

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

for

North Clackamas Park

January 28, 2009

Milwaukie Center

MEETING SUMMARY

PRESENT

Representatives: Eric Shawn, Tony Clark, Steve Berliner, John Denny, Sally Shook, Lisa Gibson

Alternates: Rick Frank, Susan Shawn, Grady Wheeler

Guests: Rosemary Crites, Ann O'Donnell

Staff Staci Hammond, Tonia Burns, Rose Jessee

ABSENT

Representatives: Fr. Matthew Tate, JoAnn Herrigel

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

Introductions and Minutes

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

Action: Minutes approved

Agenda Setting Discussion for 2009

Eric introduced the topic of Agenda Setting.

Discussion:

It was discussed whether Jim Schuld should be completely removed from the meeting roster as he has become a complete invalid. Contact will be made with him to confirm.

Stewardship process was discussed and reviewed.

Goal: *act in an ombuds function to create positive solutions for the park and surrounding community and to be a resource for the park district assisting with other issues as they occur.*

Mission: *to act as stewards to the park*

Process: *have representatives and alternates discuss, going around the table once, and then inviting everyone to participate in the conversation so that we get all the ideas and opinions presented. As we measure consensus, we use the 5-finger process: 1st finger*

is fully in support; 2 fingers is I tend to support; 3 is I can live with it but I have some reservations and would like to discuss them; 4 fingers is I have significant discomfort and need more discussion; 5 fingers is I oppose the proposal and need more discussion.

Stewardship Committee Topics Review

Topics remaining open agenda items:

- Picnic table/area availability-clarify reservation policy. May need clearer signs in picnic areas so the public can clarify whether it is available/reserved
- Fr. Tate will be contacted about the high water SE of ball field parking lot to see if it is resolved **March**
- Bioswale is being monitored and operating as it should. Subject will be revisited in April so committee can go outside and view area.
- Interpretive and wetland signage is still in the planning phase
- Students throwing rocks at wildlife. A letter has been drafted by Joan Young and will be put on the February agenda.
- Christian Center property-discussion about whether to sell some of their property
- Dog park committee-ongoing conversation
- Arena use scheduling-open topic
- Dedication & naming of horse arena-waiting for Kevin Cayson to get back to the committee
- Baseball practice in NW corner-old posted maps in park need to be replaced so people don't warm-up in horse arena and disrupt trail-Tonia will bring updated map in to next meeting
- Ball field hours and park hours need to be verified
- Replacement of dead plant material-this spring, the replacement plants that were put in last year will be replaced per the contract
- Lighting adjustments have been made but the ball fields have been closed over the winter so it hasn't been concluded whether it is adequately adjusted
- Backs of scoreboards have not been painted yet

Action: Agenda items updated and will only be put on agenda if someone wants to talk about or has an update for the committee.

Ombuds Activity & Reports

Eric introduced the topic of Ombuds Activity & Reports.

Discussion:

Ben & Jerry Grant: The brochure was handed out containing information about the Stewardship Committee. The brochure is being handed out face to face, ~~at churches and care facilities, etc.~~

North Side Update: Tonia gave the update on NCP North Side Conceptual Plan progress. Phase 1 is to include interpretive signage, a trail, an off leash dog park and removal of the crushed rock culvert & replace with a bridge upstream. She reviewed the plan legend, flood plain, buffer zones and rehabbed areas. The plans are not entirely accurate as to measurements and placements of park features and amenities. ALTA is currently refining and correcting the design. Also, in order to reduce noise problems in the surrounding neighborhood, the suggestion was made to move the trail to the east and make a non-direct path to the neighborhood to the north. Also, it was suggested that the whole end trail at the tip be moved to the east for flood protection adding a flood channel/resting channel in the area. NW corner has potential to be protected wildlife area. We may want to grade the trail at an elevation that would stay dry. Moving and shortening the trail to the multi-use area doesn't seem to be a good idea. Tony pointed out that the covered area in the planned dog park needs to be moved away from the gates to avoid bottleneaking at the entrance to the dog park. Funding is: \$200k from Metro, \$150k from SDC, \$10k from interpretive sign. Tonia has submitted for other grants for re-vegetation and interpretive signage. She stated that the City of Milwaukie needs to be presented with a finalized Master Plan to submit with the land use application. That Master Plan will be adopted into their Comprehensive Plan. The land use application is just for Phase 1. Culvert work needs to be done around August. The rest of the work will be completed in summer-fall. The replanting will be next winter. It was pointed out that the FEMA flood plain maps have been proven inaccurate. Friends of **North Clackamas Parks** did their own flood plain survey with more accuracy.

Coyotes: Neighbor of Alder Creek had their dog attacked. The dog survived the attack. People need to be aware when they are outside. Tonia is to send web site info out about the coyote problem and to educate the public. If it becomes more of a problem, Oregon Fish & Wildlife will get involved, but not at this point. OF&W has recommended outreach and education, which is what NCPRD is doing at this time. Tonia is sending out the website information.

Action: Coyote issue is closed until there is a further occurrence.

Earth Day: Planning Earth Day event at NCP on April 18. NW Services Academy Lower Columbia Center Americorp will be asked to donate 5 or so volunteers to help with the event that day. CC would like a lot of participation by as many groups as possible: WES, Office of Sustainability, Stewardship Committee, etc. Pam Girtman is working on participation and event planning. Ideas were solicited and talked about. The Waldorf School in Milwaukie, **Lauren** Johnson, should be contacted for involvement. Eric will send her contact information to Tonia.

Update on sound level testing: Dan Zinzer agreed to receive proposal from sound engineer. The committee will work with Joe Loomis to confirm if the proposal for the testing has been received and accepted and to decide on a date for testing, most likely in the summer and during a tournament.

Action: Work with Joe Loomis and Dan Zinzer to set date and confirm proposal has been received and accepted.

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.

Electronic Sign Information request: Located in parking island by the park sign in north parking facing east. It is about 4' or 5' by 7' with text only. It is only on during park hours and not visible to surrounding neighborhood.

Meeting Frequency: The committee will vote as needed on meeting frequency. Probably the November and December meetings aren't needed because of holidays. It was requested that if meetings are cancelled, that at least a week notice be given. Also, if meeting are cancelled, committee members need to be called as well as emailed.

Action: Meetings will be scheduled as needed. The next meeting is in February.

Update on Horse Arena footing: No work can begin on the footings until warmer and drier weather.

Sally Shook request for live holiday tree: To be discussed at a later committee meeting.

Committee Member Comments

Eric introduced the topic of Committee Member Comments.

Discussion:

There needs to be someone to represent the Milwaukie Center and an alternate to represent the dog park on the Stewardship Committee. It can be staff, the Board or Friends of NCP. Tonia will solicit participation.

February agenda to include:

- the Cascade Heights Charter school letter
- Earth Day update
- update on horse arena footing (tbd)
- sound level testing
- update on concept plan ideas

Tony requested copies of the NCP North Side Planning report for the Milwaukie Center Library. Rose will send a couple copies over to the Center.

Citizen Comments

Discussion: NONE

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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