

OCEAN PINES RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES: March 14, 2022 Prepared by Martha Arthur

LOCATION: Ocean Pines Administration Building

PARTICIPANTS: Program Manager, Debbie Donohue; Martha Arthur; Laura Scharle {chaired meeting}; Bill Barnard; Becky Lehnerd

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Debbie Donahue provided updates:

She continues to work with Public Works and the engineering company to gather additional information regarding the status of the Bainbridge Park site. A completion date for site planning has not been determined for the projects that include an inclusive playground and expanded bike paths.

OP trail maintenance and replenishment is in process. The schedule is yet to be determined and will be coordinated with proposed improvements in the AARP community grant if it OPA is awarded the funds. .

Actions: Debbie will provide updates as work is scheduled and regarding status of the grant approval process.

Kayak storage will be complete by May 1, 2022 at the Swim and Racquet Club, along the fence. ~~Racquet Center site.~~ Grading that is needed to meet codes will be completed as part of the installation process. Racks can be rented from May 1 to April 30 for \$100. Sign up will be through Rec and Parks Department or the Administration Office. Information will be posted on the OP website.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership: Committee members are reviewing an application for one additional member and will inform the Board Liaison of status when review is complete.

Kayak Rack Installation: See managers' report. Hanging racks (18) will be installed by May. Information will be posted on OP website.

The location for additional permanent rack was discussed. There is a Kayak launch area near the White Horseboat ramp. The committee recommends cleanup of that area for use. Laura will meet with a vendor to look at the accessible launch option at Pintail Park. This is the suggested location for the accessible launch to go when funds are available and completion is feasible. There was also discussion of exploring possible sites for additional storage racks for future

consideration based on demand. These include Pintail Park, White Horse Boat Ramp and the Boston Drive launch area.

Actions:

Inclusive Park Progress: The committee reviewed and discussed information regarding site planning and components of inclusive parks. They also discussed the need to develop a preliminary proposal for submission to the board that is sufficient to initiate formal planning for the project.

The committee is identifying participants for a workgroup to implement a planning process that will include a preliminary plan for the project and possible funding sources.

Actions: The workgroup will be established, begin to planning and develop a request to the Board for support and approval. Committee members volunteered to participate on the work group including Bill, Martha, Steve, and Roy.

Bike Month: The committee will support participation in a community ride on May 21, 2022. The committee discussed feasibility of including a children's activity as part of the ride.

NEW BUSINESS

Feedback from OP Marie Committee Report:

Marine Committee supports expanded access for activities that expand access to waterways for recreation.

Bike Trail Improvement/AARP Grant: Regular maintenance will address some improvements as well as possible funding through an AARP grants that supports improvement of trails for walking and biking.

Actions: Debbie is working with Public Works Staff to complete grant planning process and is communicating with public works re maintenance projects impacted by the grant. She will continue to update committee regarding status.

Volunteer Recruitment: The OP survey provided data that a number of residents are interested in volunteering. Debbie noted she has continuing needs for volunteers.

Actions: None at this time

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15. The next meeting will be held at the Community Center on April 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm.