

CITY OF WEST LINN
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
January 26, 2012

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Members Present: Roger Shepherd, Lorie Griffith, Vicki Handy, Don Kingsborough, Amy Murphy, John Linman and Todd Jones (via Conference call)

Staff Present: Ken Worcester and Ken Warner

Guests: None

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Roger Shepherd

1. **Approval of tonight's agenda** – Agenda was approved with Addition of #8 Elect Chair Person for Committee and #9 Canoe Kayak Docks
2. **Community Comments** – None. City Councilor Mike Jones did take the opportunity to introduce himself as the new liaison for the Parks & Rec. Advisory Board (PRAB). PRAB was his first choice and his role will be to be quiet, listen and communicate any messages to Council.

Local Boy Scout Troop 131 members were in attendance to observe the meeting

3. **Blue Herron Property Update and possible planning process**
County Commission Approved proposal to purchase on 1/26/12. Property is 39 acres and 5 acres would be need for their utilization. City would be involved with extensive community planning process and has applied for EPA grant of \$45,000. This property does contain Bernert and Tanner Creeks, wetlands, views, a lagoon and river frontage. County may take the lead on public process (environmental studies) and uses that may or may not be possible.
4. **Proposed Triathlon**
With the increasing budget demands of open space and invasive removals a proposed Triathlon would be utilized to raise fund, hopefully \$10,000. Lorie explained this is a big concept still being explored at this time.
5. **Proposed Trail Naming**
The discussion centered on honoring someone for funding a trail in a park. The Board reiterated that trails can not be named without following the policy but that someone can be honored/recognized with signage for funding.
6. **Recreation Center RFI Responses**
The City received four responses to the RFI for Development/Construction and/or Management/Operations of the proposed design. All four responses are a potential avenue for the City to explore. The good news is that here is a broad spectrum of proposers that go from project management, operations only and two with varying degrees of private funding support with operations models. Extensive interviews of all 4 proposers will be conducted in February.
7. **Trails Master Plan Update**
City and volunteer Board representatives are still communicating in regards to the 3 pinch points of the plan. (Tualatin River, Willamette River and Solar Highway Trail). Tualatin group is pushing for street trails system with some river access. Willamette group is looking into easement agreements with the City. Solar Highway trail group has asked to move trail to south side of freeway. Ongoing communication is occurring with all three groups. The plan is still to work on the modifications to the plan and head back to Planning Commission.

8. Election of Chair

Lorie made motion Nominating John as Chairman and it was seconded by Todd. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Canoe and Kayak Docks

Don explained the need for these docks on the river and how they are different from boat docks. The Board discussed two area that could both meet the needs on the river. These two areas were Maddax Woods and West Bridge park or specifically under the I205 Bridge. It was pointed out that there may be some conditions and that these projects, if ever proposed, would go through a land use process.

Next meeting Februsry 23, 2012

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm