



A New Master Plan for South Beach State Park

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Meetings Held on the Master Planning Process for South Beach State Park

As advertised in our last newsletter, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) held two meetings on March 7th, one with the steering committee and the other with the general public, to discuss issues related to planning for the future of South Beach State Park. These meetings were the first step in resuming the master planning process that was started several years ago. The purpose of these meetings was to ask for input on issues or other information that should be considered in updating the draft master plan for the park. Notice of the meetings was mailed directly to the more than 200 persons on our mailing list, and was published in the Newport News Times.

Written Comment Opportunity

Whether or not you were able to attend the meetings on March 7th, you still have the opportunity to submit comments in this phase of the planning process, before the draft plan is distributed for review. We will be accepting written comments until April 6th.

What happens next?

Based on the input gathered at the meetings and from written comments, OPRD staff will make any changes to the draft plan that are needed and redistribute the new draft for public comments. We anticipate having the draft ready for review as early as mid-May. Shortly after the updated draft is released, a second round of public and steering committee meetings will be held to introduce the new draft and accept comments. You will receive notice of these meetings. Another month-long written comment period will follow the second round of meetings. OPRD will then present the draft plan to the State Parks and Recreation Commission for their comments. All of these steps will occur before we begin a more formal public process that leads to the eventual adoption of the master plan by OPRD and approval by the City of Newport. This formal process will involve public hearings and additional opportunities to provide comments.

Please direct comments to: Ron Campbell, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, 1115 Commercial Street NE, Suite 1, Salem, Oregon 97301-1002, (503) 378-4168 ext. 326, or by email at ron.campbell@state.or.us