



Oregon Recreation Trails Advisory Council

Minutes

Thursday, October 26th, 2017
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Riverhouse on the Deschutes
3075 N Hwy 97
Bend, OR 97703

Housekeeping

Attendance: Lauralee Svendsgaard, Chair and District 5 (Coast Representative)
Jim Thayer, District 1
Joe Kresse, District 2
Robert Spurlock, District 3
Rod Sell, District 4
Becky Wolf, District 5
Julie Chick, District 5 (Coast Representative)

OPRD Staff: David Stipe, OPRD Staff
Jodi Bellefeuille, OPRD Staff
Nicole Sprecher, OPRD Staff

Other Attendees: Bruce Ronning, Oregon Parks and Recreation Assoc.; Carolyn Miller, OSU Grad Student; Seth Miller, Executive Director of Oregon State Parks Foundation; Brandy Ebner, Executive Director, Oregon Horse Country; Kim McCarrel, NorthwestHorseTrails.com; Kent Howes, former ORTAC District 2 member

Agenda Item: Acceptance of Agenda (Action)
Presented by: Lauralee Svendsgaard

No issues with the agenda.
Robert moved to accept the agenda, Jim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
David reminded the council that the agenda acceptance does not require a vote

Agenda Item: Minutes (Action)
Presented by: Lauralee Svendsgaard

July 2017 ORTAC meeting minutes were reviewed.



Motion to approve July 2017 minutes by Robert. Seconded by Jim. Motion carried unanimously.

Local Agency / Trail Advocate Updates

Agenda Item: District 4 Update (Information)
Presented by: Rod Sell

The east portion of the Corvallis-to-Sea Trail is now open to the public. The first 15 miles is a paved bike trail, the rest of the recently opened portion is a mix of public and private property. Some sections are open for bikers, and hikers.

Agenda Item: Outdoor Conference in Corvallis (Information)
Presented by: Becky Wolf

Becky attended the summit and reported that it was great. The purpose was to bring people who were involved in outdoor recreation together. Oregon State University, OPRD and Travel Oregon were involved. There was some discussion of the position in the newly established Office of Outdoor Recreation. After the position is filled, there will be 7 western states with this legislative appointment.

Agenda Item: Recreation Trails Program (RTP) & Grants (Information)
Presented by: Jodi Bellefeuille

Jodi announced that letters of intent for the current round of RTP grants will come out in the next couple weeks. Overall, the program had 1.7 million dollars available for grants this year, with \$500,000 available for motorized projects, and \$1.2 million available for non-motorized projects. There were 45 qualified non-motorized applications totaling about \$4 million. With only \$282,000 in funding requests for motorized project, funds not used from that pool will roll over into the next year.

Agenda Item: Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Committee Update (Information)
Presented by: Jim Thayer & David Stipe

There was a wide variety of attendees for the committee, and they are looking into different sources of funding for non-motorized trail development. Priorities that have been identified are new trails in urban areas and trail maintenance on dispersed trails. The consensus was that the



SCORP Committee needs to look further into trail funding and identify more than one funding source.

Agenda Item: Scenic Bikeways Update (Information)
Presented by: Lauralee Svendsgaard for Alex Phillips

The Crooked River Canyon Scenic Bikeway has strong local support, and the designation is slated to be on the February Commission meeting agenda.

Council Business Items

Agenda Item: Nomination of new District 5 representative (Action)
Presented by: Rod Sell

There was one qualified application that submitted the necessary materials before the deadline, Del Scharffenberg. Del is a cyclist and an active trail advocate in the Portland Metro area. There was discussion about a second applicant, Alex Gilbertson, whose application was received a week after the deadline. Since Del is a qualified candidate whose application was received before the deadline, the members agreed that Alex's application would be rejected.

Joe moved to accept the application of Del Scharffenberg and advance it to the Parks Commission for appointment. The motion was seconded by Jim Thayer. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item: Election of 2018 Officers (Action)
Presented by: Robert

Robert nominated Lauralee for chair. Julie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

For vice chair, Julie nominated Robert to the position, the motion was seconded by Rod Sell and was passed unanimously.

Agenda Item: Dates and Locations for 2018 Meetings (Information)
Presented by: Lauralee



Following is the tentative schedule proposed by the council:

January 19th, 2018 – Cascade Locks/ The Gorge

April 20th, 2018 – Klamath Falls

July 20th, 2018 – Newport

October – Baker City, La Grande, or Pendleton – Baker City was preferred. Robert will continue the conversation and confirm a location for the October 2018 meeting on Basecamp.

Agenda Item: Regional Trail Designation (Information)
Presented by: Lauralee

Circumstances limited ORTAC’s ability to conduct the required 5-year reviews for the trails due under the Designated Trail Program over this past year. Lauralee would like to get reviews scheduled for at least half of the Designated Trails that are due or will be due in this next year. Rod believes that we should put off the Cape Lookout trail and other segments of the OCT, because improvements currently pending. Physical reviews of Designated Trails should involve at least two people, one being an OPRD staff person.

- Robert, Jim and David will review the 40-Mile Loop Trail
- OC&E Woodsline Trail in Klamath to take place in April
- Discussion of trail reviews turned to the OCT planning work getting underway. It was suggested that there be an ORTAC representative on the steering committee when the timing is appropriate. Lauralee suggested Julie serve in that capacity. The suggestion was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item: ORTAC Members Bylaws and Handbook (Information)
Presented by: David & Lauralee

David is working on a set of Bylaws for ORTAC; there is a copy of the current draft on Basecamp. Lauralee would like to have a working draft within the next 6 months. Joe has agreed to help in the development of the Bylaws and the Handbook.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. for lunch followed by an afternoon tour of the Tumalo State Park boardwalk (an RTP project).

Council Site Visits

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12:30 PM – 4:30 PM



A walking tour of Tumalo State Park to Riley Ranch segment of the Deschutes River Trail was completed. Bruce Ronning provided a history of the planning and establishment of the entire Deschutes River Trail. David provided the background of the segment between Tumalo and Riley Ranch, including the design and construction methodology for the boulder field boardwalk section of the trail.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.
