

Meeting Minutes

City of Oregon City Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

January 26, 2009

Location:

Pioneer Community Center

Attendance:

Members: Martha Sumption, Marty Bertsch, Dan Kromer, Steve McAdoo, Bryan Watt, Ted Schumaker

Staff: Scott Archer, Community Services Director, Denise Kai, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director; Larry Potter, Parks and Cemetery Manager

Guests: Shawn Dachtler, outgoing PRAC member; Karen Andrews, outgoing PRAC member; Bill Daniels, McLoughlin Neighborhood Association

Special Meeting - 6:30 P.M.

A reception for outgoing Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee members Shawn Dachtler and Karen Andrews was held. Current PRAC members and staff attended. Dachtler and Andrews were presented certificates of appreciation for their service to PRAC and the City of Oregon City. Andrews was also presented a separate certificate of appreciation for her volunteer service to the Pioneer Community Center.

Regular Meeting - 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to order: Chair Schumaker called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.
2. Annual election of officers: Steve McAdoo was elected Chair, and Marty Bertsch was elected Vice-chair for the calendar year 2009.
3. Approval of minutes – November 24, 2008 regular meeting: approved with the change noting that Ted Schumaker did not attend the meeting as was written.
4. Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda:
 - a. Bill Daniels of the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association addressed the committee regarding a proposal to establish a memorial on the McLoughlin Promenade for Keith and Lyla Kelly. The Kellys were long time volunteers who took care of the Promenade, and the M.N.A. would like to work with the parks department to create the memorial in recognition of their efforts. We might want to look at the area near where the convenience store is located on High St., as it was the Kelly's favorite location on the Promenade. Daniels also pointed out that no park identification signage exists for the Promenade, one of the oldest and most utilized park facilities in the city.

Scott Archer noted that the Kellys were honored a few years ago as the Citizens of the Year, and that the City Commission also asked that we look into doing some type of permanent recognition. Bill Daniels will seek some further input regarding the memorial, and get back to PRAC with an update.

5. General business:

a. OC 150 Sesquicentennial celebration – tree planting event update:

Ted Schumaker and Shawn Dachtler have continued to work on this event as part of the City participation in the statewide Sesquicentennial celebration. Shawn indicated that they've begun to identify locations. There is a \$5,000 budget from the OC 150 program to utilize for tree plantings. Ted is responsible for engaging volunteers and continues to work on this component.

b. PRAC position vacancies:

Ted Schumaker was re-appointed to a second PRAC term running from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2011. There are now two Committee vacancies due to Shawn Dachtler and Karen Andrews' positions turning over. There is only one applicant for these positions. PRAC would like to advertise these vacancies and wait until there are more applicants before interviewing potential candidates. Staff indicated they will begin working on soliciting applicants for these openings.

c. PRAC goals review/update:

Committee members asked staff to continue to send the PRAC 2008-09 goals out with the agenda each month so the members can review these and continue to be reminded of them.

d. Off-leash dog park:

This was placed on the agenda as a follow-up to the discussion at the last meeting, where a citizen testified to PRAC that the City consider developing an off-leash park. Archer reminded PRAC that this has been discussed a number of times previously. The adopted 2008 Parks and Recreation Master Plan indicated some level of community support for a dog park, but it was not ranked as a high priority. Also, in his experiences managing these facilities, Archer noted they are commonly more maintenance intensive than they are perceived to be. After some discussion and review of the issue, PRAC agreement was that this is not a high enough priority at the current time, and we should continue to focus on taking care of what we already have because our resources are already stretched.

e. Other general business not on agenda:

1. Local artist Paula Lewis has proposed a project to paint "graffiti artwork" on a portion of the skate park bowl. PRAC would like to learn more about the proposal, and asked that staff invite the artist to next month's meeting to present and discuss the idea further. They would like to see a rendering of the proposal to understand better what it may look like. Archer reminded the Committee that if PRAC and staff support the project moving forward, it may be subject to the City of Oregon City Public Art policy and guidelines.

6. PRAC member reports:

a. Bryan Watt reported on the following:

- Suggests that the City consider developing an adopt a park program.
- Would like to see if the lighting at Singer Creek Falls could be restored/repared, as it used to be years ago.
- Continues to work with the Pool on the starting blocks issue.

b. Martha Sumption asked about the status of the covers on the wagons at the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. Staff reported that the Clackamas Heritage Partners organization operates the Center (though the City owns it), and they do not have an identified funding source to replace these.

7. Director's report – Scott Archer reported on the following:

- a. Installation of the Debris Boom project would occur over the next several days.
- b. Recreation Services update – Denise Kai reported on the following:
 - The roof on the swimming pool is in need of being repaired /replaced. Staff have been exploring options and costs for having this done. We have been discussing the funding options with the City Manager and City Commission. Early estimates are around \$375,000 for a one-time total replacement.
 - The annual Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance occurred this month. Once again this was a major success. The event was sold out, with 160 attendees.
 - Still working through the permitting processes for the Sportcraft boat ramp repair.
- c. Parks maintenance update – Larry Potter provided a brief update on parks maintenance items.
- d. The City and Urban Renewal Commission are nearing a decision about the Cove project. Scott distributed a recent memo from City Manager Larry Patterson to the URC and Planning Commission regarding parks maintenance issues related to the Cove project.
- e. An update on the new City Hall project was provided. The Community Services Department is managing the design and construction of the project.

8. The next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2009.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.