



Park & Recreation Board

PARB

November 28, 2006

7:30 am to 9 am

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Attendees: Kate MacCready, Sherri Dow, Mart Hughes, Bob Cooper Sonny Newson

Absent: Ray Harris,

Staff: JoAnn Herrigel , Joan Young

Minutes

Cooper motioned to accept the October minutes. Dow seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Local Share Process

Herrigel gave the following summary:

- On November 7, 2006 Metro area voters approved the **Natural Areas, Parks and Streams Bond Measure** by more than 59%. This bond measure will allocate \$220 million to purchase and enhance parks and open space in the region.
- \$44 million of these funds will be given to Local Governments for local projects. Milwaukie's share of these "Local Share" funds is \$657,751.
- Metro's schedule is:

April-May 2007	Bond Sales
June 30, 2007	All IGAs with local governments signed
July 1, 2007	Earliest that local share funds would be available
- Local share funds are provided to local governments on a reimbursement basis. The City does not receive one big check for \$657,751. Rather, we identify a list of projects and estimated costs for each in an IGA which Council signs with Metro. The City allocates funds in our budget to cover these projects as we complete them. Then, we collect the invoices for the funds we have spent, send them to Metro, and Metro reimburses the City of the project costs.

Proposed Process for establishing project list:

- Meet with PARB November 28
 - Go over Metro process
 - Go over proposed project list and justification from January 2006
 - Ask for input on approach
- Meet with NDA leadership at their November 29th meeting
 - Go over Metro process
 - Go over proposed project list and justification from January 2006

Propose approach and ask for input (Linwood and Lewelling have no projects)

Ask which NDAs would like staff to come to their meetings

- After visiting NDAs return to PARB with final list
- Take final list to Council in IGA form (before July 1, 2007)

PARB member comments on process:

- The group reiterated that acquisition remains their highest priority
- Maps from the 1999 park and open space identification process run by Charlene Richards should be shared with the NDAs to show connection between our list and the 1999 process
- PARB should create criteria for selection of sites
 - The group discussed this list of criteria briefly and asked that it be placed on the next agenda for further discussion. Ideas:
 - Wherever possible sites should be adjacent to existing public property to “avoid fragmentation”
 - Coordinate with NCPRD and County to maximize buying power
 - Wetland, riparian and aquatic habitat protection are high priorities
 - Neighborhood accessibility is important – meaning sites should be centrally located
 - Sidewalks are not “required” for site to be considered
 - Should consider if sites fit into the larger future green space or park system in the City and region

IGA Review

Herrigel reported that she had met with Dan Zinzer to discuss the draft changes to the IGA. She reported no major problems with that discussion. She did note that Zinzer had asked to have an independent landscaper look at and provide the City with an estimate for maintaining the parks that the City currently operates. Zinzer had said that the district would like to work with the City to cover these new parks but he would like to get a better idea of what it may cost. Herrigel said she was asking Bison, a landscape contracting with the City already, to do this estimate.

Hughes suggested that the City ask Bison to give us a high, medium and low maintenance level estimate if possible. He added that the City should be thinking about maintenance when they develop park plans so that in the long term the sites are not liabilities.

Herrigel said the next steps would be:

- Follow up on estimates for park maintenance
- Develop a more formal park maintenance scheme to propose to the District
- Run the proposed changes by Council and get authorization to meet with District staff to negotiate
- Begin negotiations

City Update

- Stewardship group continues to meet. Herrigel said she would continue to forward the group’s minutes
- Spring Park master plan and Community Service Overlay has been approved by Planning Commission and Council. Staff and NDA Chair Lisa Batey will meet with Planning staff to discuss land use implications of parking and wetland issues in early December

- Herrigel said the Riverfront design is going well. The Riverfront Board reviewed a design at their last meeting which shifted the boat ramp to the south – just north of Kellogg Creek. The park elements remain the same but they have shifted around the site a bit. Next Riverfront Board meeting is December 12 at 6 pm. An open house for the public to review the design will be held in early January.
- Kronberg and South Downtown: Herrigel said she'd meet with Council at the December 5 work session to show the concept plans for Kronberg and give them an update on other interrelated projects on-going in the southern part of downtown.

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District Updates:

- 2 final candidates are being interviewed for the Deputy Director position (under Dan Zinzer) in the Business and Economic Development Dept. 36 applied.
- An RFP for design of the north part of North Clackamas Park is expected soon
- The reconfiguring of the DAB is in the works
- Young shared with the group a history of North Clackamas Park which Joe Bernard had shared with her
- Eastside Athletic club negotiations are still on-going – but nothing new to report

Next Meeting

Dow motioned to cancel the December 26 PARB meeting and to reschedule the January meeting for January 9. Cooper seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Cooper then motioned to adjourn, MacCready seconded and the motion passed 5-0.