



Meeting: Conservation &  
Recreation Advisory Committee  
Meeting – Virtual Attendance  
Time: August 30, 2021 3:00 PM  
Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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2           *Committee minutes are considered draft until approved by the Advisory Committee.*  
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4 Those attending part all or part of the meeting included:  
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6 Advisory Committee Members

7 Dr. Karl Wenner (Chair, Klamath Mountains)	12 Mark Stern (at-large)
8 Mauricio Valadrian (Vice-Chair, at-large)	13 Kelly Timchak (Nearshore and Coast Range)
9 Tim Davis (Northern Basin & Range)	14 Commissioner Mark Labhart
10 Jane Hartline (Willamette Valley)	15 Cailin O'Brien Feeney, Office of Outdoor
11 Maret Pajutee (East and West Cascades)	16 Recreation

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18 ODFW Staff

19 Davia Palmeri, Conservation Policy Coordinator  
20 Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant  
21 Bob Swingle, Web Developer  
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23 2 Members of the Public

24 Mike Totey, Oregon Hunters Association  
25 Renee Myers, Forest Park Conservancy  
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27 **MEETING**

28 **Welcome**

29 On Monday, August 30, 2021 at 3:20 p.m., Chair Karl Wenner, called the Oregon Conservation and  
30 Recreation Advisory Committee (the Committee) meeting to order. This meeting was held online only  
31 via the Zoom platform. The Committee viewed a new video celebrating the Oregon Conservation &  
32 Recreation Fund: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZYQEFJwidIM>.  
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34 **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes**

35 Objective: Review and approve minutes from July 15 meeting.  
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37 *The Committee decided to hold-over the Minutes to the next meeting.*  
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39 **Discuss Proposal for Green Jobs Training and Internship Program**

40 Objective: Decide if the Committee will recommend expenditure from the OCRF to match private  
41 donations made for this project.  
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43 *ODFW staff summarized the proposal for the Green Jobs Training and Internship Program and clarified  
44 the details of the financial ask.*  
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46 *The applicant and Advisory Committee will seek \$250,000 from private contributions for the project. The  
47 OCRF would provide a 30% match (up to \$75,000) from the OCRF's general funds for each private dollar  
48 raised. Meyer Memorial Trust, a foundation with interest in supporting the OCRF and this project, has  
49 already committed \$100,000 which will be matched with \$30,000 general fund dollars, if the motion is  
50 approved.*

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2 *With the acceptance of this project and successful procurement of restricted donations to the full funding*  
3 *level, the OCRF will be 25% of the way to the \$1 million fundraising goal for this biennium. Additionally,*  
4 *through success of this joint fundraising effort, \$175,000 in general fund will be made available for other*  
5 *OCRF supported projects.*

6 *The “Green Jobs Training and Internship Program” is a partnership between Forest Park Conservancy,*  
7 *Columbia Land Trust, Ecotrust, Portland Water Bureau, Environmental Science Associates, and West*  
8 *Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. The project applicant is Forest Park Conservancy. This*  
9 *request would support two years for a program that manages a 12-month paid internship that provides*  
10 *relevant hands-on professional experience and training for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color)*  
11 *young adults to gain the necessary skills to exponentially increase their chances to obtain a full-time*  
12 *position in the conservation or environmental field.*

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14 *Specifically, the Internship allows the participants to gain hands-on experience in field work, learn about*  
15 *monitoring and management strategies and, shadow experienced professionals, all while earning a*  
16 *salary, developing a professional network, and contributing to habitat conservation in the greater*  
17 *Portland area.*

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19 *Through research and experience the applicants have found that there are a variety of six-week to three-*  
20 *month programs seeking to provide opportunities in environmental careers for BIPOC youth. These*  
21 *programs graduate large numbers of interns, but the success rate of graduates finding jobs afterward is*  
22 *low. Although these programs are wonderful for introducing interns to the kinds of jobs out there in this*  
23 *field, they simply can’t gain enough professional experience in that short period of time. The Green Jobs*  
24 *Training and Internship project seeks to give interns enough experience up to become highly employable*  
25 *in this field. Interns for the Green Jobs Internship are recruited from an existing introductory workforce*  
26 *development program run by the Blueprint Foundation, Wisdom of the Elders and Ecotrust called the*  
27 *Green Workforce Academy.*

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29 *This program seeks to focus on success, not the numbers, and provide the personal and professional skills*  
30 *interns need to find employment following the program and also foster a sense of passion and*  
31 *stewardship for our amazing outdoor spaces. As part of this program, interns will develop an Individual*  
32 *Development Plan that gives them ownership over the kinds of training and skills they feel they need to*  
33 *learn along with staff guidance. Interns will have opportunities to experience the type of conservation*  
34 *work done by each of the partners. Five interns will be supported during each of the two years.*

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36 *The internship is an outgrowth of the long term collaboration of these partners on the Greater Forest*  
37 *Park Conservation Initiative (GFPCI). The interns employed in this program will spend their time working*  
38 *on the conservation initiatives of the GFPCI, which includes goals of restoring an additional 3,600 acres*  
39 *of native habitat, remove invasive ivy from 27,000 trees, plant over 19,000 native trees and shrubs in the*  
40 *next five years.*

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42 *Vice Chair Mauricio Valadrian moved to recommend expenditure from the Oregon Conservation and*  
43 *Recreation Fund of up to \$325,000 for the project “Green Jobs Training and Internship Program”*  
44 *including \$130,000 immediately and \$195,000 contingent upon the receipt of future restricted donations*  
45 *of \$150,000. Committee Member Mark Stern seconded the motion and the motion carried with seven (7)*  
46 *in favor.*

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48 *The Committee members discussed the need to consider how to deploy this restricted gift tool in fair and*  
49 *effective ways in the future. The Committee also discussed the need to ensure strong connection*  
50 *between future projects and the Oregon Conservation Strategy.*

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53 **Agenda Development for October 6 Meeting**

54 Objective: Committee Members shared topic suggestions for the October meeting.

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56 **Committee Structure and Function**

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  - Committee member appointments beyond January 2022
  - Adding OCRF support staff for the program

- 1           • Consider the range of other state agency grant programs  
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3 Fundraising Campaign  
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5 Monitoring & Grantee Reporting  
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7 Expenditures

- 8           • Review of Oregon Conservation Strategy and recommendations of the Outdoor Recreation Task  
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10          • Identifying & recruiting larger scale projects and/or identifying specific areas of emphasis with  
11          pools of funding set aside  
12          • ODFW project concepts  
13          • Complementarity with other state programs, including ODFW's Access & Habitat and  
14          Restoration & Enhancement programs  
15          • Updates to Expenditure Framework  
16          • Guidelines for restricted gift proposals for the match opportunity.  
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19 **Public Comments**

20 The Committee heard comments from these members of the public:

- 21         - Mike Totey  
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23 Chair Karl Wenner adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.