

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

for

North Clackamas Park

July 23, 2008

Milwaukie Center

MEETING SUMMARY

PRESENT

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

Alternates: Susan Shawn, Steve Berliner

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

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

ABSENT

Representatives: Fr. Matthew Tate

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

Introductions and Minutes

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

Action: Minutes approved

Sound Level Discussion

Eric Shawn introduced the topic of Elections

Discussion:

This is a continuation from the last meeting. The committee would like to identify the issues that they would like addressed. Rosemary said the sound level is too high but doesn't think that it will change. She said you can't tell people not to cheer and be quiet. Eric said that he believes the consensus of the group is that the sound level is an issue with specific issues. JoAnn said that she remembered people saying that the problem isn't coming from the dugouts but instead coming from the bleachers. Eric said that we want the sound level reduced and we can have the engineers help us find a way to do it. Engineers operate on specific criteria and results. They rely on scope. He asked if there was a level of reduction that would be acceptable' in other words can we give them a target that we would like to hit? That way if they can reach it there is a level of satisfaction. Rosemary said that she didn't know how to communicate that she is being

affected by this. It gives her a headache. The only thing she can say is that it is like your next door neighbor having a huge party with lots of screaming and yelling and laughing continuously. There has to be some sort of structure that can capture the noise. I don't know anything about sound levels so I don't know what would be acceptable. Eric started a list of things we wanted addressed. Michelle said agreed with Eric on how do we know when we have accomplished something, even if we bring this person in and implements something and it helps it, do we just keep going or how do we know if it's getting better? Rosemary said that she doesn't expect it to go away all together but she doesn't want to hear it at this high of level. She suggested that the engineers come to her property while a tournament is going on that way they can hear how loud it actually is. The committee agreed. The committee would like to reduce the sound level by 10 decibels.

The list for the engineer:

1. Take a decibel reading from Rosemary's during a tournament
2. Field Hours – outreach for coaches
3. Target = 10 decibels
4. Dugout/bleachers

Action: Topic is on next months agenda

High Water SE of Parking Lot

Eric introduced the topic of High Water SE of Parking Lot.

Discussion:

Fr. Matthew was not present. This topic will be moved to next months meeting.

Action: Moved to next months meeting.

Tree Damage & Mowing of Buffers

Eric introduced the topic of Tree Damage & Mowing of Buffers.

Discussion:

Dick said that there is a cedar log that is down in the creek. The tree was cut down and there was a duck box that was damaged. Also the mowers are going into the buffer zone. Maybe we can not mow that so people don't think that they can get back there and party. Dick also asked if we could chalk off the buffers to see where they are at. Kevin spoke with his staff and it won't happen again. It was really a one time issue. Sally would really like the buffers to be established by this fall so we can start the planting. We have got to plant in the fall because they might not grow. We aren't going to have any type of buffer for the noise if we don't start getting this stuff in the ground. Tonia would like a plan of attack to be drawn up before we go at the planting. At the same time she does realize that the fall and winter time is the best time to plant. She did go back at look at the trail that people have made that leads back to the bank and the tree that people are crossing on. It is an issue and a pretty big one at that because it is obvious that many people are using that as a trail and we don't to take the time and energy and funding and resources and do a great project and then have these people who made this "social" trail not a "maintained" trail and just trample something that we have taken the time to do. An organized effort is the best way to go. Do we want to put

up signs; do we want to put up a fence? Should we consider putting in a little trail there so people can still get back to the water? Sally said that we have been waiting and waiting to do this and she wants to know when we are going to get started. We need to plan for it now in order to do it this fall otherwise we are going to have to wait another year. Tonia said that as far as planting in the buffer zone we have started some. We harvested some alders and moved them to the buffers and will continue to do that. Sally said that the plantings need to take place October through April. Tonia is committed to making this happen. Sally just doesn't want to have to wait for another year. Tonia recently told the committee writing a proposal to get an AmeriCorps position to help and it was accepted. The work plan for that volunteer or employee will be putting a great amount of their time into the enhancement of NCP. The position starts in mid September. This person will be assisting on non native plant control and restoration of the ecosystem. They will also be helping out with other things. So what we are hoping will happen is this winter we will be starting the planting. Rosemary wanted to know if there was going to be some kind of drawing or plan drawn up on where to plant things. Sally said that we know the buffer is 50 feet away from the creek so if we know that there is no reason that we cant plant anywhere in that buffer area. We know the trails aren't going to go there so what is the problem. Kevin said the bigger issues is the people crossing the creek in those areas and if we plant new stuff there it is most likely going to get trampled because people don't really care. That is we need to get or make some kind of alternate access to the creek so they aren't trampling all the new stuff we are putting in the ground. Tonia said that AmeriCore person is going to help with that so we can map out our action plan. This person is going to be with us for a year and this will be there primary focus. JoAnn just wanted to make sure that the issue was covered. She said the mowing within the buffer was a one time mistake and it won't happen again. Kevin said that with as much mowing as we have going on out here it was a very small piece. JoAnn said regarding Sally's issues with the planting that yes we can hurry up and plant but we do need a plan of action so we aren't doing something that is pointless. What Steve would like to see happen is if we could get the friends of the creek together and go with you and the AmeriCore person on site instead of one person making up a plan and getting all invested in and then have other people come and want to make changes; and then put together a plan and if we did it that way I think we could have it planted in this coming planting season. Tonia agrees. We need to prioritize on what we can get done.

Action: Once the new person starts things will start to move in a more forward direction.

Ombuds Activity & Reports

Eric introduced the topic of Ombuds Activity & Reports.

Discussion:

Horse Arena Update: Kevin said that we have finished the base and now we are moving towards putting the fence up. Once the fence is up we will add 4-6 inches of _ compacted gravel and then on top of that 4-8 inches of unwashed sand. Lisa said that we really will need something to contain that material from leaving the arena; because as people work along the outer edge it is going to find its way out of the arena. Lisa wanted to suggest railroad ties but that is probably not a good product but something along those lines that will keep the material in the arena. JoAnn suggested maybe using some kind of plastic wood. Michelle said that we would look into it. JoAnn asked what

the expected time of completion was. Kevin said they are trying to get it done next week but he makes no promises. They are shooting for the middle of August.

Northside Update: Tonia got a scope and cost estimate from Alta for the trails, dog run and creek crossings. We are reviewing it and if it's good we will start to get things going. We are working with the City of Milwaukie on land use planning. We are continuing to move forward. Tony asked if there were already exact materials chosen for the dog run. Tonia said no. Michelle said that we could bring something to the committee with designs for input. Susan asked if we could put the plans on the website. Michelle said maybe but it doesn't always work.

Lighting Adjustments: Kevin said that they are going to come out around the 15th of August to do the adjustments.

Dog Park Committee: Tony handed out a sheet of rules and regulations that he has collected from numerous agencies in the area. He asked everyone to read it over and then let him know what changes or additions should take place. After that he would like to take it to the dog people and see what feedback they have. JoAnn said the rules need to be enforceable and right now the only one that is enforceable is the off leash rule. JoAnn thinks that what Tony has put together was really great. She has some concerns in general about what can be enforced by the city. The committee looked over the rules and many people had comments and suggestions. It was decided that they would email Tony directly of there comments or concerns and Tony would change review them.

Action: Committee member should email Tony if they have suggestions about the rules.

Committee Member Comments

Discussion:

JoAnn said that on Saturday starting at 10am there will be the Festival Days Parade in Milwaukie. They will have 35-40 floats and a marching band. From 6-10pm there will be riverfront music and then at 10 pm the fireworks will start. Come check it out.

Citizen Comments

Discussion: NONE

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on August 27, from 4 to 6 pm at the Milwaukie Center.