

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

for

North Clackamas Park

August 22, 2007

Milwaukie Center

MEETING SUMMARY

PRESENT

Representatives Eric Shawn (chair), John Denny, Eleanor Johnson, Sally Shook, Tony Clark, Lisa Gibson, JoAnn Herrigel

Alternates Rick Frank, Steve Berliner

Guests Dick Shook, Anne and Pat O'Donnell, Sandy Fox

Staff Dan Zinzer, Michelle Healy, Kristen Cacka, Kevin Cayson, Staci Hammond, Pam Girtman

ABSENT

Representatives Fr. Matthew Tate

Alternates Holly Denman, Jim Schuld, Kathi Schroeder, Beth Ragel, Dave Somann, Susan Shawn

Introductions and Minutes

JoAnn Herrigel opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions. He then asked the committee to review the July meeting minutes. JoAnn noted that she was present at the last meeting. The item will be corrected in the minutes. Eric motioned to approve the minutes as read. John Denny seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Action: The July minutes were approved as read.

Ball Field Hours

Eric Shawn introduced the topic of ball field hours. This has been a topic for an ongoing discussion.

Discussion:

- JoAnn-could we start at 9 for the first game on Saturday, and 10 on Sunday? What have others heard that people want?
- Dan-that eliminates 8 games per weekend, I'm just a little worried about the tournaments; could we still get all 8 leagues with tournaments in?
- Anne-Susan gets more feedback than I do, but I think it would certainly help to start games later
- Rick-tell teams that fields will be prepped by 8:45, so that would make sure that teams warm up in the outfield, not the infield

- JoAnn-is that a liability issue with kids and equipment?
- Dan-well, it's just a logistical issue, you can't practice when they're dragging the fields
- Rick-we could condense that practicing time just by changing maintenance schedules, parents aren't excited about being here that early anyway
- Dan-we tried to give them a half hour to warm up, so they would start an hour and a half before the game
- Rick-there are parks where kids are used to not getting any infield practice at all, if you made that a rule here, the teams would rather have that than a 10 o'clock start; so prep from 8-9 and game start at 9 would be fine
- JoAnn-so if we start games at ten on sun, can we start maintenance at 9 then? It's better than nothing at this point; Dan wants suggestions, otherwise he can't start working on alternatives
- Dan-like the DAB said, maybe we could have some games at Alder Creek
- Eric- I think it's an excellent opportunity for collaboration, and I support it, as John mentioned he can bring it up and discuss at the next Kids First meeting
- Rick-if you had the proper mix of fields there is a possibility of going with a later start, but what you need is a break between games so you would have to lay that out, teams are used to always having a 9 o'clock start, so the ten would be an exception, if there was a rule for 10 start you could lose a good portion of the major tournaments
- John-if it rains doesn't it take longer to prepare the fields? So then we'd be going past ten again
- Anne-I guess you better hope it doesn't rain
- John-in Oregon!
- Eric-do you need some idea of a committee response then?
- Dan-well, we have a little time because it's the end of the season so we're looking at next season
- Eric- I make a motion that the District look into collaborative use
- JoAnn-what we're hoping we achieve is a 9 o'clock start Saturday and ten on Sunday, with teams arriving an hour earlier, but not on the field until maintenance is done
- Dan-an hour is pushing it, right now they're using an hour and a half to an hour and 45 minutes, they get the field ready, they can't do any interior maintenance until an hour before because they use vacuums and blowers; I think the proposal you just outlined saying maintenance equipment runs an hour before games is good
- Eric-let's get a representatives votes on the proposal to let the discussion continue between Kids First, school district and Parks District and see if this is a viable option
- JoAnn-so what we're proposing is a discussion between these groups that will continue over the next month, and then take a proposal to the DAB
 - 1's all around
- Steve-sorry I couldn't be at the last meeting, I got an email copy of a letter from Father Tate which I'm in support of, and I want to comment on hours and start time; I was really taken by surprise many weeks ago to find out that there was maintenance noise earlier than the amplified sound, we have a document here (amplified sound policy) with decibel limits and there was a ten am start time for that, now we're using maintenance equipment earlier than the time limits for that, and technique these items don't meet the definition of amplified sound, so we were kind of snookered; as a practical matter I think everybody understands the lack of sensibility of regulating amplified sound and not maintenance sound

- Dan-equipment is not above 65 decibels at perimeter, except old blowers were probably above that
- Kristen-new blowers are 65 decibels at piece of equipment
- Kevin confirmed
- Steve-I appreciate working with times for ball games, but with the maintenance equipment I don't think it's an issue of oh it's 64 decibels early in the morning, that's great, at this point it may be water under the bridge
- JoAnn- I think the issue of noise is going to come up again, because that's all we have on our agenda tonight, Clackamas Live! Is next on agenda, and is up next

Action: The discussion between Kids First, the school district and NCPRD will continue over the next month. The committee will then take a proposal to the DAB.

Clackamas LIVE! Event Planning

JoAnn introduced the topic of Clackamas LIVE! Planning and asked Pam Girtman to tell the committee about the event.

Discussion:

- Pam-things are getting underway, I've brought the schedules because I'm sure you are interested in hours of noise, last year we tried to get something started but it wasn't a good time, so we started outside the aquatic park, that was a small event but it worked well for us, it is now two weeks away, and there will be two days of music in the ball fields, not the rose garden where we had sound issues last year, so in that end will be children's art activities, we still have space for vendors, I know some of you here are creative types, benefits ??, we're going to give people passes because we'd love to have you come, but if you want to get away, that's okay
- Dick-what about access to park?
- Pam-we have a sign out notifying public that park will be closed to public for the event, because we'll have security here overnight, people with equipment for booths
- JoAnn-what about parking?
- Pam-we'll have shuttle set up with the Clackamas Christian center, and Pamplin could be another site where we could shuttle people from, and perhaps alder creek, we're not sure how much we'll need but busses are ready to go, you can call me with any questions
- JoAnn-can you put up an additional sign by the dog park, that might be helpful
- Sally-will there be amplified sound with the music?
- Pam-yes
- Dan-this will be the first real test of measuring sound at perimeter, we want to keep the sound aimed at the audience on the south and east concourse, band will be in shelter and band will be along concourse away from it
- Eric-I agree it looks like a good test, and focusing sound toward audience, that's fabulous
- Steve-I would think you should put the benefiting on the flyer up at the top, it's hard to find on this flyer

Action: None

Horse Arena Plan Update

Dan Zinzer explained that the District has submitted a request for modification to the CSU to the City of Milwaukee.

Discussion:

- Lisa- if we need to use a handheld mic, is that permissible at the horse arena?
- Dan-yes, that would be regulated by the amplified sound policy
- Lisa-we'd use it at the horse shows, but with the smaller arena size now, we might actually be able to call it out without a mic
- Anne-I don't remember there ever being bothersome sound from the horse arena, it was always very benign
- Eric-the CSU is probably not meant to prevent amplified sound
- Lisa-maybe we should just strike that from the application
- Steve- I wonder if those non-powered megaphones are available
- JoAnn-so is the intent for the horse trailers to use staging area and then go back and park?
- Dan-no, the intent is for the horse trailers to stay there, it's between maintenance shed and arena
- Sally-is ten spaces adequate?
- Lisa-except during horse shows, but if we could park trailers by permit if we have 30 trucks and trailers coming in to do a fundraising horse show
- Eleanor-will this be coordinated with ball games?
- Dan-yes, we'll coordinate that with leagues
- Tony-is there a season for horse shows?
- Lisa-weather permitting, probably late June through end of September would be the prime use, I could see individuals using it in winter but not clubs
- Anne-4H kids come in too, don't they?
- Lisa-yes, all those teams, high school teams, etc, are excited about using them
- Tony-and ball games are when?
- Dan-April through October
- Rick-most fall ball leagues run on Sundays
- Tony-I see the horse arena is available during park hours, but there's no lighting, when are park hours?
- Dan-I think the wording is half hour after sundown, but basically ten o'clock
- Eric-I think I heard Dan say that he wants to change the posting to hours rather than relative to sundown because it's too relative
- Dan-will probably be closing at ten, which gives ranger half hour to clear everybody out, but you can have an event in the MC until later if you want
- Dick-I know I've heard dogs barking after dark
- Tony-well, the park's still open
- Eleanor-what do you do about picking up after horses?
- Lisa-I think there should be a sign saying pick up after your horses, I think pretty much everybody has a pitchfork in the trailer and just picks it up before they leave; can we build a mounting block for handicap kids outside the arena?
- JoAnn-are we ready to move on to wedding events, sound level and hours?

Action: None

Ombuds Activity & Reports

Review of recent wedding event.

Wedding Event

Discussion:

- Sally-this is kind of related to Tony's question of when do things close? There was a wedding last week and they didn't shut down until we went over and asked them to leave, it was 11 or 11:30 before they had everything cleaned up
- Dan-we took care of that, but I heard 11:34
- Dick-were we the only one's that complained?
- Dan-you were the one's we listened to, and there was a new employee that checked it out to them who didn't know, all employees have now been made aware
- JoAnn-isn't there a number to call Kevin or something? I mean it seems like you guys shouldn't have to walk down here and ask them to quiet down
- Anne-is it okay to call Tom even though he lives off property now?
- Kevin-my staff left with the understanding that Milwaukie center was taking care of it
- Dick-but normally we could just call the Milwaukie center then?
- Eleanor-I think the phones are usually closed after 5pm
- Eric-I think if we could also have a list of specific numbers to call for specific things that would be helpful
- Dan-I will look into the phones being available on the weekends or after 5pm

Action: Dan will look into the phones at the Milwaukie Center being available when the center is closed.

Committee Member Comments

JoAnn introduced the topic of committee member comments.

Discussion:

- Sally-we've noticed and many of the neighbors have too that the dogs seems to be making a lot of noise lately
- Tony-after dark?
- Sally-no mostly during the day
- Dick-gets noisier from about 3-6 or 7 at night on the weekends, you can usually tell the dogs, its usually the same ones
- Sally- I just wondered if the signs were still up or what?
- Rick-this is in regards to the last meeting, I think we're all trying to make the world a better place, and I think the consensus process is a good one, we need to be able to express our ideas, I felt that at the last meeting I was not heard, and I think we need to have rules of order and respect that so we let people speak, I'll defend everybody's right to make their comments, and we have the obligation to let people speak, we're wasting our time if it's mob rule versus consensus, I really think it's an effective committee, but only if we allow people to have their say, at that meeting there was going to be one thing and one thing only to say, and if anybody has something different to say it wasn't allowed to be said
- John-we need to keep neighbors and such from speaking out of turn and remind them that they'll get their turn after the committee speaks
- Rick-I wasn't getting my opportunity to speak, so that's why I walked out, I wasn't going to play that game where I have to listen to what you have to say and no one is willing to listen to what I had to say
- JoAnn-I think it's admirable that you came back, I was not here, and I don't regret that, but I can say that I was disappointed to hear that it happened here, there is no

positive outcome and it's not very effective if we just all stand up and yell at each other

- Rick-I think we need to stand up for each other in those cases and make people stick to the rules of order, no hard feelings whatsoever
- Eric-we'll have to work on that

JoAnn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eric seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm.

Next meeting will be held on September 26, from 4 to 6 pm at the Milwaukie Center.