



Park & Recreation Board

PARB

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Attendees: Kate McCreedy, Mart Hughes, Sherri Dow

Absent: Ray Harris, Rob Gabrish, Sonny Newson

Staff: JoAnn Herrigel, Joan Young

Visiting: Ethan Young (observing for class)
Dan Zinzer, NCPRD Director

Minutes: January minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

Dow noted that she could not have seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting since she was out of the country.

Work Plan: Herrigel said the PARB was due to meet with Council regarding their work plan for 06-07. She said she had sent the group the work plan they'd developed for 05-06. She handed out a list of accomplishments for this past year for all to review. The group agreed to review last year's work plan and this year's accomplishments and to discuss the 06-07 work plan at their April 25 meeting.

New PARB members: Dow asked what we were doing to advertise the Park Board opening. Herrigel said that the open position would go in the Pilot, the Friday memo, the City web site and would be posted all City Buildings.

IGA review: The group continued their discussion of the IGA between the City and NCPRD. Herrigel reviewed the list of Parks and facilities that are to be maintained and operated by NCPRD. The group also reviewed the maintenance levels and the descriptions of each level. Comments from the group included:

- Clarify what the Fire Admin./Historic Society facility is. If it is the former NCPRD offices – is NCPRD still maintaining it? What will happen with this building? PARB would like to have input on the sale of this property.
- Hughes suggested that there should be a new maintenance level that covered “special maintenance areas” and would include wetland areas of other sensitive environmental areas. He said that we should convey to the District that the District should support these areas.
- Dow said that the reference to wood chips from local Christmas tree farms be removed under the NCP Horse arena.
- Hughes noted that there had been a recent inquiry regarding the park restrooms being closed. With the City's passage of a law prohibiting public urination, he wondered if we should now have the restrooms open at NCP and the boat ramp all year long. The group agreed that perhaps the duration of restroom closure might be narrowed but felt that the District should use their discretion to avoid frozen pipes etc.
- Staff should look at maintenance schedules for other Park Districts.

Next steps on IGA :

- Ask City attorney to review the PARB suggestions

- Advise Council that PARB has made a list of IGA modifications and ask if Council would authorize staff to meet with the District to begin negotiations for amending the IGA.
- The group suggested Herrigel ask for volunteers from within the PARB to work with her to draft proposed language for the IGA. She said she would send out an e mail regarding this small group.
- Hughes asked that the group review the Happy Valley IGA that Herrigel e mailed to them and be ready to discuss it at the March 28 meeting. He feels that we need to make our IGA more consistent with Happy Valley's where it makes sense to do so.

City Update:

Nature in the Neighborhood: Herrigel said that two pre-applications were made to Metro for the Nature in the Neighborhoods grant program. One was for a design for Klein Point (south of Johnson Creek on the Riverfront) and the other was for enhancement of the wetland and path modifications for Spring Park. She said that the Klein Point project was approved to submit an application but the Spring Park project was not. Herrigel said she was working with the Johnson Creek Watershed Council on the Klein Point app.

T-Shirts: Herrigel handed out T-Shirts to PARB members and all those present paid her for their shirts.

Riverfront Concept Plan: March 14 and April 11 will be the design sessions for the Riverfront Board to develop a final concept for the Riverfront Park.

NCP Task Force: Herrigel has been asked to sit on the North Clackamas Park Task Force. The group endorsed Herrigel's participation on this committee.

Metro Bond Project List: Council approved the project list proposed by staff and PARB at their recent meeting. Herrigel noted, however, that there had been a great deal of discussion by Council about whether the local share funds were flexible enough.

District Update:

- The District naming policy is being amended to reflect the City's naming policy.
- Zinzer said that efforts to expand OIT and modify the Aquatic Park and work on the Master Plan for the 3 creek area will involve public input. A group is meeting to coordinate that input and outreach.
- An RFQ is being advertised on March 8th for proposals for an athletic facility at the Aquatics Park.
- Draft plans are complete for NCP and an RFP will be released soon. District hopes to begin building this summer. The parking lot will be done by September.