



Keizer RIVERR
(Regional Intergovernmental Visions Enhancing River Resources)
Task Force Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 29, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.
Keizer City Hall ~ Conference Room B

1. Call to Order:

Chair Richard Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

2. Roll Call:

The following were present:

Present:

Richard Walsh, Chair
Christine Dieker, Keizer Chamber of Commerce
Bill Riesland, Parks Advisory Board
Red Vanis, Bikeways
Janet Carlson, Marion County Commissioner (6 pm)
Ron Campbell, Oregon State Parks
Tanya Beard, Marion County Public Works
David Loudon, Citizen-at-large

Also Present:

Dan Miller, National Parks Service
Roger Wedner
John Blake
Steve Cooper (Sheriff's Office)

Absent:

Mark Brown, Willamette River Navigator
Hersch Sangster, Bikeways
Dan Clem, City of Salem
Rich Ford, Parks Advisory Board
Mike Kirby, Citizen-at-large

Staff:

Nate Brown, Community Development Director
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder
Cheryl Vafakos, Associate Planner

- 3. Approval of Minutes ~ Christine Dieker moved to approve the May 10, 2005, Park/RIVERR Joint Session Minutes. Richard Walsh seconded. The motion passed unanimously by the all members who attended:** (Christine Dieker, Red Vanis and Richard Walsh).

Tanya Beard moved to approve the May 18, 2005 Regular Session Minutes. Christine Dieker seconded. The motion passed unanimously by all members present: (Walsh, Dieker, Riesland, Vanis, Campbell, Beard and Loudon).

- 4. Appearance of Interested Citizens ~ Roger Wedner volunteered to help promote the park. Distributing pictures of a pontoon boat with half a cabin, he voiced the opinion that**

these would be desirable for the Willamette River and requested that pontoon boat moorage be included in the amenities of the park.

Steve Cooper from Joe Kast's office (Marion County Sheriff) reported that approval has been granted for use of reserve officers as temporary hires for patrolling the parks, including Spong's Landing. Janet Carlson confirmed this and noted that members of the Sheriff's office would try to attend the RIVERR Task Force meetings and park planning meetings in order to respond to questions and to be kept abreast of concerns.

5. Old Business/New Business

June 4th Governor's Water Trail/Keizer Rapids Event Report ~ Christine Dieker reported that the event went well and was covered well by the press. Chair Walsh reported that the Boy Scouts went to the site the night before to clean it up and spend the night and during the night vandals trashed the site, however, the Scouts got everything back to normal before the governor arrived.

Grant Update ~ Nate Brown reported that the Marine Board had voted unanimously to approve the \$300,000 Land Acquisition Grant with the stipulation that a boat ramp be allowed somewhere in the park. It is anticipated that application would be made for Marine Board grants covering the costs of construction, operation and maintenance of the ramp. Discussion followed regarding the ramp, road and parking facilities.

Mr. Brown reported that the Land and Water Conservation grant (\$250,000) has been approved but unresolved issues and procedures must be dealt with prior to receipt of the funds. He noted that this project was the number one recommendation of the Citizens Advisory Board for the Oregon Parks and Recreation.

Chair Walsh reviewed awarded funds to date:

• City of Keizer:	\$300,000
• Marion County (sale of Detroit property)	\$430,000
• Marion County (Title 3)	\$150,000
• Oregon Parks & Recreation/Land & Water Conservation	\$250,000
• Marine Board	\$300,000
• <i>Totaling:</i>	\$1,430,000
• Plus Oregon State Parks Local Government Grant	\$500,000
• Final Total	<u>\$1,930,000</u>

Chair Walsh also cautioned that the details, conditions and fine print of all the grants still had to be worked out and agreed upon by all parties and that a lot of work still needed to be done before any of the awarded money could actually be disbursed to Keizer.

The OWEB grant has been deferred until the fall. There has been hesitancy to award the grant because the land we wanted OWEB to pay for was close to recreational activities in the park and because of an easement on record to the Corps of Engineers. There was also hesitancy of some RIVERR members to recommend acceptance of any OWEB

grant, if awarded, due to the possibility of excessive restrictions on the use of the land in the park beyond the area anticipated to be purchased by the grant.

Dan Miller noted that a sheet should be developed showing where funds are coming from and the stipulations that are connected to the funds. Discussion followed at length regarding criteria and restrictions of grants, easements, public outreach, financing, access to the park, and design of the park.

Iris Festival Report ~ Christine Dieker reported that the Paddle Parade did not take place but the excursion had about 30-40 participants and was very successful with no negative feedback. The Iris festival information booth received 280 returned questionnaires and 114 said they were interested in knowing about the park or would like to be involved in the open houses. She reviewed other results of the questionnaire.

Questionnaire Report ~ Cheryl Vafakos reported that 10,000 questionnaires have been sent out and results are beginning to come in. Activities listed in order of priority were Day Use, Hiking, Nature Trails, Paved Trails and Cycling. Janet Carlson asked members to review the "survey monkey" e-mail she had sent out and offer feedback so that it could be completed. Christine Dieker added that more surveys will be distributed during the Marion County Fair and at a Volcano game in August.

Code Enforcement/Abandoned Vehicles Complaint ~ Chair Walsh noted that a Marion County Code Enforcement officer had reported that it appeared that Mr. Alvarez was in violation of County rules for parking his junk cars in sight of the public right of way and was willing to cite Mr. Alvarez for code violation but a complaint is necessary to begin the process. Discussion took place regarding if it would be wise to pursue this at the present time. Members agreed to postpone taking any action at the present time. Additional discussion took place regarding Mr. Alvarez' claims to gate access and legal access into the road. Ron Campbell volunteered to check with park staff to confirm Mr. Alvarez' claims. Nate Brown added that he and Cheryl will check on the true status of the access.

Other Business ~ A sign-up sheet was circulated for volunteers to commit to working at the County Fair Keizer booth.

6. Adjourn ~ Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next Meeting ~ July 20, 2005