

# STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

*for*  
North Clackamas Park

September 23, 2009  
Milwaukie Center

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## MEETING SUMMARY

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### PRESENT

**Representatives:** Steve Berliner, Tony Clark, John Denny, Beth Ragel, John Gill, Eric Shawn

**Alternates:** Susan Shawn

**Guests:** Ann O'Donnell

**Staff** Tonia Burns

### ABSENT

**Representatives:** Eric Shawn, Lisa Gibson, Fr. Matthew Tate, JoAnn Herrigel, Sally Shook

**Alternates:** Jim Schuld, Dave Somann, Rick Frank, Grady Wheeler, Holly Denman

## Agenda

### ACTION ITEMS

**Minutes approved**

- Steve moved that the minutes be approved. It was seconded. *Approved*

### OMBUDS ACTIVITY: REQUESTS & REPORTS

**Draft letter regarding Dog Parks:**

- Memo from Stewardship Committee to Dan Zinzer. Letter was read into the record.
- Tony commented that he would like a minimum of 6 acres in size.
- Locations of the 2 new parks would ideally be balanced on both sides of I205.
- Susan Shawn stated that the District shouldn't ignore the needs of dog owners in favor of organized sports. Dog owners need to be organized and the Committee needs to advocate on their behalf to support the dog park movement with the district.
- Eric moved to send letter as is to Dan Zinzer on behalf of the Committee. Susan seconded. Motion approved unanimously. All offered highest level of support (1 finger).
- BARK survey is still being worked on by Tony.

**School access to park:**

- Beth read into the record the letter written by JoAnn. Holly and Kevin Cayson met to work on the relocation of the gate. JoAnn, Pam Girtman, Holly and a parent will be meeting. The Friends of North Clackamas Park have offered a donation of \$365 towards the gate. Money comes from a grant from the Milwaukie Farmer's Market.
- Ann asked why the County wouldn't pay for the gate. Steve wasn't sure but pointed out that it may have budgetary concerns or that the school isn't entirely County property. There has been no offer from the County or the City of Milwaukie concerning the cost of the gate.

**Creek impact letter:**

- Ann O'Donnell drafted a letter to be given to players' parents and coaches regarding creek activity. Copy given to Committee for review.
- Tonia stated that the signs are in the works.
- Tonia will have time in October to work with Ann and any other interested parties to work on this. Dick Shook requested that the letter be signed by the County as well as the Friends of NCP.
- A-frame signs at parks would be very useful around the park and at the concessions building as well.

**Update on Sports Complex sound level testing:**

- The results of the sound engineering study with possible mitigation solutions were distributed by Tonia for the Committee to review for the October meeting.

**Title 13/North Side Plan:**

- Environmental Youth Corp is back working in the park again. They are also working on the Mt. Scott Creek riparian buffer zone and will be back out at the park next week. They are doing seed collecting as well. Repair work is moving from east to west.

**Watershed Council Update:**

- Given subcommittee approval to apply for an OWEB (Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board) Grant for NCP and removal of the culvert at the mouth of Camas Creek. The challenge with that is the City of Milwaukie would like the Master Plan to be done first. Another option is to apply for a Technical Assistance Grant to do the planning in two wildlife areas in the park, west of water gage of Mt. Scott Creek and north of the Milwaukie Center. Possible partners with any grants applied for are the Parks District, City of Milwaukie, Friends of NCP and any other partners that are recruited, possibly WES. Tonia will talk to Brett Robertson at Oak Lodge Sanitary District for any projects. OLSD is diving into the watershed action plan and will not be available even for technical assistance until the plan is completed.
- There isn't unanimous support for the Technical Grant at this time. Committee would like to go to the district to show support, not for the actual project, but for the planning and engineering of some improvements to the natural areas.
- Susan suggested that Steve, Eric and others from the Watershed Council to meet with Dan and present these ideas directly to him. Steve asked if Tonia could facilitate a meeting. Consensus was strong (one finger).

**Tsunami Volunteers**

- The situation is getting smoothed out after Chris Runyard met with Dan Zinzer personally. They came to an agreement. Steve was given paperwork to register all the Tsunami volunteers within all the parks.

- Eric wanted volunteer requirements clarified. Paperwork just needs to be filled out once through Clea Ann.

### **Agenda Planning**

#### **October**

- Ann's letter about creek monitoring and a caretaker in the park.

### **Committee Member Comments**

#### *Discussion:*

- Kevin Cayson has started the recruitment for a caretaker at the park.
- Tony: the students' use of the park wasn't addressed. Will it be dealt with at the meeting coming up? Eric recommended that Steve send an e-mail to JoAnn to make sure the issue is dealt with.
- Susan commented that it might be a good idea to set up a second stewardship committee for the Three Creeks area including the campus and surrounding neighborhood, railroad, McFarlane's Bark, area CPOs, Development Agency and the Sheriff's Department as well.

## **Citizen Comments**

### *Discussion:*

- Ann doesn't want the blackberries removed because of the deterrent factor and animal habitat and erosion control. The neighborhood loves them. She requested that they be left alone until the replacement plan is ready to be put in place. Tonia said she would have a plan and give it to Ann before any more blackberry removal was done. Tonia told Ann that no blackberries would be removed near her house or fence without going over a plan with her first.

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**Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.**

**Next meeting will be held on October 28, 2009, from 4 to 6 pm at the Milwaukie Center.**