

# STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

for

## North Clackamas Park

September 24, 2008

Milwaukie Center

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### MEETING SUMMARY

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#### PRESENT

**Representatives:** JoAnn Herrigel, Lisa Gibson, Tony Clark, Sally Shook

**Alternates:**

**Guests:** Rosemary Crites, Randy & Sandra Scott

**Staff** Staci Hammond, Tonia Burns, Kevin Cayson

#### ABSENT

**Representatives:** Fr. Matthew Tate, Eric Shawn

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

#### Introductions and Minutes

JoAnn opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions. She then asked that the committee review the August minutes. The minutes were approved as read.

*Action: Minutes approved*

#### Sound Level Discussion

JoAnn introduced the topic of Sound Level Discussion.

#### *Discussion:*

JoAnn explained that on Sunday 9/28 everyone that wants to can meet at Rosemary's house to take some sound readings. Joann's intent is to listen with her ears rather than the machine just for her own opinion. The parks district has a decibel reader that they will bring and Eric also has one. This will make it better for quality control to have to devices. Rosemary made a map to her home that she handed out. Staci will email to the rest of the committee that aren't present today. Tonia wanted to make sure that people are ok with who will be taking the readings. She said we will have to write up another scope because the whole purpose was to gather data before the games end. Rosemary is concerned about the quality of the equipment that we will be using. She just wants to make sure that it works and we can get accurate readings from it. Tonia said that it was purchased from Radio Shack and will work fine for what we want to do.

Rosemary said that she was okay with it. JoAnn said that we will meet on Sunday and then go from there. She said that most likely this item will stay on the agenda.

*Action: Committee to meet at Rosemary's house at 3pm on Sunday 9/28*

## **Ombuds Activity & Reports**

JoAnn introduced the topic of Ombuds Activity & Reports.

### *Discussion:*

**Horse Arena Update:** Lisa said that there is some inconsistency in the arena. The outside is softer than the inside. It's too hard in some spots and too soft in others. She wanted to know if we can drag it. Kevin said yes but it needs to go through the winter and then it will compact itself. We haven't really had any rain but once we do that will help too. Lisa said she knows we can't make everyone happy but it needs to be more consistent. It will take time but it definitely needs to be re-dragged. A horse has already tripped a couple of times. She said that the parking is ok but they haven't had any "big" events. Dick Shook mentioned that he had guests at his home that noticed people using the arena so it is getting some use which is good. Just to clarify the arena material is a fine sand and gravel mix.

**Northside Update:** Tonia said that Clackamas County finance people still have the proposal and are putting together a contract. Once that is complete Alta will sign it and then the district will. Alta will do design and oversee phase 1. Sally is concerned with time. She wants to know how long we have to wait. Tonia sent an email to find out where we are and should know by the end of the week. Tonia said that we had to go back and forth about the money. Alta came in too high so we had to go back 3 or 4 times to get a good number. We finally came to an agreement and now finance is drafting a contract. Once it's done it will get sent to Alta then to us and then we will be good to go.

**Lighting Adjustments:** JoAnn said from what she understands this has been taken care of and should be taken off the agenda.

**Dog Park Committee:** Steve sent in comments along with JoAnn and Sally. Tony will revise the guidelines and give them out to a select group in order to get some feedback from them. JoAnn said that right now Clackamas County only has 2 enforceable rules but Portland has a whole set. She wanted to know if we want to adopt some of those or just leave them as guidelines knowing they aren't enforceable. Tony said we just want to leave them as guidelines. Tony doesn't want to put the new guidelines up until the "new" dog park is done. This is a good way to roll out new guidelines for the "new" dog park.

*Action: Tonia will get an answer from finance about where we stand with the contracts. Tony will revise the list of guidelines and distribute to a select group.*

## **Committee Member Comments**

### *Discussion:*

Sally asked if the Milwaukie Center would agree to have a live Christmas tree planted by Camas Creek that could be decorated every year. Kevin said that he would have to check with county counsel to see if it's even possible.

JoAnn said that on October 17 the Johnson Creek Watershed Counsel will be having its annual auction, including things like signed basketballs and box seats.

Tonia said she had a correction crew in the park to work on blackberries and other non natives. She said the storm water drainage has Alder growing in it so they are thinning those out. She also announced that the AmeriCore member will be starting next Thursday. His name is Jeff Lesh and he will help the district by going to each park and collecting data which will help with management of the parks. He will be here for a year.

### **Citizen Comments**

*Discussion:*

Randy and Sandra Scott came to the meeting today because of their concern about coyotes in the park. Randy said that they have grand children and small dogs that they bring to the park for walks. He has been using this park since the 60's and have never heard or seen a coyote. In July they started hearing rumors that people are hearing the coyotes. In August in the back on the path that goes towards the horse arena he saw a coyote. He was standing there looking at him and his dog. Since that day they have been afraid to walk in the park with their dog and grand children. He feels he got shuffled off by Dan. He read the minutes from the previous meeting and read the discussion about the warning signs. Randy doesn't feel that the yellow signs aren't good enough of a warning. He feels that the parks district will be responsible if someone or something gets hurts. He would like the public to be aware that this is an issue in North Clackamas Park. Sally asked what he would suggest happen. He said public awareness. He wants the district to be pro-active and put an article in the Oregonian or Clackamas Review saying there have been coyote sightings at the park and this is what the district is going to do about it. That way people can make up there own mind on whether or not they continue to use the park or not. JoAnn asked who Randy would trust to come talk to and educate people about the coyotes. He said not PETA, ODFW would be okay. Tonia said that she had talked to Randy on the phone. She put a call into ODFW about this issue. What it sounds like to Tonia is that there is a higher occurrence of coyote sightings this year in 2008. That is what ODFW is reporting and they are getting more calls this year than any other year. ODFW has shuffled Tonia off 3 times. They were supposed to call back today. They are going to give the district more information. Tonia wanted to make sure that Randy knew that the signs the district put up are just temporary for now. Randy said that the vibe he got from Dan was that the case was closed. He feels better knowing now that we are still trying to work on a solution. Randy contacted the North Clackamas Review and talked to a reporter there. Now he has the option to either tell her what he heard here today or not. He doesn't want to step on toes. He is not sure if she is going to write an article or not. JoAnn knows the reporter and said she is a very fair and open person and a supporter of wildlife and I think she will write a great article that will reflect both sides. The general consensus of the group was that it was a good idea.

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**Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.**

**Next meeting will be held on October 22, from 4 to 6 pm at the Milwaukie Center.**