

JACKSON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 23, 2013

The regular meeting of the Jackson County Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee was called to order by Sue King in The Riverhouse on the Upper Rogue, 7710 Rogue River Drive, Shady Cove, at 12:00 PM.

Present were:

Sue King	Chair
Steve Gies	Member
David Gray	Member
Tom Hilton	Member
Debi Johnson	Member
Dave Wieczorek	Member

Not Present were:

Teresa Morris	Member
Rick Thomas	Member

Also Present were:

Don Skundrick	Commissioner, Jackson County
Steve Lambert	Parks Program Manager, Jackson County Parks
Debbie Hanker	Administrative Assistant, Jackson County Parks
Chad Weathers	Park Ranger
Jill Hammond	Office Assistant III, Jackson County Parks

Guests / Visitors:

Michael Golding

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Sue King asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the September 18, 2013 meeting. Corrections: Tom Hilton did not attend September meeting. A motion was made by Steve Gies and seconded by David Gray that "THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2013 MEETING BE APPROVED." Motion carried.**

**THE RIVERHOUSE & UPPER ROGUE REGIONAL PARK TOUR and MARKETING CAMPAIGN DISCUSSION**

PRAC members and guests toured the Riverhouse as well as Upper Rogue Regional Park.

Riverhouse and Upper Rogue Regional Park is just one of twelve parks Park Ranger Chad Weathers cares for. Chad manages daily upkeep as well as many maintenance issues including irrigation, mowing, landscaping, bathrooms, boat ramp usage,

vandalism, etc. Hostess takes care of inside maintenance/cleaning of Riverhouse building.

County Parks has noticed reservations and revenue dropping last couple of years.

PRAC members were asked to analyze the facility and ask relative questions; bring feedback to next meeting or send by email.

- How can we get more revenue
- Look at pricing schedule based on what is offered vs. other facilities
- There are now more venues to choose from
- How to alleviate some of the privacy issues between Riverhouse and Park boat ramp and guests
- Riverhouse and Park in flood plain. Fence requires permits etc. Perhaps plant fast growing plants such as Photinia or other shrubbery to build natural barrier
- What can be done on the shared restrooms between park and Riverhouse guests
- Have residence renter on site as host/hostess in lieu of paying rent
- Should County parks be operating it at all?
- How else could Riverhouse be used if County did not operate?

### **OREGON STATE MARINE BOARD (OSMB) SHADY COVE BOAT RAMP**

One of the biggest issues is at the boat ramp. When water levels get low, it is difficult to get rear trailer axle out into water. Also, two boats lanes turn into one due to low water which leads to added congestion. OSMB do not design boat ramps for non-motorized boater needs. Parking lot across street paid for with OSMB dollars for boat trailers.

OSMB came to JC Parks for special project 20/80 grant. (See attached diagrams)

### **MONTHLY REPORTS – PARK and PROJECT UPDATES**

- Bureau of Reclamation Bend Field Office Manager and Regional Manager from Yakima office will brief PRAC at the December 18, 2013 scheduled meeting.
- BOR stopped drawing water out of Howard Prairie Lake about two weeks ago. Currently doing some work to Greensprings Power Plant.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / TOPICS**

- Nominations and Appointments 2014 Positions
- Inter-governmental Discussion on Policies – How JCP fits in.
- Park sponsors
- Parks Comprehensive Plan

### **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:29 PM.