



Park & Recreation Board

PARB

Tuesday, December 28, 2004

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Conference Room – City Hall

Minutes

Attendees: Sherri Dow, Rob Gabrish, Sonny Newson, Ray Harris, Kathy Buss

Absent: Mart Hughes, Kate MacCready

Staff: JoAnn Herrigel, Joan Young

Open Period: None

Minutes: Minutes from the November meetings were approved, 5-0.

Park Booklet

Herrigel and Newson reported that they had met again in December and further improved the Park book organization. They said they would be meeting again in January to further refine the information in the book.

North Clackamas Park Update

Herrigel gave the group an update on North Clackamas Park. See description in update section.

Young added that at the recent DAB meeting:

- A lighting specialist had been in attendance to answer DAB questions regarding lighting
- The DAB members had expressed interest in a higher level of study of the traffic and road conditions near the park. DAB feels road improvements need to be made in order to ensure safety of those biking and walking to the park.
- DAB feels there is a need for a soccer field (despite restricted space available at the site)
- DAB feels that an ADA accessible walk is necessary (woodchip path had been proposed)
- DAR did vote 5-2 to move the project forward and asked staff to address the concerns they raised and to figure out how to do it with the funds available.

Newson asked if the District was planning to include the items they can't afford now as "add-ons" in the plan so that they might be added later. Young said they would do that.

Newson said he thought that although this project was controversial now, we would all be happy with it when it's done. The group generally concurred that it was a good project and that it was too bad that some folks didn't feel it was beneficial.

Staff Update

- **Homewood Park:** The path at Homewood Park is completed and staff has submitted a final invoice to metro for the Local Share funds used for the park. All Local Share projects under Metro's 1995 ballot measure have been closed for the City as of this week.
- **Lewelling Community Park:** The sidewalk project is completed and the fence at the park was in the process of being replaced by the contractor

- **Spring Park:** On January 13 at 7 pm, the City will host a meeting regarding parking at Spring Park. Several locations near the park have been evaluated and the public will be asked to provide input on these options.
- **North Clackamas Park ball fields:** The DAB voted 5-2 to pursue ball field construction. The current scenario maintains the horse arena and the large oak tree located near the fields. District staff is trying to revise the proposed project to make it fit the current \$1.9 million budget. Apparently \$600,000 has been spent on this project to date. Among the expenses are design and traffic studies completed by the District for the ball field project. It is expected that an application will be submitted to the Milwaukie Planning Commission early next year for a Community Service Overlay for the project.
- **North Clackamas Park play structure:** The District recently installed a play structure at North Clackamas Park north of the access road amidst a, oak grove. After construction began, staff from the City placed a stop work order on the project due to some outstanding land use issues. Work resumed shortly afterward when appropriate plans were submitted and the project was modified slightly. The Mayor and Councilor Barnes met with Charlie Ciecko and Mike Swanson last week to review issues that have been raised regarding North Clackamas Park
- **Solstice Event:** The event was very successful and well attended. Lewelling NDA made over \$200 on their food sale. Newson commented that the cars leaving the parking lot after the boats went by put pedestrians at risk. He asked if the parking lot could be closed next year.
- **Riverfront and Oregon Solutions:** The Riverfront Board will be developing concept plans for the Riverfront Park (between the creeks) that will then be reviewed by the public. As a parallel process, Oregon Solutions will work with a stakeholder group in Milwaukie to identify groups, businesses and individuals that want to contribute in some way (funding, technical support or work parties). The first stakeholder meeting will be the first week of February.
- **Three Bridges:** Four bids were received in response to the recent RFP. The lowest bid was below the engineer's estimate. Unfortunately, the total project costs have now been found to exceed available funding. The project team is working on a solution to this problem. Milwaukie has offered to assist with distributing fliers and door hanger during construction to cut down on Portland's staff time needs.
- **Letter to Council re: funds from sale of property:** Council responded to the PARB letter stating that they would prefer that any such sale proceeds be treated as general revenue to the General Fund and that the Budget Committee would weigh all the various service demands in making funding decisions. They drew PARB's attention to the recent Library Levy failure and stated that the anticipated shortfall for the Library was \$120,000 to \$130,000. They suggested that Herrigel include a reasonable maintenance amount in her budget this fiscal year.

District Update

Young said that the aquatics Park Task force had voted at their recent meeting to request staff to pursue three specific areas:

- Sponsorships
- Partnerships
- Additional Park amenities for the Aquatics Park (WOW factor)

She said the task force would meet again in the end of January.

The volunteer coordinator position is still in the interview process.

Other

Buss asked that Herrigel keep them posted on this year's budget. Herrigel said she would either e-mail her draft request for park maintenance to the group or bring it to the next PARB meeting.

The group thanked JoAnn and Joan for all their work as staff for the PARB and the District.

Harris motioned to adjourn, Buss seconded. Motion passed 5-0