

January 24, 2012

PARB Minutes

Present: Hughes, Schaeffer, Pinker, Gunion-Rinker, Cooper, Miller

Absent: Dow, Harris

Guests: Kathleen McIntire

Minutes

The November minutes were approved 5-0.

Project Updates

- Balfour (CDBG grant application)
The City submitted a Community Development Block Grant for design and construction of Balfour Park in December. Turn around time for submittal did not allow PARB review. Herrigel noted that no other parks were eligible for submittal as grants are based on low income levels.
- Wichita (new master plan)
Herrigel met with Linwood NDA in January. The NDA has developed a revised (updated) master plan for the park. Herrigel agreed to review the plan with the Planning Director, generate mailing labels for park neighbors for next Linwood meeting and look into costs for land use application assistance.
- Spring Park (1/23 meeting update)
Herrigel met with Tonia Burns, Mike Miller, Mark Wilson and Lisa Batey on 1/23 to review the proposed management plan for the natural area of Spring Park. Next steps include holding meetings with the Island Station neighbors to review the plan and perhaps meeting with abutter to the south regarding trail locations.
- Kronberg (next steps)
Herrigel noted that she planned to get quotes from a few consultants regarding master planning for Kronberg Park. She noted that Council and the public seem interested in moving this plan forward.

District Update

Miller had no District Advisory Board update.

Old Business

Hughes raised the issue of the Oak tree in Kronberg Park and the recent Planning Commission and Council activities related to the light rail project impact on the park and the tree. He asked if the group had heard about this process (some in the group noted they read about it in the Review, the Oregonian and the City web site.) Hughes said he was chagrined that Planning staff had made decisions on this issue without consulting the City Park Board. He was concerned that there had been a "good old boy handshake" between staff and TriMet on the issue of the tree and that it was the NDAs that had raised this issue to Council. He said he felt that when development plans are proposed (that impact parks) in the City, those plans should be routed through the Park Board. He said he thought that plans should come to the Park Board before they go to Planning Commission.

The group discussed when (in the planning review process) this review by PARB should take place. Hughes suggested that PARB review should be between application submittal by the applicant and the point at which the project is deemed complete. It was suggested that a recommendation to set this review process in place be forwarded to Council.

Christie Schaeffer made a motion (seconded by Pinker) that Herrigel draft a letter, to be reviewed by the Park Board via e mail, recommending to Council that all development proposals that impact City parks be reviewed by the Parks Board before being sent to Planning Commission. Motion carried 5-0.

Planning Priority Setting

Herrigel noted that the group had been interested in doing some priority setting in anticipation of the upcoming master plan update being planned by the Park District. She said that the timeline for that process has not yet been set. However, she said the District is beginning their budget process for next fiscal year and has asked the City for input on our priorities for specific park work over the next year or so.

The group discussed the various park projects that remained to be completed in the City. They listed the projects in the following priority order:

- 1) Finish the land use approval process for north side of North Clackamas Park. Take advantage of any opportunities to implement this plan once approved.
- 2) Assist with the master planning, design and land use application process for Kronberg Park
- 3) Assist with any aspects of the CDBG grant for Balfour Park that are necessary
- 4) Assist with design, land use approvals and development of Wichita Park
- 5) Assist with design, land use approvals and development of the Lake Rd site at Bowman and Brae

For open space and natural areas, the group noted the following priorities:

- 1) Spring Park management plan and enhancement
- 2) North Clackamas Park
- 3) Kronberg Park

Meeting adjourned at 9 AM.