

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE  
For  
North Clackamas Park

May 27, 2009  
Milwaukie Center

MEETING SUMMARY

PRESENT:

Representatives: Eric Shawn, JoAnn Herrigel, Tony Clark, Sally Shook, John Denny

Alternates: Susan Shawn, Steve Berliner

Guests: Ann O'Donnell, Dick Shook

Staff: Tonia Burns

ABSENT:

Representatives: Lisa Gibson, Fr, Matthew Tate

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

**Minutes:**

March minutes were reviewed and approved as written

**Earth Day event report:**

The group agreed that the event had been successful and organized well, despite the low attendance (about 30 kids and 65 people altogether.) They noted that they would like to advertise more widely next year if they can reserve the cafeteria area at the Milwaukie Center to assure adequate space for a larger group. It was suggested that SOLV, the new Watershed Council, WES and Oak Lodge Sanitary might be helpful in getting the word out to folks next year. It was also suggested that the coaches for the baseball teams might spread the word to parents who have kids at games during the event.

**Officer nominations and Elections:**

Eric noted that he and JoAnn have each completed 2 two-year terms in their current positions and are term limited. He asked for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair. Steve Berliner nominated JoAnn for Chair and Susan nominated Steve Berliner for Vice Chair. JoAnn said she would consider the nomination but asked to be able to think about it until the next meeting. Elections tabled until June meeting.

Steve asked if we should have a process for note taking. It was noted that usually District staff took notes but that Rose was out sick and couldn't attend.

Eric asked what the District's view of supporting the Stewardship Committee was. Tonia responded that they were supportive of the group.

Steve asked if the lack of backup (note taking etc) was indicative of any issues. Susan noted that Dan Zinzer used to come regularly and then Michelle Healy came for a while and then Michelle and Tonia came and now just Tonia attends (which she appreciates). Susan said she assumes that others would attend if they were needed. Steve agreed that we should invite them specifically if there is a larger issue.

Susan asked Eric if he would agree to continue maintaining "the spreadsheet" for the group now that his term as Chair is up. Eric said he would agree to do that.

### **North Side Plan for NCP:**

Herrigel noted that she had written a letter on behalf of the Milwaukie Park Board to the District regarding the north side plan for NCP. The letter expressed the Board's support for the North Side Plan and encouraged the District to pursue implementation of those elements of the master plan that were permissible now and to pursue revision of the rest of the plan to conform with the Title 13 rules being adopted by Milwaukie. She noted that the letter discouraged the District from shifting funding from the north side plan project to other projects despite the restrictions Title 13 might impose. She said she had communicated with Michelle Healy regarding funding for the north side plan and it seems that SDC funds and Metro local share funds were allocated to this project. Both these funding sources generally require formal action to shift funds among projects.

John Denny asked what impact Title 13 has on the plan. Tonia noted that, for instance, while the trail can still be built, it must be narrower and must not contain toxic materials. She noted that the big thing is the amount of impermeable surface allowed within the natural area. The project can't exceed a certain threshold. She said that the District can (and plans to) complete the removal of the culvert, replacing of the bridge, and installation of signage.

Steve asked why it was necessary to comply with rules that hadn't even been adopted yet. Eric noted that the rules were to be adopted by Jan 1 2009 and those jurisdictions that didn't meet that timeline, he thought, were required to follow the rules as though they HAD adopted them.

Tony asked what impact this had on the dog park. Tonia responded that since we have a dog park now, we won't have to remove it but modifications to it or relocation of it within the site would most likely not be an exempt action under title 13.

Tony asked if, for instance, a fence that was 3 feet high could be replaced with one that was 5 feet high? Or can we only fix the fence if it falls down? In general, he wondered what could be reported to dog owners about the status of the dog area renovations they are expecting? He asked that something be written up describing this new turn of events

and requested that this memo have a contact name and number for folks to call for more information.

Sally asked if someone from the District (or the City?) could attend the next Stewardship meeting to explain the Title 13 impacts on this project and to describe how (or if) we can move forward under these new circumstances. JoAnn said she would be meeting with Michelle Healy the next day and would discuss with her the possibility of a memo (letter) and a presentation at the next Stewardship meeting.

**Status of Painting the Score Board:** Tonia reported that Kevin had purchased the paint and it would happen soon.

**Watershed Council formation:** Susan reported that the group had chosen a name: North Clackamas Urban Watershed(s) Council. They have by-laws almost completed and they are planning to go to BCC for formal acknowledgment within the next few months.

Tonia noted that in a conversation she had had with Rick Gruen recently, he'd suggested that they go to each jurisdiction before going to BCC for acknowledgement. Susan said she (or Nicole West) would check with the county to see if this was "required" or just suggested.

**Sound Testing:** Tonia reported that the last she had heard – the District was waiting for dates for testing to take place – she said she would check into this further. (The group suggested that the July tournament might be a good time to do these tests).

**Horse Footing:** The group asked if it had been dry enough to do the work Lisa had requested. It was noted that Lisa had said she'd get the "protocols" to Kevin and there was no update in her absence. It was also noted that the sign on the gate by the arena was to be changed but no update was available. Tonia will check with Kevin to see if Lisa gave him the protocol and if he has then followed up and re-set the footing. Tonia will also follow up with Kevin about the gate sign.

**Backpack Blowers:** Dick reported that his concern re: early morning blowing at the park seems to have been addressed by Kevin C and Joe Loomis. Dick noted that the District wasn't supposed to do this work until after 8 am and they had been doing it earlier. He said that he would see if Kevin and Joe had an impact.

**Community Announcement:** It was announced that Chris Runyard was doing a Three Creeks walk at 9 am the following Saturday

Tony asked how he could get a copy of the 162<sup>nd</sup> Park Plan. Tonia said she'd send him a link.

The group adjourned.