

Meeting Minutes

City of Oregon City, Oregon Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

**City Hall
Commission Chambers
625 Center Street, Oregon City, OR 97045**

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Attendance

Members: Ted Schumaker, Mike Mitchell, Marty Bertsch, Patrick Sweeney, Lynn Betteridge, Bryan Watt, Steve Orr, Brian Burke

Staff: Scott Archer, Community Services Director; Denise Kai, Assistant Park & Recreation Director

Guests: Don Smith

Regular Meeting

- 1) Bryan Watt called the meeting to order at 7:21 P.M.
- 2) Approval of minutes: January 27, 2011 meeting minutes approved as written.
- 3) Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda: None
- 4) General business
 - a) Dog park: Mike Mitchell and Patrick Sweeney provided an update. Next step is to discuss the concept with the City Commission to determine whether there is support to continue exploring. This could be accomplished within the PRAC update to City Commission (TBD) or as a separate item at some point.
 - b) Goals update: Updated goals list of eight (8) items was presented with addition from last meeting of the support of exploring a parks maintenance utility fee or other alternative revenue sources for supporting parks maintenance. Bryan Watt suggested the possible merging of some of the goals; also suggested the addition of another item regarding the pocket parks issue being discussed. Ted Schumaker raised discussion about the R.V. Park. Asked where we are on this issue, and feels that PRAC should support the renovation of this facility.
 - c) Pocket parks: Continued discussion from last meeting. Scott Archer presented the list of sites that were previously considered for sale/disposition on a ballot measure. Also discussed a couple of other potential properties to consider. PRAC determined the next step on this would be to review the issue with the City Commission to find out their interest level.
 - d) Carnegie tree planting plan: Scott Archer presented a planting plan for the Carnegie Library Park site. This plan was developed with the assistance of a landscape

architect/park planning firm, and has been discussed with the McLoughlin Neighborhood. It involves a phased concept strategy with different planting zones within the park. The idea is that each zone may be approached differently depending upon how much longer the existing Elm trees survive. Potential tree replacement along with the canopy size is a consideration. A variety of appropriate species will be planted, so a disease strain will not take out the entire park canopy.

- e) Newell Creek Canyon trail concept: Follow-up discussion from last meeting (see January minutes). Scott Archer discussed the relationship of this to the City's adopted Trails Master Plan and the ongoing conversations with Metro planning and trails staff regarding the attention to this area. PRAC is interested in this site, and would like staff to keep them apprised of any discussion/planning efforts.
- f) PRAC applicant: PRAC interviewed applicant Don Smith prior to the regular meeting and recommend his appointment to the remaining committee vacancy.
- g) Citizen request regarding park hours: Follow-up to Shawn Dachtler's request that PRAC reconsider supporting adjusting the current City park hours. PRAC previously did not recommend any changes to the park hours. Following discussion, PRAC does not recommend changing park hours at this time. Specific to the concerns about Wesley Lynn Park issues, staff noted that there are plans to have a park host in place at the house by this summer season, and there will be security lighting placed on the new restroom/concession building.
- h) Other general business: None.

5) PRAC member reports

- a) Lynn Betteridge: Pioneer Center – previous week the center was closed for general maintenance and cleaning; replaced 2 of the 3 refrigerators; flooring work done in the kitchen area; major facility cleaning done; busses serviced and cleaned.
- b) Bryan Watt: Involved with new Masters swim team at pool called "O.C. Tankers".
- c) Steve Orr: Oregon City High School girls' basketball placed 3rd at state tournament.

6) Staff reports were provided on the following:

- a) Canemah neighborhood park project update.
- b) Ermatinger House structural issues.
- c) Bathroom/concession building at Wesley Lynn Park project moving forward.
- d) Carnegie spray park renovation update.
- e) Sportcraft boat ramp replacement – bid opening Feb. 22nd .
- f) Annual Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance held Feb. 5th. Event was sold out and a huge success.
- g) Pool flooring replacement completed; kitchen repair project underway.
- h) New "Movies in the Park" event planned this summer at Wesley Lynn Park.

- i) Disk golf course has been installed at Singer Creek Park; was completed as an Eagle Scout volunteer project.
- 7) Next scheduled meeting date – April 28, 2011
- 8) Adjournment: 9:38 P.M.