

NEXT MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2007
4:00 – 6:00 P.M.
MILWAUKIE CENTER

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
for
North Clackamas Park

January 24, 2007
Milwaukie Center

MEETING SUMMARY

Present:

Representatives: Sally Shook, Eric Shawn (chair), JoAnn Herrigel (vice-chair), Fr. Matthew Tate, Tony Clark, Eleanor Johnson, John Denny

Alternates: Rick Frank, Susan Shawn, Steve Berliner

Absent: Jim Schuld (alt.), Holly Denman (alt.)

Guests/Observers: Dick Shook, Pat and Anne O'Donnell, Nancy Nye, Cheryl Snow

Staff: Dan Zinzer, Michelle Healy

Introductions/Opening Comments/Meeting Minutes

Eric Shawn welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the committee to review the December meeting minutes.

Action: The committee approved the December minutes as presented.

Art Committee

The Art Committee provided an update on artwork being created for North Clackamas Park. The sculpture will be placed near the entrance to the new parking lot and will be red. It should be installed in March or April.

Amplified Sound Policy

Eric handed out a proposal for changes to the draft amplified sound policy.

Discussion:

- Steve had an objection to company-wide picnics, stating that he doesn't think it is necessary for them to have amplified sound.
- Dan explained **that the have** always been under special use permit.
- Steve wants to discuss things that are not allowed to have amplified sound at all. For example, picnic sites that are close to each other would be a problem.
- John asked if the **thought having** a policy was going to encourage use.
- Steve said yes, but if neighbors and committee are okay with allowing it, then it was fine.
- Rick suggested that by restricting use by picnics, we might be limiting the District's ability to book large picnics (such as Intel) and bring in revenue.
- Dick said that his company had a picnic at NCP and they were invited not to come back. These picnics bring money into the District.
- JoAnn asked, "What makes us think the DAB will accept this revised policy"?
- Dan thinks they will because we are looking at it in more detail. He thinks they were focused on the ball fields rather than the whole park.
- Rick thinks 65 decibels is too low. At the park edge, doesn't seem like 70 is too high. The level is going to be self-regulating (only directed to intended audience). The ball field people want to be allowed to have as much flexibility without hurting neighbors.
- The committee continued to discuss levels.
- Rick commented that we should be thinking at property line, instead of about noise levels within the park. Eric is more informed and familiar with amplified sound. Rick asked what Catlin Gabel uses for level.
- Eric said the level is so low that they don't set decibel level.
- Steve thinks revision is better with 65.
- Rick is not worried about the noise from the fields, but about weddings in the rose garden.
- Susan said that maybe we need to do an experiment with a sound meter to get a better idea of what we're discussing.
- Rick asked if this is peak or a time-weighted, one-time peak, such as for the singing of the National Anthem.
- JoAnn stated that it has to be sustained; sound meter doesn't pick up peak readings.
- Eleanor commented that there was a verbal agreement when the gazebo went in that there wouldn't be loud music. During the fall into art event, she said she couldn't really hear the music when she was working at the park.
- Dan liked Susan's idea of trying out a noise meter.
- Sally felt the policy should start at 65 and then be changed if necessary. Group contacted that the level will never go up, only down.
- JoAnn asked if anyone was against doing a test.
- Eric said it would be okay, but it needs to be done soon.
- Dick suggested that the DAB be invited.
- Sally said set up a time and let everyone know when.
- Dan will have the DAB hold off on Amplified Sound Policy.
- Committee decided to do a sound experiment at the start of the next meeting.

Dog Park Recommendations

Milwaukie representatives weren't here at the last meeting, so the committee didn't have time to hear their input on the recommendations.

Discussion:

- JoAnn said the PARB was agreeable to the recommendations as long as it works for neighbors and park, including dog runs in the District.
- Dick said that his neighbor has contacted the city's non-emergency number and had enforcement come out since the first of the year, between 4 and 6 pm and on weekends.
- JoAnn commented that enforcement staffing is problematic – they are not working after 5 and on weekends.
- Dick suggested reposting signs that excessive barking is not permitted. There use to be signs up that seemed to help a bit. .
- Eric said the consensus is still the same, and JoAnn is confirming.

- Tony mentioned that he hasn't been to the dog run lately. Since we are waiting to talk more about this during the north side planning, can we do upgrades to the dog run?
- Michelle noted that maintenance has fixed the gate and fence, and will be putting chips down soon.
- Rick thinks laminated signs to curb barking are important.
- Michelle said the District will do them.

Storyboards

Susan gave a second presentation about the story boards. The PowerPoint slides will be included in the minutes.

Presentation:

- There is flexibility in the number of signs (Susan spoke with John Mantay about the number).
- Suggested potential sign content
- Consensus on the storyboard sub-committee that the signs should be metal, not wood
- Some signs could be tilted, some straight up and down
- Durability is very important
- Paw prints on the trails is another idea, which is separate from signs
- Overall they did not see much vandalism of the signs at other parks; however, the 3 dimensional watershed model at Wildwood was destroyed by vandalism.
- Dan commented that it probably was a target because it is isolated.
- JoAnn suggested contacting other people who's signs that you like, ask who did them, and if they still have a contract.
- Steve suggested "silhouettes" as a possible design option.

Earth Day

The committee discussed possible topics for an earth day celebration at the park. NCPRD has offered provide support for an event in partnership with the Friends of North Clackamas Park.

- Dick and Steve like active activities such as a bird walk and/or tree planting.
- Sally suggested a group install a bird feeding station around the center, and to involve kids in the process. Would require additional work later. Would rather do something active. She also suggested showing the Al Gore movie about global warming. We could charge admission and then use the money to buy trees.
- Eric suggested a potluck picnic in the park, and having people bring native plants.
- JoAnn commented that she like the movie idea, but it's lots of work.
- Maybe political, but we could also have other events.
- Bat box or bird box; maybe kids pull together?
- The District will check to see if there is a room available at the center.

Ombuds Activities

- Father Tate wants to coordinate with the District about locking gate at his property, hopefully we can all agree.
- Father Tate also commented that the new fence comes to an end at the corner of his property. There is no fence at Deerfield. Suggested extending the fence to the entrance of the park. Dan will take a look and consider.
- Dan asked about cleaning up the wind fall material in the buffer. The committee said it was okay to clean up limbs hanging, but please leave the limbs in buffer.
- Father Tate said there is a larger wetland in his property as a result of the wetland fill at the park. The roadway is impassible, and they have standing water.
- Dick says thanks for moving dumpster.

**Next meeting is February 28, 2007 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Milwaukie Center.
Meeting adjourned.**