

City of West Linn
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Summary Notes
April 10, 2014

Members Present: Roger Shepherd, Sarah Silvernail, John Linman, Don Kingsborough, and Vicki Handy (at 7:19pm)

Staff Present: Ken Warner & Ken Worcester

Council Liaison: None

Guests: Randall Fastaband, Mary Hill and Daniel T. Cowdin

Meeting called to order by John Linman at 7:04 pm

1. **Approval of tonight's agenda** – Agenda was approved with addition of 1 item under #8 other projects: Don – kayak lockers

2. **Community Comments** – None

3. **Approval of Summary Notes**

Notes of the March 13, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Don made a motion to accept Notes and was seconded by Sarah. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Fields Bridge Park Update**

The contractor that bid the original project and was awarded bid utilized incorrect scale to calculate bid. When this was realized the cost went up drastically. City worked with contractor to get to a good point to stop work. City issues a new Request for Proposals for the completion of the project. City Council will approve the new contract on April 21 and the project should be completed in May.

John inquired about an issue with the gardens and soil. Ken Worcester explained that we are working with the gardeners to find a solution to get the amendments (40 yards) into the area without damaging the newly graded parking area.

5. **Trail Development Criteria**

Ken Warner explained that the criteria had been placed on two separate areas that both included surveys. The City emailed 192 individuals, sent letters to 106, emailed all Neighborhood Association presidents and solicited input on City website, through City Twitter account and on City and Parks & Recreation Facebook pages. PRAB discussed some of the 32 responses. They felt that there was no earth shattering responses. Roger mentioned that a lot of responses were about the plan and not the criteria. They decided that they felt the criteria are able to accomplish what they designed it to do. The criteria will be utilized during the development of the next Capital Improvement Plan. Roger mentioned a desire to connect the trail on upper Buck Street and that we may want a new bridge to keep people on the north side of the area. Ken Worcester agreed that this would also keep people away from bordering neighbors. Way finding should be addressed soon so that it can be started.

A motion was made by Vicki "The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board adopts the Trail Development Criteria" Seconded by Don. Motion Passed unanimously.

6. **Community Center**

Ken Worcester explained that we have made outreach to current users and are evaluating needs for the community. Ken Warner explained that when contact was made to current users of the Adult Community Center, Sunset Fire Hall and the Robinwood Station that most are satisfied with the area they are using, don't anticipate much growth and plan on continued use. These groups were aware of the type of facilities when they reserved them so this was not a surprise.

Ken Warner explained that in an effort to look at the need for the community the Aquatic Center/Recreation center space was listed in a form (included in packet) and the four facilities that have space not calculated in this

needs study were listed with the opportunities that they offer. These facilities were the bay at Sunset Fire Hall, old Bolton Fire Station, Robinwood Station and the old Police Department (PD). The old PD will receive a recommendation from the Arch Bridge Planning Process and has some issues that would need to be resolved. Ken Worcester did mention that there are some office needs for local non profits that could possibly be met.

Vicki inquired about meeting the important need of the teen hangout? Ken Warner explained that when we look at the facilities that the City has we do not have an appropriate space to meet these needs. The old PD may come the closest if the issues could be resolved. Roger inquired about the Blue Herron property meeting a need? Ken Worcester explained that they are still working on remediation and constructability of the site. There was conversation about a domed/tent structure to meet this demand. Vicky mentioned that maybe we need to flip the inventory to get the space that is needed and not spend money on space that will not meet needs.

Cost for space needs (rough estimates)

ACC Expansion	\$500,000 (solid estimate)
Sunset Fire hall Bay	\$25,000
Robinwood Station	\$250,000
Old Bolton Fire Station	\$500,000
Old Police Station	\$1,000,000

John mentioned that these \$ conversations are very helpful. Vicki stated that we need to get to some solid \$ numbers so that an intelligent decision could be made. Don asked and Vicki mentioned that the kids want their own space to hang out.

7. Willamette River Trail

Ken Worcester explained that we are working with OTAK on the trail. He asked for input on the location and direction for the trail. Vicki would like some more details to make decisions. Ken explained that the previously mentioned open house walk would be a good way to view the area. The trail would go through the planning process and we do not anticipate a river front trail but having spurs/viewing points to the river to protect sensitive area.

8. Other Projects –

Ken Worcester updated the Board that the City Council opted to not approve the grant for the White Oak Savanna. This decision was based on further staff report on the potential costs to the City, approximately \$2 million, if the City were to acquire the land. Council also felt that the last minute ask did not meet the normal public involvement process required of all other projects. Roger stated that he would not have supported the grant if he knew all of these details. Ken explained that the information came after our last meeting. Roger inquired about the rezoning of the park? Ken stated that some is residential, unbuildable and may need rezoning.

Sarah talked about dogs off leash at Mary S. Young and a specific encounter her family had, John mentioned that the easiest way to solve this problem would be to write a couple of tickets.

Don presented about the possibility of Kayak lockers at Canby & West Linn. The Board said it was a good idea to continue exploring to be place at Willamette Park, near mouth of the Tualatin.

Ken Worcester explained that the Cedaroak Boat ramp project is slowly moving forward. A Neighborhood meeting will probably be held to answer questions.

Vicki asked if staff could create a list of Eagle Scout projects for the next 6-12 months.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:17 pm