



Park & Recreation Board

PARB

Tuesday, April 22, 2003

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Conference Room – City Hall

MINUTES

Attendees: Mart Hughes, Kathy Buss, Rob Gabrish, Sherri Dow, Kate McCready

Staff: JoAnn Herrigel

Absent: Joan Young, Ray Harris (unfortunately he was locked out...)

Meeting called to order by Chair Hughes at 7:08 PM

Open Period: No audience

Minutes:

Minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.

Update on Board Members

Herrigel introduced Kate McCready and Rob Gabrish. Kate was appointed by Council and Rob will be approved soon. Herrigel also noted that Ayla Montgomery had expressed interest in the Board.

Trolley Trail Support Letter

Herrigel asked if there were any comments on a draft letter of support for the Trolley Trail she'd sent to members via e mail. The following suggestions were made:

- Emphasize the regional nature of the trail
- Emphasize that the trail provides an alternative type of transportation
- Emphasize the importance of a safe way to travel along McLoughlin
- Clarify that preliminary engineering will be for the whole trail and construction only for three segments

Hughes said Herrigel could sign the letter for him.

Historic Walk

Herrigel reminded members that the Downtown Historic Walk would be May 18 at 1:00. She encouraged anyone interested in helping to call Joe Loomis.

Staff Updates

There was a general discussion of the Park District meetings that had taken place since the last PARB meeting. Following were some concerns expressed:

- How much of the reorganization will actually be forwarded to the County Commissioners for approval (even after all the testimony against the reorganization, no changes seem to have resulted)
- We need someone (as District Director) to look at the big picture regarding how to run the District
- Staff should meet with Charlie Ceiko (the interim Director)
- The job description for a new Director should include people skills and consensus building
- The District should switch to a ORS 206 type of organization

- The master plan still hasn't gone to the County Commissioners – but DAB passed a resolution to send it to them at their last meeting
- There was a general concern about who would make the decision on who the new Director would be. It was suggested that the DAB should be involved and that the decision making should be done within the District, if possible.

Other

It was suggested that new members of the PARB be provided with the District Master Plan, a map of parks in the City and a final District budget.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50.