 09-11 FIP Budget totals \$20,161,825, not including other outside funding. Projects completed or that are on track to being completed by the end of the biennium include:

- \$6,745,188 for projects to reduce the original backlog list of deferred maintenance projects;
- \$1,942,540 for other maintenance projects;
- \$569,407 to match BOR grant projects at BOR parks;
- \$109,000 to match OSMB grant projects at marine facilities;
- \$524,000 for historic preservation projects at heritage sites known as Legacy projects, most of which match federal and other grants for those projects;
- \$4,215,819 on park enhancement projects including new park development projects for the Park-A-Year initiative;
- \$700,000 to match the \$1,213,910 received from ODOT for paving preservation projects;
- \$5,355,871 for statewide FIP programs, salaries and supplies and Parks and Prisons program.

11-13 FIP Budget and Project List

- The 11-13 Governor's Balanced Budget for FIP totals approximately \$18,481,375 and includes the Trail Program for the agency. That budget does not include other outside funding and will likely be modified as it moves through the legislative process. Staff are continuing to prioritize the list of projects and confirm cost estimates. We will present the updated FIP Budget, the list of projects and project budgets at the July Commission meeting. The list will include the highest priority maintenance projects, including those eligible to receive funding from other sources, and high priority enhancement projects. Included in the list will be projects that could be completed if planned projects cost less or are cancelled or postponed due to permitting or complex design issues.

Discussion

Chair Moriuchi asked what depth of discussion the commission is expecting for the future on the FIP project approvals. He said he was trying to set the stage for July's meeting. He asked if explanation on each line item was wanted.

Commissioner Graves asked if the list of backlog from Measure 66 was still on track. Mr. Potter explained that the region managers, Mr. Wilson and himself looked at the original backlog list and the new items that have built up since the creation of that list and realized that there are some things on the new list that may be of more importance than things that were on the old list. He explained that a new list was created from both, and they were looked at from an operational and investment standpoint to evaluate and prioritize each project. He proposed that an explanation of the criteria be brought to the Commission in July for discussion and approval.

Chair Moriuchi asked what level of comfort the other Commissioners needed to make a blanket approval in July. He asked if the Commission felt it needed another check point along the way.

Commissioner Musser expressed that it felt like the focus had changed. She said it was her understanding that the backlog was to be taken care of by 2014.

Mr. Potter replied that instead of carrying two lists, one identified in 1999 and the other of needs that have emerged since, they were combined into one list for review and

prioritization. He stated that a need should not necessarily be deferred if it is critical only because it was not on the original list. He explained that by merging the two lists it will enable decisions to be made based on what makes the most sense for investment overall for the park system. Mr. Potter said that an update of the backlog will be presented to the Commission in July along with prioritization of maintenance and replacement needs showing enhancement projects as well.

Commissioner Musser said she had a better understanding of why this was done and confirmed that prioritization was done based on for example the need for safety not just because it has been on the list for so long.

Commissioner Graves replied to Chair Moriuchi's original question, that he would like a annual look at what is coming up in the coming year.

Park a Year Discussion

Director Wood said that in previous discussions it was shared that there is not an obligation to continue the program; it gives the agency the opportunity to decide what we want to do, possibly highlighting iconic projects over a long timeframe.

12. Reports (Information)

a) The North Face Explore Your Parks Partnership

Mr. Walkoski gave a brief explanation of the program. He said that OPRD and Oregon State Parks Trust(???) have partnered with the North Face this summer to participate in the 2011 North Face Explore Your Parks Program. This is a program that the North Face company designed to encourage underserved families, particularly those from urban areas, to participate in activities at state parks. This program was started a year ago in the Washington D.C. area and has been expanded to nine states this year. For Oregon, the program will focus on state parks that are a day trip from Portland. It will kick off in May and run through Labor Day weekend. He shared the components of the program with the Commission:

One-Day OPRD Parking Permit. When North Face customers spend more than \$50 in a North Face store this summer, they will receive a one day parking permit valid at any OPRD fee park. The permits expire September 6, 2011.

Activity Guide. Along with the parking permit, customers will receive an activity book that gives them examples, within a day trip of Portland, for where they can use their permit, and on what activity. The parks featured in the guide are: Fort Stevens, Ecola, Stub Stewart, Champoeg, Milo McIver, Silver Falls and Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail. The guide is North Face and OPRD branded.

Interpretive Panel. Five (5) of the parks involved in the program are receiving a free interpretive panel, including design and output. Panel content is the park's choice. Parks receiving a panel are: Fort Stevens, Stub Stewart, Champoeg, Milo McIver and Silver Falls. The panels are OPRD branded and maintain an ORPD look and feel, with a small North Face logo.

Kickoff Event. A program kickoff event will be held Saturday June 4, in conjunction with State Parks Day, at Stub Stewart. The event will highlight activities related to the program.

Cash Donation. The North Face plans to donate \$10,000 to the Oregon State Parks Trust. North Face customers will also have the opportunity to make cash donations to the Trust at the point of sale.

- b) Cascara Update
- c) State Fair Update
- d) Heceta Head Update

13. Commission Planning Calendar (Information)

July 19-20 Coos Bay/Bandon

19th – field day

20th – meeting

Traveling on 18th, overnight stay 18-19th

The May 25th, 2011 meeting of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at 1:25 p.m..