

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

for

North Clackamas Park

June 25, 2008

Milwaukie Center

MEETING SUMMARY

PRESENT

Representatives: Eric Shawn (chair), JoAnn Herrigel, Eleanor Johnson, Lisa Gibson

Alternates: Susan Shawn, Steve Berliner, Ben Horner-Johnson

Guests: Ann & Pat O'Donnell, Rosemary Crites, Jim Ballou

Staff Staci Hammond, Tonia Burns

ABSENT

Representatives: Fr. Matthew Tate, Sally Shook, Tony Clark

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

Introductions and Minutes

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

Action: Minutes approved

Elections

Eric Shawn introduced the topic of Elections

Discussion:

Eric said the current nominations are the same as before with no changes. Eric is nominated for the Chair position and JoAnn is nominated for the Vice Chair position. Eleanor thought elections were done. Eric advised that the committee still needed to vote. He asked if they want to have one vote for both or to vote individually. Steve moved to have one vote for both and Eleanor seconded. The committee voted and there were 1s all around-consensus to keep the same chair and vice chair for a second term

Action: Eric is still in the Chair position and JoAnn is still in the Vice Chair position.

Ombuds Activity & Reports

Eric introduced the topic of Ombuds Activity & Reports.

Discussion:

Horse Arena Update: Some work began this week. They are starting to redistribute some rock. The process is starting and it's very exciting. Lisa is getting the word out that this arena is really going to happen. Committee would like to find out and estimated time of opening if possible. Lisa wants to send out an announcement that the process is started and we are moving forward. A lot of people are really looking forward to this arena. One question that arose was how people will know its ok to access this again. Tonya suggested maybe putting up a sign that says horse trailer access ok. Tonya also said that it would be hard to get an official date because things could happen to set it back and that way people won't be as upset if they weren't given a time frame. JoAnn suggested that the city could put it in the Pilot. Eleanor said that it was probably time to bring Joe Loomis up to speed so he is aware that we are getting closer to the time of scheduling events there. Ann said that the main thing that is holding this up is the weather.

Acoustic Engineer Update: Tonia spoke with Dan about this. After getting the report what they are going to do is choose what material they are going to use. The report gave some suggestions of materials but Dan didn't like any of them. They will then install the material in the dugouts. Probably not all but they will get the important ones. It should reduce the sound by 4 decibels. Eleanor said that the problem is not with the noise coming from the dugouts but rather the noise that is coming from the bleachers. Rosemary handed everyone a report she put together. She said that the problem is not the kids, it is the parents. Tonia said that once the material is chosen it will most likely get installed after the season this fall sometime. Rosemary sent the report we got from the acoustical engineer to some "very knowledgeable" people and told them that this is a major problem. They noted that this was "the worst report they'd ever seen in their lives". She was recommended to a company in San Francisco who deals with airport noise, amphitheater noise and highway noise. She said there has to be a solution to this problem of ours. Everyone should look at the report and give suggestions on what they think of this new consultant at the next meeting. She said if we can solve this noise problem in our park then other people will come to us to figure out how to solve there issues with noise. Ultimately it comes down to cost. If the district had 4 million to build a new park then they should have money to fix the noise problem. Tonia suggested that people read the report before we take it to Dan. Tonia said that the district would have to get bids from 3 or more companies so it might not be the people from San Francisco. At the next meeting there needs to be some kind of consensus to where we identify the main issues we need the engineers to fix. JoAnn said she thought there were several questions: 1) What did the District ask the acoustical engineer to evaluate (dugouts only or both dugouts and bleachers) 2) Did the evaluation take place when a game was on going? 3) Did the District decide to pursue only one when two fixes, when more were suggested? And 4) Would it even be feasible financially to attempt to decrease bleacher noise (does the District have the funding?). She would like the answers from Dan. Susan would like them to come back out when a game or tournament is taking place so they can get the real idea of what we are dealing with. Tonia said they are planning on planting more around the ball fields to help mitigate some of the sound coming off the fields.

North Side Update: Tonia said that there isn't a lot happening as far as planning. We are looking at doing the trails, bridge and dog park in phase one. JoAnn asked if the district has a contract with Alta. Tonia said that nothing has been decided yet.

Lighting Adjustments: Dick Shook was supposed to have the follow up on this topic but he was not present. This topic will be put on the agenda for next month.

Dog Park Committee: Tony Clark has the information on this committee but he was not present. This topic will be put on the agenda for next month.

Camas Creek Damage Report: The officer got back to Tonia. The people were not from the area so the officer has tabled the issue. He didn't want to drive that far just to give a ticket. Eric said we will let it go and just continue to repair the creek.

Orthodox Church Water Issues: Eric just wanted to give the committee a heads up that this will start to be on the agenda. Father Matthew is having a water runoff issue that is believed to be caused by the park

Action: Some topics will carry to next month

Committee Member Comments

Eric introduced the topic of Committee Member Comments.

Discussion:

JoAnn said that Chris Runyard with the Tsunami group said that the Christian Church Center was contemplating getting rid of some land. She said it is in the city. Nothing has really happened yet but it is in discussion. John Mantay was interested in buying that property at one time. Tonia said that she did ask Michelle to talk to him. It would be nice if we could get it and keep it in a natural state.

Action: NONE

Citizen Comments

Eric introduced the topic of Citizen Comments.

Discussion:

Ann mentioned putting up some signage in the wetland areas in order for people to know to stay out. Tonia said they have started talking about cost and trying to determine what kind of signage.

NONE

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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