

JACKSON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING

January 28, ²⁰¹⁴~~2015~~

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Greene
Richard Thierolf Jr.
Tom Lavagnino

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Joel Ockunzzi
Brad Bennington

GUESTS PRESENT: Jay Harland, Brian Siothun, Frank Hoyer, Pete Young & 14 guests

STAFF PRESENT: Director Kelly Madding
Planner Michael Mattson
Office Assistant Laura Marshall

The meeting was called to order by Chair Don Greene at 9:07 a.m. The roll was called.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Tom Lavagnino and seconded by Commissioner Don Greene to approve the January 14, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was approved by a unanimous "Aye" vote. Commissioner Richard Thierolf Jr. abstained.

POTENTIAL BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing – Consideration of a Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map Amendment to adopt a Jackson County Public Park Overlay and Master Plan for Prescott Park. File No. 439-15-00007-LRP.

Commissioner Greene read summary and admonishment. Called on Staff for their presentation.

Craig Anderson, JC Planner spoke about conditions of approval that were received by ODFW and the Roads Dept. and letters of support for the application which will be entered into the record. He gave a brief review of the application and the following topics were discussed:

- Location map
- Zoning Map
- Some of the proposed uses such as extensive trail building, activities, archery and fenced dog park
- Applicable criteria
 - LDO Chapter 3.7.4 Designation of a Jackson County Public Park Overlay
 - JC Transportation System Plan Policy 4.3.1-B
- ODFW Recommended Conditions of Approval – Craig reviewed the nine proposed conditions.
- JC Roads Department Recommended Condition of Approval

Commissioner Thierolf Jr. asked about this being an interim plan until property is brought into city limits. Staff addressed and said that further information could be given by the applicant.

Commissioner Lavagnino asked about a layout of the trails. Craig will let the City of Medford address.

Commissioner Greene asked if there are any further questions from the commissioners. No further questions. Commissioner Greene opened the public hearing.

Brian Siothun, 701 N. Columbus, Medford, OR. City of Medford Parks Director,
Applicant – gave a power point presentation and discussed the following topics:

- 2008 Master Plan Development
- Conceptual Trail Plan Development
- Trail Plan Highlights
- Leisure Services Plan
- City Strategic Plan

Answered questions from the Commissioners regarding access to the park, trails, historic structures, motorized vehicles, road for people to drive up to trail heads and resources to maintain the park

Pete Young, Park Planner, 701 N Columbus addressed the historic structures and preserving signage and water reservoir tank. Answered questions from the commissioners regarding motorized vehicles and sensitive areas such as springs.

Jay Harland, CSA Planning 4497 Brownridge Terr, Ste. 101 discussed the aggregate land north of the park, ODFW recommended conditions of approval, Roads recommended condition of approval and maintenance. Answered questions from the commissioners regarding public hearings for the plan.

Frank Hoeper, 1780 Willow Glen Way, Medford, Parks Commission member, avid biker/hiker. Supports application, talked about how good it will be for the county and public, parking, restrooms, camp host and mix use trails. Answered questions from the Commissioners about access and camp host.

Brian Siothun, 701 N. Columbus, Medford, OR. City of Medford Parks Director addressed Commissioner Lavagnino's question about the electronic site ownership.

Julian Cordle, 4825 Bordeaux Ave, Medford lives south of trailhead, likes the plan, member of the parks & recreation commission and subcommittee for the park. Supports application.

Curt Burrill 2069 Blackhawk Dr., Medford feels park will be both economically & socially beneficial to the City and supports application.

Don Prescott, 6009 Dark Hollow Rd, Medford supports application.

Michael Bronze, 2594 Howard Ave., Medford founder & member of Rogue Valley Mountain Bike Association (RVMBA) has worked with the city of the plan, read a prepared statement. Feels park will be financially beneficial to the area and supports the application.

Clifford Josey, 2276 Sunburst Ct. #1, Medford supports the application, closer for him and family. Answered questions from Commissioners.

Lewis Hollingsworth, 37773 Old Military Rd., President of RVMBA, supports the application.

David Preszler, 3424 Calle Vista Dr., Medford Chairman for Southern Oregon Sports Commission, formed by Travel Medford and other entities to promote sport tourism. Talked economic benefits and supports the application. Answered questions.

David Wright, 4036 Fieldbrook Ave., Medford member of SOSOC, supports application, uses the park for running and gives another option for hikers/bikers/walkers.

Angela Wood, Central Point part of Travel Medford and SOSOC – focuses on sports tourism, supports the application.

Jacob Hammond, 1441 Highcrest Dr., Medford lives close to the park, supports application and hopes he can take his sister who is in a wheelchair there.

Will Scharen, 611 W. 4th St., Medford supports the application, member of RVMBA, will be good for local bike shops.