

NORTH CLACKAMAS PARK STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr; Milwaukie, OR

Milwaukie Center

May 26, 2010

MEETING SUMMARY

PRESENT

Representatives: Steve Berliner-Chair and Friends of Kellogg and Mt. Scott Creek and Environmental Interests, Tony Clark-Vice-Chair and Dog Park Interests, John Gill-Community Center Advisory Board, Susan Shawn-Friends of NCP, Lisa Gibson-Horse Arena

Staff: Tonia Burns, Natural Resources Coordinator, Rose Jessee-Recorder

Guests: Ann O'Donnell-neighbor, Dick Shook-neighbor, Rosemary Crites-neighbor, Clair Zentner-dog owner and park patron, Don Wiley-neighbor, Sue and Ralph McKenzie, neighbors

ABSENT

Representatives: Fr. Matthew Tate-Eastern Orthodox School, John Denny-Youth Sports, JoAnn Herrigel-City of Milwaukie

Alternates: Dave Somann, Rick Frank, Grady Wheeler, Holly Denman-Cascade Heights Charter School, Beth Ragel-City of Milwaukie, Eric Shawn-Friends of NCP, Sally Shook-Environmental Interests

Meeting Called to Order at 4:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

- *Susan made the motion to approve minutes with above stated corrections. Steve seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.*

Discussion Items

- **Code Enforcement:** Tim Salyers, Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Milwaukie (from 2004) came to provide information and answer questions. Code Enforcement Officers are responsible for enforcing the entire Milwaukie municipal code, mostly the nuisance codes including noise, shopping carts, weeds and overgrown trees. There were about 720 citations issued in FY 08-09. They also enforce Milwaukie parks rules. JoAnn Herrigel is the supervisor of Code Enforcement, including Tim and Sarah Lander.
Milwaukie has decided to step back from citations for dog violations and move towards education. After adequate education has taken place, they will start issuing warning citations. After enough time issuing the warnings, the officers will start issuing citations with maximum fines of \$500. The officers are hooked up to the police band radio and they have their own call numbers.
Committee suggestions included prominently posting the municipal codes and maximum fines possible for violations. Tonia said it was under consideration and signs will probably be made up. The worst time at the dog park is usually 3:30-6. Committee and neighbors also suggested officers stagger their shifts occasionally to provide wider coverage. Tim and JoAnn will look into perhaps getting cadets and reserve officers to help patrol, especially on weekends and evenings. The bulletin board should also be used to warn dog owners.
If a dog is constantly barking, code enforcement should be called. That also includes the scoop law. If the occurrence happens outside the hours of 8-5, Mon-Fri, the police non-emergency could be called, but the response from the police department is uncertain and might not even happen.
For alcohol use in the park that doesn't present a danger, police non-emergency should be called at 503-786-7500. If the people are getting out of hand, 911 should be called.
- **DAB Noise Issue:** The sound engineer demoed sound levels at May's DAB meeting. There was a noticeable difference in sound levels with even a five decibel reduction. For amplified sound, the legal limit is 65 decibels, for unamplified park noise, there is no limit. It was noted that most of the noise at

issue is from spectators.

The engineer sent in several recommendations. The dugouts could be treated on the inside roof. A clear Plexiglas along the back of the backstops could also be installed. The sound engineer will be sending the District specifications and cost estimates.

The DAB has changed their previous stance from not doing anything to committing the Board to resolving the noise issue.

Dick suggested the District might want to offer advertising on the inside of the outfield fencing to help pay for the sound mitigation measures recommended. It isn't a popular idea, but may become a last resort. Susan suggested some kind of art or other displays but no money could be made from that. John G. suggested selling signage but having sponsors partner with Freddie the Frog, etc. to both advertise and inform and educate. Regardless, the economics aren't good right now for advertising.

- **Dog park letter recommendation:** The letter in response to Michelle Healy's discussion regarding dog park priorities in April was presented to the Committee. The letter was approved as is.

Susan moved to have the Committee sign the letter immediately. Steve seconded that motion. It was approved unanimously and was signed.

Tony mentioned a piece of property he believes is County owned at 120th and Capps Road. Right now the police K9 unit is using the area for training and converting the property to a public dog park wouldn't take much effort. District will look into it.

Update 5/27: Property report was printed out. It's owned by CC Development Agency and is included in Clackamas Industrial Area Development Plan. The plan and the property info will be reviewed by Michelle and the Development Agency next week.

- **Tonia's updates:**

Kevin Cayson, Maintenance Supervisor, informed her two speed bumps are now installed. Striping will be applied when the weather is better.

Tony is working with Rose Hunt to stamp, initial and date all dog park bulletin board postings. Tony said the details still need to be worked out and he will be contacting JoAnn to do that.

The Vets event a couple of weeks ago was good and had a lower than expected turnout. There were only 500 visitors when 2-3,000 were expected.

The event last weekend required people parking closed to the horse arena along that road.

Freddie the Frog display was passed around. It will be printed big and placed on a sandwich board in the central field area. It displays pictures to protect wildlife and the creeks, etc.

Committee Member Comments

- Lisa as a meeting with Clackamas County 4-H group and will be making up a flyer and posting it in the horse arena area.
- Susan presented a letter for signature by the Committee to the BCC about supporting strong urban tree canopy protections within the urban growth boundary. There is a hearing on the issue on June 8.
- Friends of NCP are meeting next Wednesday, June 2 at 6:30 at the fire building on Lake Road. Tonia and Bob Storer of WES will be presenting the Watershed Action Plan.
- Tonia said Clackamas County Parks is opening the Barlow Trail Park next weekend on June 5, National Trails Day.

OMBUDS ACTIVITY: REQUESTS & REPORTS

- none

Agenda Planning-June

- none

Citizen Comments

Discussion:

- *none*

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on June 23, 2010 from 4 to 6 pm at the Milwaukie Center.