

## Corrections to Minutes

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September 7, 2022, Study Session

### III. WILDLIFE SANCTUARY EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETATION

Dials displayed [maps on screen](#) and gave a presentation which included the following points:

- At the July 6, 2022 Regular Meeting the Commission directed staff to work on maps that outline specific areas to designate as Wildlife Sanctuary areas. Dials recommended not using the term wildlife sanctuary, because that kind of designation often comes with special protections and long term planning that is species specific and this is an educational endeavor. Wildlife habitat zone is being used on the draft maps and is subject to change
- New signs for the areas would be installed with the idea of educating users as to why certain rules are in place and how certain activities can have a negative impact on wildlife
- Draft maps of Riverwalk, North Mountain Park and Ashland Pond were displayed and potential sign locations were discussed
  - Landt suggested ~~designating giving the Rocky Top~~ as a distinct, separate park since it is generally understood that North Mountain Park is dog free and yet we allow dogs in Rocky Top area in North Mountain Park another name because dogs are allowed in this section of the park, but nowhere else which is confusing to users
- Dials stated additional areas for review include Lithia Park and Siskiyou Mountain Park

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September 14, 2022, Regular Business Meeting

#### **VII.d. Commissioner Position on Ballot Measures (*Food and Beverage Allocation / City Charter Amendment pertaining to APCR employees reporting to the City Manager*) (Action)**

Black stated the Commissioners asked staff to provide information on two City of Ashland ballot measures for deliberation and action. A summary of the measures was displayed onscreen (see below).

Ballot Measures from City Council

- CAPTION: Proposed amendments to Ashland's Food and Beverage Tax Ordinance
  - Question: Shall the ordinance be amended to dedicate a portion of revenues to general government services and extend the sunset date?
- CAPTION: Amend Ashland City Charter Article VII-A
  - Shall Ashland amend its city charter to delegate all authority to appoint, supervise, and remove employees to the City Manager?
- Landt prepared a proposed resolution with background information that was ~~displayed onscreen (see below) and read aloud by Landt (Note: the version that was displayed onscreen is slightly different than what was read)~~

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## Resolution of APRC Commissioners

14 Sept 2022

Whereas, the Ashland Parks Commission was established by a vote of the electorate in 1908; and,

Whereas, said Parks Commission has had control and management of over park land, resources and staffing since 1908; and,

Whereas, said Parks Commission has built and maintained a first-class Park and Recreation system for the citizens of Ashland with the help of thousands of volunteers; and,

Whereas, passage of Measure 15-210 would be a significant step in ending APRC's role in managing Parks operations; and

Whereas, passage of Measure 15-210 would lead to confusion and conflict between APRC Commissioners, City Council and the City Manager; and

Whereas, passage of Measure 15-211 would likely exacerbate APRC's already difficult budget environment; and,

Whereas, the APRC Commissioners believe they are the proper elected body to carry out the mission of preserving and improving Ashland's public lands;

Be it Resolved that the APRC opposes both Measures 15-210 and 15-211.

**Motion:** Bachman moved to approve ~~this~~the resolution. Seconded by Bell.

**Discussion:** Eldridge noted there is a typo in the year of the resolution shown on screen. There was consensus to fix the typo to state 2022 rather than 2002. Bell stated Ashland is a different place than other parts of Oregon and one of the reasons is because there is an elected parks commission, which is a structure that was set up over 100 years ago with the idea that it would protect the park system and maintain separation from other city affairs. Bachman stated that should 15-210 be approved, it would be the effective end of APRC, without the control of the organization the Commissioners would cease to be relevant.

**Vote:** The vote was all yes