

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

for

North Clackamas Park

February 27, 2008

Milwaukie Center

MEETING SUMMARY

PRESENT

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

Alternates: Steve Berliner, Susan Shawn

Guests: Dick Shook, Anne and Pat O'Donnell, Rosemary Crites

Staff Michelle Healy, Staci Hammond, Kevin Cayson, Tonia Burns

ABSENT

Representatives: Fr. Matthew Tate, JoAnn Herrigel

Alternates: Holly Denman, Jim Schuld, Beth Ragel, Rick Frank, Dave Somann

Introductions and Minutes

Eric Shawn opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions. He then asked that everyone review the January Minutes. Tony noticed a typo on the cost of the bridge. It should be \$800,000.00 rather than \$800.00. The minutes were approved with some minor changes. Eric requested a copy of the revised November minutes. Eric also mentioned to the committee that as a part of our regular practices let's make sure that before we start talking we make sure the other person is finished. When Staci transcribes the recording she can't distinguish the words that are on top of other words.

Action: The January minutes were approved with some minor changes.

Priorities Matrix

Eric Shawn introduced the topic of the Priorities Matrix.

Discussion:

Eric-in the last meeting we talked about the priorities matrix that we had worked on in 2006 and we went through the range of priorities and we talked a little bit. I said that I would get that list together and get it to Staci so she could distribute it but I didn't do that. The basic sequence of the matrix shifted a little bit based on the work that we have done. Problem solving remains the top priority item and then sustainability/environment/planning and then dog policies and issues. Does that match

everyone's recollection? Are there any other further adjustments we need to make before we type it up and distribute it?

Action:

2008 Agenda Items

Eric introduced the topic of the 2008 Agenda Items.

Discussion:

Eric opened the discussion about creating a dog park rules committee. His question is does the committee want to create the committee here and now or do we want to put that on the agenda for a future meeting. Tony was wondering who the committee for sees being on the dog committee. Should it be people that are using the dog park or people that have an issue with the dog park and want to be on the committee? Eric wasn't sure and said that maybe that would be a good item to put on the agenda for the next meeting because that is a deeper question that needs to be resolved. Tony suggested putting together a list of people that use the dog park and people that have issues with the dog park. Committee asked how we would contact these people. Tony suggested posting a list of suggested rules and see what people reactions are. There isn't really an email list of contacts for people but there are a few. Susan said that we might want to think about inviting the code enforcement officer to the dog meeting so he can give some of the county and city rules for dogs. Eric asked if there was consensus to make this a topic at the next meeting or the meeting there after and invite the Milwaukie code officer to attend. Susan suggested that Tony set up a meeting with people that are using the dog park. Maybe they could be a kind of sub-committee and then Tony could bring back there issues and ideas to the stewardship committee for review. Tony agreed to set up a meeting with dog users and to invite the Milwaukie code enforcement officer to attend as well to discuss the dogs.

Michelle said that as part of the north side plan on phasing, interpretive signage is one of the first items in the renovation phase. Michelle has asked the consultants to give her a quote for going on to the next stage like developing a design, documentation review, and things like that, that it will take to get the interpretive signage going. When she gets that back we will be able to figure out what we need to budget for next year. We have some of the Metro Greenspaces money and some from the county as well. Through the budget process we will figure out what we want to accomplish out there in terms of interpretive signage. Susan said that every time she sees Jon Mantay he mentions the signs. He has asked how many we want. Michelle said that is another part of the planning for signage. First we need to identify where we want the signs and then figure out what type of signs and then how many we think we need. This topic is part of phase 1 so once we get the budget figured out for that we can get more into detail once we know what we have to work with. Anne mentioned that some kids in uniforms came down to the creek on Thursday and seemed to have no adult supervision with them. The kids were throwing rocks and things into the creek. That is not good because the ducks are nesting. When they came back on Friday there was an adult with them. Maybe that would be a good place for signs. If they could read about the ducks maybe that would stop them from being disruptive to them. Eric will contact Holly about the unsupervised kids at the creek. Michelle also noted that since we now have Tonia she will be working closely on the signage as well. Susan and Steve suggested that if the stewardship could work as some kind of sub committee to the district in reference to the signs. The district

could figure out how many signs they want or need and what should go on the signs and then bring it to the sub committee to critique it. Maybe do that a couple of times and then we are done. And then by the second time we did that there would probably be text involved and then it's almost done. It would just be a matter of getting the signs produced. Michelle thought it would be a good idea to have Eric contact the school that way it is coming from the Stewardship committee. It is a topic that could be taken poorly. The committee thinks its best if it comes from Eric. Steve said that it could be a good opportunity for the kids because they might have not gotten the lesson on nesting ducks so it might bring up a good teaching item for the students.

Earth Day is coming up in April. It is Tuesday the 22nd. Eric's question is does the committee want to do anything related to Earth Day? Something that the friends do is pick up litter on the road. In the past they have had speakers come in from Oregon Fish and Wildlife to talk about wildlife. These are just some examples as to what we have done in the past. Susan has contacted Pam Girtman about Earth Day. Is there anyway that FoNCP and NCPRD can work together on this event to make a stronger event. I think we need to include Tonia in the conversation. Sally made a suggestion that maybe Earth Day and Camas Creek plant maintenance work together at the same event. We can make it one big day and get lots of stuff done. The committee thought that it was a great idea. Tonia could talk to the group about which plants we would want to get rid of and which ones would be better to keep. Michelle would like to see other fun things going on as well. Susan and Pam have talked about having something for the kids to do that they would be able to take away with them. Dick said that if we did it on the 26th which is the Saturday following Earth Day we would probably get a better turn out than if we did it on the actual day. The general consensus of the committee was that Saturday would be a good day for everyone. Sally would like to see as many stakeholders as possible attend the event. Steve thinks that for Camas Creek the committee should consult Dan Huld and to see if he has any suggestions since the creek is his big focus and brain child. He would be good to look to for guidance. Tonia thought it would be a good idea to figure out who would like work on this project and which day people are actually available to do some projects and then make decisions like maybe our main focus would be plant restoration for Camas Creek but do we want to do other things. Maybe bring in a larger group to do like a pinecone with peanut butter and seeds on it for the kids to do. Do we want to have just a small group and focus on the creek or do we want more people to be working on smaller issues like trash pick up. Where we divide into groups so that way maybe everyone that would come and join in on this event would have a choice of what kind of task they could take on. Who wants to work on the project? Who is available? Then identify leaders of the various groups. Susan mentioned that the road clean up could be scheduled before the 26th that way it doesn't interfere with the days events. Tonia said that she was thinking it would be good to do on the 26th that way if there was someone that didn't want to get down on the ground and get dirty then they would have something to do. It would just be having some different tasks for people to do. That way people would have more to choose from. Sally suggested that we look at the ball field schedule to make sure that we aren't doing this on a day when there are games going on. She thinks a lot of people are good but if it gets to hectic or crowded people might shy away from what we are trying to accomplish. John wasn't sure what games if any were scheduled. Joe Loomis is the person to contact about that. He can find out if anything is going on. Susan said that last year at this time the fields were already in use so there is a big possibility that something could be going on in the ball fields. Tony said that it could be a good thing because maybe some of the people at the ball games might want to get involved with Earth Day. Michelle and Tonia will go back and talk to Pam and maybe talk outside of the committee to coordinate something

because it sounds like we all want to do something. Pam did put something in the Healthy Living Guide so that is good. Eric will put this topic on the agenda for March.

Action: Tonia and Pam to figure out some details and get back to Susan. Eric will contact the school about unsupervised kids at the creek. Tony will set up a meeting with dog users.

Chair Position

Eric introduced the topic.

Discussion:

This topic got carried over from the last meeting because there were some representatives not here at the last meeting. The focus of the conversation was completing some business from the beginning. The length of term the chair will serve. There was also some discussion that maybe the vice chair would step into the chair position when the chair steps out. Eric said that there were some recommendations to establish a term and there were some ideas on the length. We had some discussion to have a term limit which came with some pros and cons. Eleanor asked if there was anyone that had a strong desire to be chair. Nobody came forward. Susan asked how long Eric has been chair. It has been a year and a half. Tony said that if we decided to have the chair for two year the starting point should be now. Steve suggested having 2 year terms with no more than 2 consecutive terms served. Steve made a motion to have a 2 year term limit with a maximum of 2 consecutive terms. Eleanor seconded. Eric is comfortable with it. Variety is something that is beneficial to the committee. Steve said from the last meeting that it was brought up to transition from a vice chair position to become the new chair. The problem with trying to force the vice chair to move up after a single 2 year term is when you get into smaller groups there is not a lot of competition for these coveted positions. If you have someone good in there willing to carry on and for example JoAnn seems to have been pretty busy recently. She hasn't been here the last two meetings. They may find themselves unable to accept and then we are stuck in mold. If we say that we allow to consecutive terms maybe a new vice chair would take that term and they would be more eager when someone has to step up. Steve wants to amend his motion to say that the chair would have a 2 year term with the option of a 2nd two year term and that vice chair has the option that if the chair agrees to continue on to the 2nd term there could be a different vice chair. Steve doesn't have a strong feeling that it be mandatory that the vice chair be in line for the chair position. More so that the chair be allowed 2 terms. Eric said to keep the original motion that there be a 2 year term with a max of to terms and the decisions are clean and not worry about what the vice chair might be willing or unwilling to do. 1s for complete support, 2s for support and 3s for no support. We have 1s all around and support for the motion. We have consensus then that the chair will have a two year term and at the end of the term there is another vote with the option of a second term with a max of two terms. Lisa asked the question when do we start that term. Do we start it today? Or did it start a year and a half ago? Eric thinks it should start when the committee started. Steve said we should go back and find out when the first meeting of the chair and that would be the marker of the term.

Eleanor said that the issue right now is whether the vice chair is if she needs to drop out and let somebody else be vice chair or we need to vote on someone else. It's not her fault she can't be here but on the other hand if the chair can't make it someone

needs to be there. Michelle asked if there was a limit on the vice chair. Do we have an election for the vice chair the same time as the chair? Susan suggested using the same guidelines as the chair position. Eleanor said that JoAnn should resign because it is so hard for her to be at meetings and give the opportunity to someone who can make it to the meetings. Susan said that we need to have someone from the city of Milwaukie so she needs to have an alternate for herself who could make the meetings when she is unable to. Maybe they shouldn't be the vice chair. Eric's question is do the chair and vice chair be concurrent or the same term dates. The committee agreed to keep it simple and stay with the same dates as the chair position. Eric put a motion on the table to treat the vice chair position the same chair position in terms of term and maximum number of terms. Eleanor made the motion. Sally seconded the motion. 1s all around the table. We have consensus. Michelle asked if we need to speak with JoAnn and find out if she is still available until July. Eric will talk to JoAnn along with Father Matthew and Holly because they haven't been attending either. It really is helpful to have all the stake holders represented at the meeting.

Action: Determine when the chair position started.

Ombuds Activity & Reports

Eric introduced the topic of Ombuds Activity & Reports.

Discussion:

Horse arena update is we are still waiting on the weather. We can't get dump trucks in there until the ground firms up. It just isn't stable enough. It is still on the books but it will probably be a couple of months so the ground has time to firm up. Just be patient, its coming. It could very well be usable this summer. Eleanor still thinks something needs to be laid out about where the horse trailers are going to be parked. Lisa said that there is enough parking planned between the maintenance shed and the arena to park 6 trailer rigs. The Horse arena is still in process

Michelle has asked Dan about the Acoustic Engineer Update and he said that he would send another email. He has met with him, gave him the information he needed and now we are just waiting for his report. He is going to send him another email requesting the report. Michelle will find out who the person is. Rosemary said that the engineer needs to come out while the ball fields are in use. Michelle believes what they were doing was looking at from an engineering point of view with construction plans to see if there were issue to identify. I don't know much about it because this was Dan's thing. I will follow up with him and find out.

Michelle went to the Park and Rec board for the city of Milwaukie this week with the north side plan and they accepted the plan, subject that they wanted to know what the land use plan was. What happens with trees and things? When we get into land use is when we really get into this stuff. In concept they like it.

In the last meeting we talked a little bit about lighting adjustments. Sally and Anne mentioned that there were a couple of lights that might need adjusting. Also brought up the topic of considering planting some foliage that would diffuse the light problem.

Committee Member Comments

Eric introduced the topic of Committee Member Comments.

Discussion:

Tony was wondering if we had a park map at these meetings so it is more clear on exactly where we are talking about. Second is if we are going to get done early I am wondering if anyone would like to walk through the park and look at some of the stuff we have been talking about.

Citizen Comments

Eric introduced the topic of Citizen Comments.

Discussion:

Dick said the dog bags are being left on the benches because there are no garbage containers in the area. Kevin said that there should be a garbage can by everyone dog bag. He will look into why there isn't one there. Kevin brought up March for Mutts is going to be happening on March 1, 2008 and starts at 9am.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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