



Park & Recreation Board

PARB

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Attendees: Kate MacCready, Sherri Dow, Ray Harris, Sonny Newson, Mart Hughes

Absent: Rob Gabrish,

Staff: JoAnn Herrigel, Joan Young

Minutes: March minutes 4-0-1 (Hughes abstained due to absence).

Change of meeting time: Herrigel asked the group if they would be willing to meet on the same day each month but to switch the meeting time to 7:30 in the morning. They agreed. Dow motioned that the meetings be held the fourth Tuesday of the month from 7:30 am to 9 am. Harris seconded and motion passed 5-0. Herrigel said she would bring coffee.

2006-07 Work Plan: Herrigel went over a proposed work plan for the group for the next year. It was suggested that the work with the District on the intergovernmental agreement be moved up in the list to underscore its importance. Otherwise the group thought it looked fine. Dow suggested that it be forwarded to Council and Hughes agreed to speak for the PARB at the May 2 Work session.

Geo-caching in public parks: Herrigel said Hughes had asked her to look into how other jurisdictions dealt with geo-caching in their parks. Herrigel went through some information that Less Hall had compiled for the group. Hall had contacted Portland, Tualatin Park and Rec, Clackamas County and West Linn. Discussion highlights:

- Tualatin gets a list of caches regularly. Question: how are sites shown?
- Hughes: Mark Warrington of PDX has language that he plans to take to City Council. Should Milwaukie have similar language in our code?
- Dow: Maybe we say geocaching is allowed but only according to the rules
- Newson: Is there a (geocaching) web site we could put information on?
- Hughes: Our message should be: follow the rules, do it but do it right.
- Dow: prefer the informal approach to code language.

Mowing at North Clackamas Park : Herrigel said that she and Hughes had discussed a recent incident at North Clackamas Park in which mowing had been done very close to wetlands. Eric Shawn had called it to the attention of the City and the district. Herrigel said that she and Mike McLees had met with the Planning Director and the engineering staff to discuss mowing near wetlands. A letter from the Planning Director would be sent to Melees and copied to others very shortly. She noted that a 15 foot buffer was requested by the City around the wetland areas – for mowing, not a 50 foot one. Herrigel summarized that when questions are asked about how code applies to specific activities, the City will respond to the inquiry with code interpretation.

Hughes said that the intent is really to try to change maintenance regimes near sensitive areas (like those at NCP).

Young said that the mowing doesn't seem any different than it has been historically. She noted that they do go fast, though.

Newson: Can we convey that we see an improvement when we do?

Hughes: The District needs to buy into this. We have a desire in the community for stewardship in this area.

Dow: What training do mowers have in environmental sensitivity?

Hughes: Should we do a letter regarding taking on the master plan? Need to establish what we want to see happen. Seems that the master plan is the next step.

City Project Update

17th Avenue – Trans Enhancement app: The City submitted a grant application for \$1 million in Transportation Enhancement funds to build a sidewalk on the west side of 17th Avenue and to establish formal bike lanes on both sides.

Stewardship Committee: Herrigel is representing the City on the Stewardship committee for North Clackamas Park. She attended one meeting at which the group discussed their focus and their method of operation.

Homewood upgrade (Garrett side): Herrigel noted that plants had recently been installed on the west side of Homewood park and the turf had been re-installed.

Next steps on IGA: Herrigel said she hadn't convened the subgroup to discuss the IGA since the last meeting. Dow suggested that since the IGA was on the work plan, that the group wait until after the Work Session with Council to work on this further.

District Updates:

- Stringfield Property – 5 acre parcel off Naef Rd along the Trolley Trail. Had an open hearing last night regarding watershed restoration on the site. 20 people attended.
- Dan met with County Administrator re: budget and should have an answer soon
- May 3 is the NCP ball field bid opening
- May 16 is the Happy Valley election
- Kellogg Creek road construction tentatively set for May 11, 12, and 13. 11 and 12 – 20 minute delays. 13th – up to 1 hour delays

Newson suggested that we do a Parks video.....?

MacCready reported that the art project at NCP is expected within a few months. Interviews were expected soon.

Dow motioned to adjourn, MacCready seconded and motion passed 5-0.