



Park & Recreation Board

PARB

March 27, 2007

7:30 am to 9 am

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Attendees: Kate MacCready, Sherri Dow, Ray Harris, Bob Cooper, Sonny Newson

Absent: Mart Hughes, Val Hubbard

Staff: JoAnn Herrigel, Rose Marti, Joan Young

Guests: Kevin Cayson, Dick Shook, Sally Shook

Minutes

Sherri moved to approve minutes, Ray second. Motion passed 5-0.

Capital Improvements

Kevin Cayson, maintenance supervisor for the Park District, distributed updated park map, handout of proposed list of projects, and rough budget estimate.

JoAnn – Noted that the District had told her that Century Park tennis courts needed resurfacing.

Kevin - advised that roots would appear again if resurfaced, and suggested removal and replacement, discussion on sidewalk.

JoAnn – Relayed that neighbors from Linwood have requested plant “thinning” at Furnberg Park for safety reasons.

Joan – N. Clackamas requested using tennis court this spring for free.

Sherry – Would we consider charging for use once it is fixed?

Kevin – Monies not available until July 1st but suggested getting back to him on the group’s preferences for use of capital funds.

Sherry – Inquired about ADA improvements, Kevin mentioned pad and table at one park.

Kevin – Proposed ½ basketball court or picnic pavilion for Stanley Park.

Katie – Suggested looking at parks that have no amenities first.

Joan – Questioned how much use tennis court at Century Park actually gets, should we consider something else?

Kevin – Sidewalk @ Scott Park has deteriorated and advised numbers shown on his memo were rough and do not include permits, fees, etc.

Ray – Suggested that making parks ADA compliant should be a priority.

Kevin – Commented on criteria for ADA compliance if changes were made, District is required to provide access.

Ray – Suggested gravel pathways instead of blacktop to save money.

Kevin – Pointed out that weed treatment with herbicide would be an issue at well sites.

JoAnn – Advised of items that were taken to neighborhood associations and suggested discussion with them.

Katie – Likes some of the ideas.

JoAnn – Mentioned root damage on the Furnberg Park path. (Kevin said this was on the District's list already).

Bob – Questions what will be done if the tennis courts are removed from Century Park. Wonders what would be there instead.

Kevin – Advises that it is also used for dog owners to exercise their dogs.

Joan – Suggests asking about neighborhood grants to secure additional funds.

JoAnn – comments that it is important to address safety, ADA compliance, as well as fixing what is in the parks now before considering adding new items.

Sherry – Asks what is the timeline? Kevin answers 3 months. Also asks if Beth Ragel can take this out to neighborhoods and get opinions.

Bob – Asked for clarification of “ADA” pads for picnic tables.

Kevin – Advised it allows for easier upkeep of grounds, security from theft as it offers a way to anchor it.

JoAnn - Mentioned benches at Scott and Lewelling Parks and asked what Kevin’s preference was for maintenance regarding gravel pads.

Kevin – Added that the pads made it easier to mow and general upkeep.

Sherry – Mentioned taking time to look at suggestions and then decide the priority.

Kevin – Said he would seek more money every year.

JoAnn – Suggested that Kevin keep a running list of items that need attention while he is in the field to report to the City since he is in the field more often than this group is.

Kevin – Nodded in agreement and added that he will be attending the Park Board meetings on a regular basis from here on out.

Naming of North Clackamas Stream

JoAnn – Showed map and shared a letter from Dick Shook in which he mentioned that the *creeklette* at North Clackamas Park has no official name, and, therefore, no respect. The creek has year-round flow. Names suggested were *Camas Creek* and *Park Creek*.

Dick – Suggested *Camas Creek* and Sally Shook added that she has a source for Camas seed for planting.

JoAnn – Noted that under the City’s naming process, the Board would make a recommendation to Council after having heard input from the affected NDAs.

Dick – Shared his understanding of the formal naming process through the Oregon Geographic Names Board and brought a reference book on the subject.

Sally – Noted that the camas flower was the official flower of the Park District as it was on their logo.

Dick – Feels that during the planning of the park that it would be nice to have the creek named.

Sonny – Felt that if the name were used on a regular basis, it would stick.

JoAnn – Advised that in reality, City Council could come up with a totally different name.

Sonny – Asked Dick if any other discussions have been held and Dick replied they had discussed it at the North Clackamas Stewardship Group meeting and they had supported the naming..

Katie made a motion to name *the stream at North Clackamas Park Camas Creek* and Sonny seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

JoAnn: Said, according to the naming policy, she should forward it to Lake Rd for their review. She said she would do this.

Dick said he would take the information he has gathered at this meeting to the next DAB meeting.

IGA Revisions

JoAnn – Reminded folks that she had hit a stumbling block with IGA maintenance standards and noted that, thanks to Eric Shawn, she had recently discovered two great templates for standards. She provided a matrix comparing the current standards with APPA standards and those from San Francisco. APPA has several levels. JoAnn suggested there might be a way to compare and possibly merge the two.

Sonny – Asked Kevin how many man-hours would be required to maintain the different levels.

Kevin - Answered that his department does not currently break down man-hours, but it may be possible.

Sherry – Clarified that it would be a good idea to take the City’s existing standards and add other categories.

JoAnn – An idea would be to take out unreasonable expectations, keep repair, maintenance, and safety.

Discussion was held about maintenance of well sites. Kevin added that maintenance cannot use chemicals or fertilizers near well sites and that they should be listed separately.

JoAnn – Proposed an amalgamation of plans.

Joan - Added that the DAB wants to know the status of the IGA negotiations.

JoAnn – She would like to take a draft to Council before moving ahead with negotiations with the District.

City Updates

Spring Park: Island Station neighborhood has used its own money for a park boundary survey.

Riverfront Park – Currently David Evans is working on design but City has asked that DEA now shift into permit application mode. Funding has been placed in the 07-08 budget to extend this work into next fiscal year.

Local Share: Staff has met with both Lake Road and Ardewald NDAs re: available land for acquisition under the Local Share program.

District Update

Joan – District budget, meetings will be held next month. N. Side planning for N. Clackamas Park to be reviewed, the ball field is almost done. April 21, 2007 will be the grand opening. There is approval for one year of maintenance provided by Total Golf Management Co.

April 22 is Earth Day. There will be activities at North Clackamas Park.

Spring break activities planned include: Ski and snowboard camps, Missoula Theater, Aquatic Park, the 13th annual quilt show, annual “March for meals”, and the rummage sale at the Milwaukie Senior Center this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Kevin – Most of the paving is done at N. Clackamas Park, the new trees are in, the pavilion entry can be poured. There is lots of mowing being done now.

JoAnn – Michelle is working on the trolley project has run into roadblocks. There are ODOT concerns with safety.

Sherry – Update on the City’s TSP bicycle/pedestrian work group meeting, 20-25 people showed up. There were issues raised about 224 being a barrier, the minutes will be available online.

JoAnn – The City has had inquiries re: Elk rock Island as to whether the city wants to purchase land owned by the Smith’s in Island Station where eagles have nested.

Joan – Asked JoAnn about the Sternwheeler cruised out of OMSI and an update on it relocating in Milwaukie.

Discussion was held about using the current Cash Spot location for check-in and parking, and possible locations on the river across from it for docking the vessel.

Joan – Asked what is happening with the building on 37th where the Park District used to have their offices.

Discussion was held about the New Century Players having its offices there.

Motion was made by Ray to adjourn and Bob second. Motion passed 5-0.