

Park & Recreation Board

PARB

Tuesday, July 24, 2007

7:30AM

City Hall – Conference Room

10722 SE Main Street

Minutes

Type of meeting:	Regular
Attendees:	Mart Hughes, Sherri Dow, Kate MacCready, Ray Harris
Absent:	Val Hubbard, Bob Cooper
Staff:	JoAnn Herrigel, Joan Young, Rose Marti, Kevin Cayson

Minutes

Harris moved to approve, and Dow seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

City Update

Herrigel reported that City Council agreed to IGA negotiations with the District.

Herrigel advised that the next South Corridor meeting will be held on July 26, and that TriMet will present the plans that are the most feasible. She said that staff would also prepare an impact report regarding a Main Street alignment. Herrigel added that City Council would examine the possibility of an additional alignment at their August 7 meeting.

Herrigel and Cayson reported on issues at Furnberg Park that include the misuse of the area at the end of the boardwalk including loitering by juveniles and camping by other individuals. Herrigel pointed out that the area in question is currently not well planted, and that cutting the overgrowth would act as a deterrent to increase visibility into the pond area. Cayson and Herrigel suggest replacing the overgrown grass with a thorny plant.

- Hughes questioned if the police have been contacted, and Herrigel said no arrests have been made and that she is currently working with the Milwaukie Police on this issue.

- Dow and MacCready agree that replanting with thorny plant material is a good option.
- Hughes asked if there is an “area closure” mechanism that can be used, and Young suggested signage. Herrigel and Cayson respond that “park rules” signs have been posted, but smaller signs may be eventually destroyed or removed.
- Hughes recommends using the fence, plant, and sign method.

District Update

Young reported that the North Clackamas Park master planning process is well on its way and that concept plans will be presented at the next meeting on Wednesday, August 22 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Young discussed the temporary no-alcohol rule that has been imposed at County parks, and said that a long-term solution will be discussed at the North Clackamas Park District Board meeting that will be held tonight.

Cayson reported that the soccer fields at Lot Witcomb and View Acres are nearly complete, and that Pfeifer Park is near completion as well. Cayson said that Century Park is now pesticide-free. Herrigel asked whether a basketball court might be considered for that site and Cayson noted that one was already in place. He said he is getting estimates for resurfacing both the tennis courts and the basketball court this year.

North Clackamas Park

Herrigel advised that the South-Side Project is now complete and operational. Now in the middle of the first season, noise is the number one complaint from the surrounding neighborhood. Herrigel said quieter leaf blowers have been purchased, and that later start times for games are being considered.

- Young added that most of the comments she has heard have been positive, however, it has been brought to her attention that a petition has been circulated in the surrounding neighborhood that addresses the excessive noise levels.
- Dow, MacCready, and Harris agree that the tournaments are held at the park for only a few weeks out of the year and that it is under good, controlled circumstances. Young added that April through August are the affected months and Harris pointed out that people buy homes surrounding the park with the knowledge there will be issues but expect changes, and likened it to those who buy homes near the airport and then complain about noise.
- Harris feels there is an obligation from the district to negotiate with the neighborhoods and Herrigel said that is the role of the Stewardship Group.

- Young advised that lighting is also an issue, and that the lights are scheduled to be turned off by 10:00pm with only one exception so far this year.
- Harris is open to realistic complaints and suggests using a negotiator.
- Hughes questioned if the Board may feel the complaints from the public are selfish, and would like to avoid a “them-against-us” attitude.
- Cayson pointed out that an effort is being made to deal with these issues through the stewardship group, and MacCready agreed with Cayson that there will always be people we cannot please.

Announcements

Harris announced that the Lewelling Neighborhood Association potluck picnic would be held Saturday, July 28, 2007 at 12:00 noon.

Harris moved to adjourn, and MacCready seconded. Motion passed 4-0.