

CITY OF WEST LINN
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
Thursday, October 28 , 2010

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Members Present: John Linman, Don Kingsborough, Jan Warner, Lorie Griffith, Roger Shepherd, and Parris Chargois

Staff Present: Ken Worcester and Terri Jones

Guests: Mary Jean Rivera

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Chair Roger Shepherd

1. Approval of tonight's agenda

Approved with no corrections.

2. Community Comments

Mary Jean Rivera presented the Labyrinth Design, "Vision Quest", for Marylhurst Park as selected through popular vote by the Marylhurst Neighborhood Association. The anticipated material cost is \$5,000 for rock product. Installation labor for the project will be performed by volunteers. **With the addition of a sculpted water feature, this passive amenity qualifies as the artistic requirement of the park.**

3. Adoption of minutes

John made motion, and Paris seconded to adopt the September 30th, 2010 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Board Goals

The 2010 PRAB Goals established in January were reviewed. All project priorities are determined by the current approved Parks Master Plan. Several goals have been reached or have a timeline for completion. When the allowed discussion time of 15 minutes was exhausted it was determined that the agenda item Board Goals will be continued at the next meeting scheduled December 2nd. There will be no meeting scheduled in November due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and other scheduling conflicts for the PRAB members.

5. Willamette River Trail Partnership

The Willamette River Trail Partnership identified a restroom at Maddax Woods as a recommendation. A recommendation does not mean that the agency having management responsibilities is necessarily the entity to undertake the project. In the situation of Maddax Woods a public restroom is part of the approved development plan. Don will attend the partnership's bi-annual meeting on November 3rd in Keizer if his schedule allows.

6. Mary S Young Park Signage

Lorie presented a request from Mary S Young Park users to increase signs or other traffic calming measures. Painting the speed limit on the road or installing additional speed bumps were thought to be preferable to installing additional signs.

She also requested expanding her tree identification signs to the trees lining the baseball fields. Discussion indicated the preference at this time is to limit the identification signage to the native interpretive area immediately around the picnic shelter and nature loop.

Additionally, a Boy Scouts group requested removing a downed White Oak for the purpose of creating totem poles. Ken indicated there were already plans to use that in Trillium Creek but that they may take all the cut Cherry but recommended use of Cedar. Two other updates on Mary S Young included improvements underway in an Oak grove near the dog park by Norm King. It is his intention to nominate the area for Heritage Tree recognition. Finally, Paris spoke on behalf of Dave Kruse and Stephen Raff and their interest on improving the runoff from the parking lot. It would require 1 day of staff assistance. Ken agreed with the project but not the estimated time of staff assistance and not to complete that work at this time of year. His recommendation is to complete excavation during summer to allow for fall planting.

7. Trails Master Plan Project

The extensive formal public input phase of the Trails Master Plan process ends in October. Roger expressed difficulty recently in locating the plan on the city web site. Prior to the December meeting the board should

anticipate an advance report from the technical planning group with an opportunity for Q & A at the December meeting.

8. Aquatic Center Project

Members reviewed the West Linn Aquatic Community Center Communications and Outreach matrix and Paris opened the aquatic center project discussion by soliciting opinions regarding the upcoming public opinion survey. Concern was expressed that no survey should be conducted until the other communication pieces were complete or nearly complete as indicated by the matrix timeline.

Jan made the Motion to recommend postponement of the start date for the public opinion survey until the first week in December. Don seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 3 in favor 2 opposed.

9. Public Private Partnerships

Don proposed solicitation of private sponsorship to improve dog park area at Mary S Young Park. Ken suggested a more profitable sponsorship would be for dog waste bags as we currently are spending in excess of \$10,000 annually for bags. For turf improvements Ken offered sand and top dressing. Volunteers could be instructed on method to provide labor.

10. Other Updates

Next meeting scheduled December 2nd, 2010 West Linn City Hall- Rosemont Conference Room

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.