

# STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

for

## North Clackamas Park

February 25, 2009

Milwaukie Center

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### MEETING SUMMARY

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#### PRESENT

**Representatives:** Eric Shawn, Tony Clark, Sally Shook, Joan Young, JoAnn Herrigel, Fr. Matthew Tate

**Alternates:** Susan Shawn, Grady Wheeler, Holly Denman

**Guests:** Rosemary Crites, Ann O'Donnell, Donna Heber, Dick Shook, Kayla Strong and Lauren (from Rex Putnam Honor Society)

**Staff** Kevin Cayson, Tonia Burns, Rose Jessee, Jeff Lesh

#### ABSENT

**Representatives:** Steve Berliner, Lisa Gibson, John Denny

**Alternates:** Jim Schuld, Dave Somann, Beth Ragel, Rick Frank

#### Introductions and Minutes

Eric opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions.

#### Ombuds Activity & Reports

Eric introduced the topic of Ombuds Activity & Reports.

##### *Discussion:*

**Cascade Heights Charter School:** Joan Young has stated problems with school traffic in the park, parking by the Rose Garden. Holly said she wasn't clear that the Rose Garden parking was specifically for the Milwaukie Center. There needs to be some research on how many cars from the school actually park there and how long they are staying. As of right now, nobody has a clear number. Holly also stated that the enrollment of the school will not be getting any larger than the 200 students it now has. She and the school are willing to do whatever it is recommended they do to solve the parking issues. Holly would like a copy of the parking plan in the land use application from the City of Milwaukie.

The school currently uses the park for P.E. classes and verified that it was okay to use the park for those purposes.

The gate and pathway between the school and park is now being used beyond its original capacity. The pathway needs to be upgraded for the current uses. It was discussed whether the gate should or could be moved.

Eric suggested the 4 bureaucracies [**Note: NCPRD, City of Milwaukie, Cascade Heights Charter School, NCSD**] get together to discuss the issues and remove the issues from the Stewardship committee. Father Tate asked to be included as well.

*Action: 1) the school will gather the necessary info needed (number of cars parked, etc.) 2) this information will be shared with the necessary agencies and people 3) a meeting will be set up with all participants to discuss resolutions [**Note: who has the lead responsibility for setting up this meeting?**]*

**Rex Putnam Honor Society:** They have a club of about 60 students that are looking for community involvement projects involving park restoration. Tonia will put them in touch with Clee Ann Hart, the volunteer coordinator. Tonia will also get more specific info from the group. The club would be available 1 weekend in April or May at least. They are also interested in fundraising opportunities. The funds raised could be spent on plants, interpretive signs or bench. They may be available to volunteer at the Earth Day event. It was suggested that they create a video of their project(s).

**Water level on church property:** There's about twice as much water than there used to be. Now the whole wetland basin fills up, unlike before with some trees constantly with their feet in the water. Most of the trees are okay so far. With the expanded wetlands buffer, there is much less usable land. All the water does flow to the swails as it should, though. Father Tate was referred to Peter Ryan, who has been historically good at determining wetland delineation. Father Tate has requested mitigation support with WES and JoAnn has offered her support with the process.

**North Side Update:** The land use application is in progress. The City of Milwaukie is partnering with CC on the development. [**Clarify: are City of Milwaukie and Clackamas County partnering with NCPRD?**]

**Earth Day:** 2 rooms in the back of the Milwaukie Center are being used along with the covered area. Father Tate has offered the use of his church basement if needed. Tonia stated that the basement probably wouldn't be necessary, but that could change. Tonia is working on getting the Americorp volunteers to participate. Rex Putnam Honor Society has also volunteered if needed. A speaker is still needed on the topic of celebrating our watersheds. Among the activities are a nature scavenger hunt, arts and crafts and the dedication of Camas Creek. New Seasons has offered \$50 towards the refreshments. JoAnn is going to call Papa Murphy's to provide food.

**Update on sound level testing:** Dan Zinzer is working with the sound engineer to work out the contract and scope of work for the sound testing to take place during a tournament/game time in May or June.

**Dog Park Committee:** Tony is trying to set up group meetings to discuss the upcoming revised and updated dog park and potential guidelines for it.

*Action: Public involvement is being solicited and flyers are being put in the park.*

**Update on Horse Arena footing:** No work can begin on the footings until warmer and drier weather. Naming of the arena needs to go through the City of Milwaukie and the DAB.

**Dog Park Committee:** Tony Clark will have information available to the public at the Earth Day event and will pursue an alternate for his position.

**Tournament:** the Western Regional Tournament will be held at the end of July at 3 local parks including NCP and will close the park and Milwaukie Center to all public use for a week. Pam Girtman is working on the publicity for the event.

The Committee wants to talk with the principles involved to determine the impact of exclusive use. They were given to understand that all commercial endeavors were prohibited.

Father Tate made a motion to make a statement to the organizers stating the public's [\[stewardship committee\]](#) displeasure and was seconded. A vote was then taken at was passed.

The statement shall read in part, "We have strong reservations about the regional tournament that will completely eclipse any other activity at the park." It will be drafted and reviewed.

Eric also is asking for statements for the condition of approval in the public records from the City of Milwaukie. JoAnn will help get those together.

### **Committee Member Comments**

Eric introduced the topic of Committee Member Comments.

*Discussion: NONE*

### **Citizen Comments**

*Discussion:* Rosemary Crites, Dick Shook and Ann O'Donnell stated their strong opposition to the tournament on the basis of increased noise, traffic and the exclusion of the public for the duration of the event.

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**Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.**

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