

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, January 27, 2011

Attendance

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

Excused absence: Marty Bertsch

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

Guests: Shawn Dachtler; James Nicita, City Commissioner

Regular Meeting

- 1) Bryan Watt called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.
- 2) Introduction of new PRAC members: Brian Burke and Steve Orr were recently appointed to the committee. This is their first meeting.
- 3) Annual election of officers (Chair and Vice-chair):
 - a) Bryan Watt was elected Chair.
 - b) Mike Mitchell was elected Vice-chair.
- 4) Approval of minutes: December 2, 2010 meeting minutes approved as written.
- 5) Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda
 - a) James Nicita: Thanked the PRAC committee for service, and for support of Canemah property purchase. Ideas on parks: 1. suggest PRAC consider taking up the idea of park linkages. 2. On behalf of owners of Winestock in downtown, would like to suggest the City think about creation of rails to trails along old railway up Newell Creek Canyon. PRAC requested on next month's agenda that staff provide a map of Newell Creek Canyon property and highlight railway line.
 - b) Shawn Dachtler: Concerned about park hour issues. Is a neighbor of Wesley Lynn Park. Handed out letter. Urges PRAC to take some type of action to help neighbors with safety & security of parks. Especially after dark issues. Would like to have the City consider a park host at this site.
- 6) Boards and commissions orientation manual: Scott distributed and gave an overview of new manual prepared by City Recorder Nancy Ide.
- 7) General business

- a) Dog park: Mike Mitchell gave an update. Met with staff last month to discuss the issue. Need to define what type of dog park to create; shared use versus dedicated use. Shared use not as desirable for number of reasons. Recommendation is to focus on dedicated dog park site. Potential sites/pros and cons. Potential sites discussed: Glen Oak, Wesley Lynn (undeveloped portion), Clairmont Road property (power lines), Hillendale (North of tennis courts, near old animal control shelter), Park Place, Firestone alley property. Time to get word out in community: website, trail news, stores, etc.
- b) Goals update: Scott Archer provided an updated goals report. Several completed items have been dropped. PRAC recommended adding one additional item: Support exploration of parks maintenance utility fee or other alternative revenue sources for supporting parks maintenance to increase staff to meet community expectations for levels of service.
- c) Pocket parks: Discussion held regarding whether to consider putting forth a ballot measure at some point to ask the voters to allow the City to dispose/sell certain “pocket parks” which have little or no open space value, and are a maintenance burden. Need to identify parks and process. Commission has the authority to request a ballot measure to support this – PRAC would need to make the recommendation. Look at previous ballot measure –which parks were on the list? Bring back suggested list of sites & map.
- d) Other business:
 - i) Patrick Sweeney: Question about Carnegie spray park and tree planting plan at Carnegie. Staff will bring tree planting plan to next meeting.

8) PRAC member reports

- a) Lynn Betteridge: Pioneer Center - \$3,400 donation from BCT; March for meals planning
- b) Ted Schumaker: Questions about Rivers development in conjunction with EOT site.
- c) Steve Orr: There are geocaching sites in several of our parks.

9) Staff reports

- a) Ermatinger House structural issues.
- b) Promenade signage project being completed.
- c) City Commission annual goal setting retreat held last weekend.
- d) Bathroom/concession building at Wesley Lynn Park project moving forward.
- e) Carnegie spray park update
- f) Sportcraft boat ramp replacement – bid opening Feb. 22nd
- g) DDDD is full – February 5th
- h) March for meals & miles for meals
- i) Pool flooring replacement & some kitchen improvements
- j) Tree replacement planting going on at Pioneer Center

10) Next scheduled meeting date – February 24, 2011

11) Adjournment: 9:37 P.M>.