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## **AGENDA FOR STUDY SESSION**

### **ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

**June 19, 2017**

**The Grove, Otte-Peterson Room**

**1195 E. Main Street**

**5:30 p.m.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PUBLIC INPUT
- III. WILDLIFE-PROOF TRASH CAN DISCUSSION (INFORMATION)
- IV. BUDGET UPDATE (INFORMATION)
- V. FUTURE "PARK VIEWS" DISCUSSION (INFORMATION)
- VI. ACP / APPLGATE TRAIL MARKER RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY (ANNOUNCEMENT)
- VII. STAFF UPDATES
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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## PARKS COMMISSIONER STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Ashland Parks and Recreation Commissioners  
**FROM:** Michael Black, APRC Director  
**DATE:** June 14, 2017  
**SUBJECT:** June 19, APRC Study Session

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The June Study Session is scheduled for Monday, June 19, 2017, at 5:30pm at The Grove, Otte-Petersen Room. The following items are planned for discussion that evening.

### I. Wildlife-Proof Trash Can Discussion

Staff prepared a memo covering initial points on this topic. That memo is attached and we look forward to discussing this matter with the Commissioners on Monday.

### II. Budget Update

I am happy to report that the Budget Committee has approved our budget for the 2017-2019 Biennium as it was presented to them. The final step in the budget approval process will be the approval of the full budget by City Council on Tuesday, June 20, 2017.

### III. Future "Parks Views" Discussion

Chair Gardiner will be updating the Commissioners on the proposed list of articles and will lead a discussion of future article topics.

#### **IV. ACP/Applegate Trail Marker Ribbon Cutting**

Trails West, Inc., a volunteer non-profit historical organization of Emigrant Trail enthusiasts, initiated a request to place a trail marker in an Ashland park commemorating a 19<sup>th</sup> century campsite. Through surveys, Trails West identified an Applegate Trail route marker located at the current Ashland Creek Park. Over 700 markers have been placed along 2,000 miles of trail, from southern Idaho, across Nevada, into California and southern Oregon. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for Friday, June 23, at 11:30am at Ashland Creek Park. The ceremony is open to the public.

##### **More details**

Commissioners Lewis and Heller, representing the Signs, Plaques and Memorials Subcommittee, approved this project at their March 2017 meeting. Trails West is handling all costs and work associated with the project. Staff will assist with the trail marker installation on June 23.

The T-shaped signs, measuring six feet tall by 18" wide, are fabricated from 90-lb railroad rail steel and weigh approximately 200 pounds [markers are four feet tall once placed in the ground]. The Ashland Creek Park sign is Marker A-75 with GPS coordinates 42° 12.130' latitude and 122° 42.744 longitude. The engraved aluminum faceplate, attached to the top crossbar, features a quote from a pioneer diary. The sign at Ashland Creek Park will read: "Make 10 miles and camp at a considerable sized creek [Ashland Creek], the best camp we have had for several [days]. Road very good. High mountains around." By Virgil K. Pringle, October 11, 1846.

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**To:** Ashland Parks and Recreation Commissioners

**From:** Jeffrey McFarland, APRC Interim Parks Superintendent  
Susan Dyssegard, APRC Executive Assistant

**Date:** June 14, 2017

**Subject:** Wildlife-Proof Trash Can Discussion (Information)

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### BACKGROUND

Bears are regularly spotted in our parks system, especially Lithia Park and Siskiyou Mountain Park. Over the years, reported damages have been minimal. The largest concerns include garbage strewn about and fears of public safety. Staff recently contacted ODFW and learned that no bear attacks have been reported in Oregon for many years; however, park garbage in relation to bears is an ongoing concern throughout the state.

Several years ago, staff proactively dealt with the largest bear intrusion in Lithia Park: the shop garbage dumpster, over which a metal lid was placed and locked down. Since then, no further incidents have been reported with that container. Another proactive measure was the placement of updated bear signage throughout Lithia and in the APRC trails system. The signs, provided by ODFW, include an area for staff to write in the dates of bear sightings.

A recent incident with a bear in the front of Lithia Park was captured and posted on several social media sites. This led to a flurry of emails by the public about the safety of bears and humans along with proposed solutions. The Tidings interviewed and quoted Director Black who stated that staff would be working toward a solution in the form of bear-proof cans and other preventative measures.

ODFW has provided staff with two options for bear-proof cans: one less expensive / effective and the other more expensive / highly effective. Options include:

- **Bear Saver** – plastic, small grizzly poly cart - \$161 (32-gallon) – would need to be chained down and / or secured with masonry.
- **Belson Outdoors** – steel animal-proof litter receptacles - \$1,100 (70-gallon and 208 lbs) and \$1,820 (130-gallon and 413 lbs) – most effective & highly recommended.

Staff is researching the number of cans in Lithia Park and looks forward to sharing that information and further details with the commissioners on Monday evening, June 19.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Bear Saver can specs
- Belson Outdoors container specs



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