

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

for

North Clackamas Park

May 28, 2008

Milwaukie Center

MEETING SUMMARY

PRESENT

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

Alternates: Susan Shawn, Beth Ragel

Guests: Dick Shook, Ann & Pat O'Donnell, Rosemary Crites

Staff Staci Hammond, Tonia Burns

ABSENT

Representatives: Fr. Matthew Tate, Lisa Gibson

Alternates: Holly Denman, Jim Schuld, Rick Frank, Dave Somann, Steve Berliner

Introductions and Minutes

Eric Shawn opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions. He then asked that the committee review the April minutes. The minutes were approved as read.

Action: Minutes approved

Earth Day Report

Eric Shawn introduced the topic of Earth Day Planning

Discussion:

Tonia said it was a small but nice event. The bee boxes and pinecones were a hit with people and the kids. We concentrated on the garlic mustard which is a big priority in the Portland area and Seattle. It is very invasive and demands rapid response. Last week they started working on it again, trying to deplete the seed bank which only lasts about 5 years. Eleanor and Sally were concerned that the grass along the path is getting really long and overtaking some of the shrubs that were planted. Tonia said that she wasn't here when that was taking place but now that she is it is on her plan of issues to tackle. She said it would be best to mulch around individual plantings and then cut back the grass. Right now we are noticing it more because the plantings are small but once they start to grow and get bigger you won't really notice it that much. Tonia doesn't

believe that the grass is going to hurt the shrubs. Tonia is doing work parties at North Clackamas Park on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. On June 29th they are having another work party at Kronberg and then doing one at Mill park in August. All are welcome to attend. Ann and Pat O'Donnell brought up the new plantings that were transplanted to the edge of their property to try to block out some of the noise. They were wondering if they could have some arborvitae planted that would really block the noise. Tonia said that because arborvitae are not native she couldn't do them but she would look into some other plantings that would grow faster and provide more of a barrier. Eric brought up that he still has some extra pollinator boxes if anyone wants any. There were a couple takers.

Action: Tonia will look into native plantings that will provide better cover than arborvitae.

Nominations for Chair & Vice-Chair

Eric introduced the topic of Nominations for Chair & Vice-Chair.

Discussion:

Eric said that the committee had discussed keeping the nominations open until this meeting because of absent members. He asked if there were any additional nominations at this time. Right now the nominations stand at nominating the existing chair and vice chair. Sally moved to close nominations and Tony seconded.

Action: Nominations closed. Elections will take place at June meeting.

Ombuds Activity & Reports

Eric introduced the topic of Ombuds Activity & Reports.

Discussion:

Horse Arena Update: The ground is still too wet. We are waiting for some dry weather.

Acoustic Engineer Update: Staci and Tonia handed out the report that was given to Dan from the engineer. Dan was absent. Rosemary said she would like to have the engineer come back while the games and noise is going on. She said the ball park is in its second year and nobody is doing anything to help the neighbors. Rosemary was upset that arborvitae will not be used. Tonia said that she was not part of the south side planning but if it is okay with everyone she will take this issue forward. If people are open to getting the issue solved that is great. It won't be arborvitae because they are not native to the area but she will figure out something else that will work. She said that we are very close to a riparian zone and there are things she needs to obey. Eric said that the main goal of the acoustic engineer study was to find out ways to buffer the sound coming off the fields and that maybe he didn't need the noise. They weren't there to take noise measurements. They were going in as engineers to give options as engineers for things that could be done. The engineer is a specialist in community sound and has enough experience to say from past events that this could be done. Very seldom will they actually take noise readings. They can look at the site from an engineer's point of view and give recommendations on what could be done. Eric suggested that Staci email the committee a copy of the report and have everyone read it over before the June meeting and come back with some suggestions.

North Side Update: Tonia said the district went to the City of Milwaukie and spoke with them about the process for planning and permitting and getting in the applications. We are in the beginning steps. Eleanor had a question about the road to Milwaukie Center. Tonia said that it is going to planning but that we have to work with emergency vehicles to make sure they can get in and out. The final decision will be based on emergency allowance. Tony wanted to know if the phases were firm now or if they still had some room for movement. Tonia said they are not firm but are good the way they are. We are applying for grants so we don't have to use \$400,000 for other things. We are also going to try to get sponsors for benches. That would help. Any sponsorship is welcome.

Lighting Adjustments: Dick finally was able to touch base with Joe Loomis and the lighting guy. He agreed that there was a glare. The lights can be tweaked so right now they are just waiting to get a bucket to come out and adjust the lights.

Dog Park Committee: Tony said the meeting is not scheduled but he was going to schedule it tonight. He has a long list of guidelines and rules to post in the dog park. He will email that list to the committee. The district is also looking for other properties that would accommodate a dog park

Camas Creek Damage Report: Tonia said there was a 4x4 vehicle that drove off road and went through Camas creek. It got reported to the police. The police have a license plate number of the vehicle. The officer only works on the weekends. Tonia went in with a shovel and rake to hopefully re-vegetate.

Action: Dog committee meeting to be scheduled. Committee to read acoustic engineer report.

Committee Member Comments

Eric introduced the topic of Committee Member Comments.

Discussion:

Tony mentioned that there wasn't an alternate for the dog person. He will put up a flyer in the dog park to see if anyone is interested.

Action: Put a sign up in Dog Park to see if anyone is interested in the alternate position on the committee.

Citizen Comments

Eric introduced the topic of Citizen Comments.

Discussion:

NONE

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on June 25, from 4 to 6 pm at the Milwaukie Center.