

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners (BCC)  
**FROM:** Dan Johnson, DTD Director  
**RE:** Carver Park Boat Launch Renaming Request  
**DATE:** December 9, 2025

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**REQUEST:** Board consideration of a request from a member of the public to rename the Carver Park boat launch.

**BACKGROUND:** In late 2023, the Board was approached by local community member Bill Monroe with a request for Clackamas County to rename the boat launch at Carver Park to the *Bob Toman* Boat Launch in honor of Pacific Northwest fishing guide Bob Toman, who passed away in December 2019.

Clackamas County Parks manages/operates the Carver Park/Carver Boat Launch, under an agreement with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). The park, which is on the Clackamas River just off Springwater Road in Carver, is best known for its boat launch and as a convenient location to end a downriver float from Barton Park or another upriver location.

After receiving the request from Mr. Monroe, Clackamas County contacted ODFW. ODFW deferred the naming conversation back to the County.

The current Clackamas County Facility Naming Policy, which was approved in 2007, states that the County should provide opportunities for public input related to the *naming* of facilities, but it does not address the issue of *renaming* facilities.

Staff brought the renaming request to the Board in January 2024. At that time, the Board directed staff to gather feedback from the Parks Advisory Board (PAB) and the Clackamas County Committee for Community Involvement (CCI) about the County's naming policy, specifically related to requests to rename facilities.

Those discussions led to recommendations agreed to by the PAB and CCI including the following:

- Provide one process for naming or renaming requests from County staff / elected officials and another process for requests from the public
- Set guidelines for what types of names would be considered
- Clarify the limited circumstances within which consideration would be given to renaming, considering the impacts on public knowledge of the site in question, costs to the county of name changes, etc.
- Add requirements for renaming requests from the public to be considered, including types of information to be provided, and
- Ensure that the public has a chance to comment on naming or renaming county facilities, with the understanding that the final decision will be made by the Board of County Commissioners.

The recommendations have been provided to the Finance Department as the policy owner.

The PAB recommended they not evaluate the request to rename the boat launch until the County policy was updated and could be used as the basis for consideration.

**OPTIONS:**

1. Decline the current renaming request.
2. Decline the current renaming request and direct staff to update the policy to include renaming considerations incorporating the public feedback provided by the PAB and CCI.
3. Approve the current renaming request.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff respectfully recommends Option #1: Decline the current renaming request.