



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

Item No: 40.2

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AGENDA SECTION: New & Continued Business
MEETING DATE: April 15, 2014

ISSUE STATEMENT & SUMMARY:

This agenda item is for the consideration of a continued participation in the Joint Powers Agreement for the maintenance and management of the Bear Creek Greenway. This item also consideration appointing a new representative for the City of Medford to this board.

BACKGROUND:

A. Previous Commission Action History

April 1, 2014 – Commission review of existing agreement and program was provided by John Vial, Director of Jackson County Roads and Parks.

February 15, 2011 – Commission reviewed and approved continued participation in the Joint Powers Board and agreement.

April 17, 2007 – Commission reviewed and recommend to the City Council approval of the Joint Powers Agreement and Management Plan.

B. Analysis

Information was presented at the April 1, 2014 study session regarding the benefits of the existing agreement for the maintenance and management of the Bear Creek Greenway. A summary of such benefits are as follows:

Primary Mission: “To jointly provide for the consistent financial support, management, promotion and maintenance of the greenway”

Created a mechanism and set aside funding for staffing and major maintenance

Delineated responsibility of each jurisdiction for routine maintenance

Over the past three years, the Joint Powers Board and staff from Jackson County have been able to leverage \$167,100 of funding into \$1,713,200 for improvement projects to the Bear Creek Greenway. Many of these repair items have been within the City of Medford.

The Joint Powers Agreement is in perpetuity, but must be reviewed every three years. The Commission reviewed the agreement and funding tables in 2008 and 2011. The current Commission review will satisfy our three year review of the existing agreement and continued participation in this partnership.

Jerry MacLeod has served as the representative for Medford since the inception of this agreement and formation of the board. As part of the staff review, the department is requesting consideration by the Commission to appoint Tim Stevens, Park Supervisor, as the new representative.



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Since Mr. Stevens schedules staff as well as on-going maintenance along the Bear Creek Greenway this proposed change could improve the link between maintenance requests by Jackson County. Mr. Stevens also has the expertise needed in regard to identifying major maintenance items for Medford that are coordinated by this board.

C. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

The current annual contribution by the City of Medford in the amount of \$30,981 is contained within our biennial budget. Funding for the final two years of the current three-year period will be requested in the 2015-17 biennial budget process.

D. Timing Issues

Since the agreement is in perpetuity there is no immediate timing issue with this item.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Theme: Quality Public Services

Goal 8: Provide recreational activities and opportunities to improve the lives of Medford residents

Theme: Responsive Leadership

Goal 12: Ensure financial stewardship and long-term municipal financial stability for City services, assets and facilities

COMMISSION OPTIONS:

Option A: Recommend continued participation within the Joint Powers Board and appoint a representative to such board.

Option B: Recommend to the City Council to consider terminating the City of Medford's participation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends to continue participation in the Joint Powers Agreement and to appoint Tim Stevens to the Joint Powers Board.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to recommend the City of Medford's continued participation in the Joint Powers Agreement and to appoint Tim Stevens, Park Supervisor, as the department's representative to this board.

EXHIBITS:

None