

MINUTES – APPROVED
ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (APRC)
Trails Master Plan Review Subcommittee
December 14, 2021 – Noon
In-Person Meeting

Present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: APRC Commissioner Rick Landt, APRC Commissioner Leslie Eldridge, Ashland Forest Lands Commissioner Priscila Franco, Ashland Forest Lands Commissioner Luke Brandy, Jeffrey McFarland, Ashland Woodlands & Trails Association Torsten Heycke, David Chapman, Brooke Hansen, Rogue Valley Mountain Bike Association Member Casey Botts

APRC & CITY STAFF: APRC Director Michael A. Black, City of Ashland Wildfire Division Chief Chris Chambers, City of Ashland GIS Specialist Lea Richards, APRC Open Space Supervisor Jason Minica, APRC Executive Analyst Dorinda Cottle

Absent:

City of Ashland Councilor Stephen Jensen

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12 p.m.

II. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Commissioners Landt and Eldridge presented a detailed agenda – [View the detailed outline for the meeting](#)

III. PUBLIC INPUT

[Written comments](#) were received and have been posted online.

IV. WARM UP – CONSENSUS / LISTENING EXERCISES. Landt and Eldridge provided a brief introduction and made the following points:

- The subcommittee is diverse with a wide range of opinions and points of view
- It would be beneficial to determine which proposals have the most member support
- [View the list of proposed project sites](#)

BRAINSTORMING – The members will eventually come up with a goal statement for the subcommittee through brainstorming

- [Brainstorming ground rules](#) – Landt covered the brainstorming ground rules, which included:
 - Listening to others
 - No bad ideas
 - Ideas should be stated without elaborating and advocating for
 - Refrain from making comments on the ideas of others
- [Brainstorming activity](#) – Members were asked to share a word or phrase that comes to mind when considering the proposals
- [Members shared the one proposal that was the most exciting to them](#)

V. **FEASIBILITY and VALUES PRESENTATION. Criteria for decision-making**

- [Feasibility Criteria](#) – The criteria include:
 - Logistical (ease or difficulty of making changes), maintenance
 - Political (public and neighbor support / opposition), trade-offs
 - Regulatory
 - Environmental
 - Financial
- [Costs / Benefits to Community Criteria](#)
 - Safety
 - Neighborhood connectivity
 - Value to trail system
 - Economic value
- [Member proposal selections based on criteria, top three \(3\) for each member](#)
 - Following this exercise, Commissioner Eldridge shared the top three (3) aggregate proposals for the group. She noted that this does not mean that the remaining proposals are being abandoned, rather, it offers the group a starting point to start work on the most desired and feasible proposals. Members were encouraged to speak up at the meeting or email Landt and Eldridge to let them know which proposal they would like to be involved in.

Action Items:

Landt and Eldridge will form small working groups that are made up of subcommittee members with diverse viewpoints. The groups will meet on their own time, research feasibility issues and later report back to the subcommittee.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT – Meeting Adjourned at 1:08 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Dorinda Cottle
APRC Executive Analyst