

Columbia County Parks Advisory Committee Seeks New Members

Representation from Scappoose, Clatskanie, Vernonia desired

Columbia County is looking for parks enthusiasts residing in the county to serve on its Parks Advisory Committee. Two citizens are needed to complete the roster.

"Our county has beautiful parks, and we're looking for people who have a passion for outdoor recreation to make them even better," said Cathryn Hammond, committee chair. "With parks being newly developed and a master plan to update, someone with master planning or marketing expertise would be a good fit."

Hammond stressed that to create a group that fully represents the county,

citizens from Scappoose, Clatskanie or Vernonia are needed to provide perspective on behalf of their local area. "Though anyone who wants to advocate for parks and recreation is welcome," she added.

Committee members serve four-year terms. They review, advise and make recommendations to parks staff and the Columbia County Board of Commissioners on matters related to the county's parks and marine facilities. This includes policy, operations, development, budget considerations, design and long range planning. Committee members also participate in events and assist in promoting parks facilities and activities.

Upcoming projects include updating and streamlining the current Master Plan. First written in 1993 and updated in 2004, Hammond said the plan includes parks the county no longer manages, some not in use and others that

could be used in a better manner. Further development of the Crown-Zellerbach Trail, Dibblee Beach, Prescott Beach and Hudson Park is also on the committee's agenda.

Dibblee Beach access has been expanded through a new lease from the Oregon Department of State Lands. Hammond noted that options for the 115-acre park in Rainier may include adding a host site, boat access, horse trails and fishing facilities.

The committee is also looking to improve facilities at Prescott Beach on the banks of the Columbia River in Rainier, as well as those at the historic Hudson Park, a popular park also in Rainier.

Currently the Parks Advisory Committee meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 4:00 pm. Meetings are open to the public. Hammond urged those interested in serving to attend the April 12 meeting, which will take place

at the Columbia County Road Department, 1054 Oregon St. in St. Helens.

The deadline to submit applications for the Park Advisory Committee is March 31. Appointment to the committee is subject to confirmation by the Columbia County Board of Commissioners.

A Volunteer Application Form can be found online or at the County Courthouse, 230 Strand St. in St. Helens. For more information, email Jan Greenhalgh at jan.greenhalgh@co.columbia.or.us or call her at (503) 397-4322.

About Columbia County: Columbia County, named for the Columbia River, covers 688 square miles. With a population of nearly 50,000, the county enjoys a strong economy and a healthy environment. Nearly 62 miles of the Columbia River, which form its eastern and northern borders, offer a multitude of economic and recreational opportunities.

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