



Park & Recreation Board

PARB

October 24, 2006

7:30 am to 9 am

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Attendees: Kate MacCready, Sherri Dow, Ray Harris, Mart Hughes, Bob Cooper
Sonny Newson
Staff: JoAnn Herrigel, Joan Young
Guests: Kathy Buss (honorary member)

Minutes

A spelling error was pointed out and MacCready noted that the description of the sculpture at North Clackamas Park was incorrect. With these changes Harris motioned to approve the minutes. Dow seconded and the motion passed (5-0.)

City Update

- Herrigel reminded the group of the upcoming MTIP listening posts
- She shared other pertinent info – but apparently didn't write that down anywhere....

District Updates:

- Monday a.m. soccer fields at Lot Whitcomb and View Acres will be dedicated. The fields will not be open until March 2007.
- The Stringfield site master plan will go to the DAB in draft form in November
- Trolley Trail meeting was well attended (150-200 people). Only about 6 people in attendance were opposed to the project.
- Program Guide (Healthy Living) received a national award for marketing
- NCP construction is on schedule and doing fine

District IGA Review

Herrigel went over the list of parks that the City owns and currently operates and said she felt these should all be proposed for District operation as part of the IGA negotiation. The group concurred.

Herrigel then drew the group's attention to the maintenance standard section. She said she had been unable to identify a good source for park standards even though she'd been told that there was a set of National Parks Standards – she'd been unable to reach anyone at the organization she was referred to via e mail or phone.

The group discussed modifying the scheme for park maintenance categories. Currently all parks on the IGA list fall into either low, medium or high park maintenance standards and each of these levels is described in the IGA. The group suggested that we change this system so that park elements are listed and standards are set for each element. For example:

Park Element

Shrubs

Playground equipment

Maintenance Tasks

Prune annually, fertilize when necessary,

Keep graffiti free, repair structures when necessary, replace bark chips annually or when necessary

Elements listed by the group included:

Shrubs

Play ground equipment

Sidewalks

Fences

Sport fields

Natural areas

Annual beds

Tree safety (replacement standard)

Horse arenas

Rest rooms

Fountains

The group said they felt that the restroom at the boat ramp should be cleaned more frequently and it should be open for a longer period of the year.

Newson said he felt that leaves should be removed rather than simply blown into streets.

Herrigel asked what the group wanted to do about Natural Areas. In general, the group felt that the District should be asked to maintain these areas and to either contract with or hire someone with expertise in this area. Standards the group developed for natural areas included:

- Keep free of invasive weeds (blackberry clematis, knotweed, and any other non-native species)
- No mowing in buffer areas
- Keep free of debris (car bodies, litter etc)
- Protect from deleterious use by dogs, transients etc (using barriers or plants)
- Delineate areas (?)
- Revegetate areas when invasives are removed
- Use Integrated Pest Management techniques in natural areas (non-chemical wherever appropriate)
- Leave fallen or dead trees in place wherever safe and practical for use as habitat

Sites the group listed as having natural areas included Homewood, Riverfront, Spring, Furnberg, and Kronberg

Other

Dow reported on the Sunnybrook extension project. She said there had been an advisory meeting the previous evening. She noted that the oak tree would remain, the punch through would begin in back of Toys R Us and she wasn't sure where it would hook into Harmony. She said that either Ron Weinman or Larry Conrad would be good contacts on this project.

Harris motioned to adjourn, Dow seconded and the motion passed 6-0.