

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

for

North Clackamas Park

February 28, 2007

Milwaukie Center

MEETING SUMMARY

PRESENT

Representatives Sally Shook, Eric Shawn (chair), JoAnn Herrigel (vice-chair), Fr. Matthew Tate, Tony Clark, Eleanor Johnson, John Denny

Alternates Rick Frank, Susan Shawn, Steve Berliner

ABSENT Jim Schuld (alt.), Holly Denman (alt.)

GUESTS Dick Shook, Pat and Anne O'Donnell, Lisa Gibson, Rosemary Crites

STAFF Dan Zinzer, Michelle Healy, Kristen Cacka

Amplified Sound Policy

The committee met outdoors to do a test of amplified sound use at both the rose garden and ball fields. A sound meter was borrowed from the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office to test decibel levels. Personal sound meters owned by committee members were also on hand to aid in testing.

Discussion:

- Eric – for the rose garden we should regulate dB level in center of brick square
- Eleanor – has never heard anything louder than the music played during our test today-could be offensive for the church and other neighbors; who is going to monitor the noise levels after policy is set?
- in baseball fields 65 dB is plenty, can't imagine any sound exceeding 60 dB, because it would be uncomfortably loud for those near baseball field
- 65 dB at rose garden property line seemed loud
- after test, it is clear that most noise issues will be from rose garden, not ball fields
- Dan – would like to get a recommendation from the committee to take to the District Advisory Board (DAB) on sound policy; two pivotal pieces are inclusion of whole park and perimeter at park
- in football we have never had amplifier system for national anthem
- JoAnn – seems unreasonable to ask everybody to test dB levels before using the rose garden
- Dan – usually no one would do anything; if there are complaints, then we would go out and test and ask them to turn it down until it reaches 65 dB (or whatever limit is set) at perimeter
- existing policy is 70 dB, proposal is to reduce it to 65 dB
- Dan – we want to make this policy inclusive for whole park, not just rose garden

- for rose garden, we should have both numbers: 65 dB at perimeter, and 90 dB at center of patio (or at 25 feet from source)
- JoAnn – who will people call if there is a complaint?
- Dan – in order to have an event, people have to have a permit; we would include sound policy in permit
- also want to be cautious of eliminating source of revenue if people don't want to use park
- we are regulating sound for surrounding neighbors outside park boundaries as well as other users of the park
- revision proposed by JoAnn – “amplified sound shall not exceed 90 dB at 20 feet of sound source and 65 dB measured from the perimeter of the park”
- Father Matthew – would be good to have a policy that amplified sound not be used before noon on Sundays, at least for rose garden, and maybe for shelter; also concerned about multiple use-maybe limit number of sources of amplified sound present concurrently; also want to consider effect to wildlife-how many dB for an extended period can wildlife tolerate
- Eleanor-also concerned with bass, may not hear music, but bass travels
- revision proposed by Dan – for No. 2 in sound policy –instead of 10-8 say 12-8
- how would we determine how many sources of amplified sound are present? -amplified sound requires a permit, we could limit it to 2 permits at one time and test for a summer
- Michelle – there are some drop-ins
- we would respond only if there's a complaint regarding number of sources as well as dB level
- we need to get a consensus to recommend to DAB
- Michelle – at DAB meeting one of the members recommended we look at fee, which is currently \$15, but thought we may want to raise it -if DAB wants to raise fee, stewardship committee approves

Action: Amend sound policy recommendations as follows: 1) use of amplified sound shall be permitted from 12 pm – 8 pm on Sunday; 2) amplified sound shall not exceed 65 dB measured from the perimeter of the park, or 90 dB measured 20' from the sound source; 3) the use of amplified sound shall be limited to no more than 2 sources at any given time. All amendments were approved unanimously.

Introductions and Minutes

Eric Shawn welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the committee to review the January meeting minutes.

Action: The committee approved the January minutes as presented.

North Side Planning

The committee reviewed ideas for north side planning and discussed new ideas. The RFP process was also reviewed.

Discussion:

- RFP review committee will meet on Friday and select a bidder, or proceed to interviewing if consensus is not reached
- Review ideas discussed at November meeting: We have ideas submitted by Dick, any additional thoughts?

- split-rail fences are nice-we need some sort of division between wetlands and surrounding areas
- Tony – dog park is not mentioned as a desired feature
- Eric – unless another location can be found that is suitable, the dog park needs to stay where it is; there needs to be a dog park somewhere in the park, consultant will figure out where the best place for it is
- has any effort been made to find a new area (outside of NCP) for a dog park? –Dan explained that discussions for 100 acres below aquatic park are in progress. Now is the time to mention horses, dogs, etc
- more dog parks in the area would help spread out dogs over other areas
- Dan – there will definitely be more dog parks in the area eventually
- Timeline? Michelle-approximately 2 years
- Michelle – we can get the word out about the potential for dog parks after we have acquired the property, and help to inform dog owners
- Women don't feel safe in aquatic park area walking dogs alone –Dan explained, not now, but it will have to be developed obviously
- Eleanor – any room for horse trails there? –Dan thinks so
- Northside planning-some efforts are underway to find additional dog park sites within the park, but we will have a dog park; if it stays in the same location, it will be upgraded
- JoAnn – if we don't get it on the list today, we will have an additional opportunity to talk to the consultants when they do their review; we don't have to list everything today
- Tony – what is timeline for consultant's review? –Michelle said 6 months seems reasonable to have some ideas presented by the consultants to consider

Ombuds Activity and Reports

South Side Construction Progress Report – Mike McLees provided a handout update

Discussion:

- Dan – proposed moving horse arena and adding parking for horse trailers, as well as a loading/unloading area
- Lisa – bollards are a problem if someone just wants to load up and bring their horses down to the arena
- Michelle – maybe we could use some kind of lockbox with code that we give to horse arena users
- If horse people can't get to it, it won't be used; there is not enough parking, but we don't want to put more parking in the park; how can we protect the trails without a bollard
- ball fields parking has been an issue at other ball fields; method used-umpires, coaches and everyone was informed, and the game doesn't start until illegally parked cars are moved, easy to enforce, not unusual, this issue is faced everywhere

Upcoming Events – Dan announced several events taking place in the next few months

- March 10 – March for Meals/March for Mutts
- April 21 – ball fields opening
- April 22 – Earth day celebration

Letters to Stakeholders – Several addresses still missing

- A Piece of Heaven assisted living – phone number on sign, call for address

Comments

Committee members and citizen comments and additional business

- Goats – it was heard that neighbors are going to sell their goats
- Dan – we sent a letter to neighbors using the area, but stating we'll keep gates locked unless a request is specifically made
- There is a new alternate Kathi Schroeder. She is very active in the community and Eleanor will invite her to attend our next meeting to get updated on the things that are happening in North Clackamas Park.

Naming of Creek

Discussion:

- Having two names complicates issue for applying to Oregon Geographic Names Board
- Naming of Milwaukie Center was confusing; we don't want a repeat
- JoAnn – if we go through with this, I will work on it, but it requires a lot of effort; please come up with one name suggestion and come to a consensus in this group before we proceed
- The two suggestions currently on the table are Camas Creek and Park Creek
- Sally – hoped maybe we could get it named and on the map before all the upcoming development happens
- Susan – likes the idea of naming the creek

Action: Add item to agenda for next month's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Next meeting will be held on March 28, 2007 from 4 to 6 pm at the Milwaukie Center.