

City of West Linn
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Summary Notes
February 12, 2015

Members Present: Vicki Handy, Don Kingsborough, Steve Millage, Roger Shepherd, and Rob Waibel.

Staff Present: Ken Warner & Ken Worcester

Council Liaison: Russ Axelrod

Guests: None

Meeting called to order by Don at 7:02 pm

1. Approval of tonight's agenda – Agenda was approved.

2. Community Comments – None

Councilor Russ Axelrod introduced himself to the Board. He explained that he is familiar with the parks of West Linn, walks in them often and is a supporter. Russ explained his background in restoration, wildlife and streams. Russ expressed that he has wanted to volunteer in parks.

3. Approval of Summary Notes

Notes of the January 8, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Roger made a motion to accept Notes and was seconded by Vicki. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Update

Ken Worcester presented draft update on the CIP for Parks & Recreation. Explanation and overview was provided on content, funding sources and details of specific projects. Ken explained that we have the Willamette River Trail, the Adult Community Center Expansion currently in land use. The Cedaroak Boat Ramp project plan is still being finalized due to buildup of extra silt.

A discussion was held on the Marylhurst Heights Park future development. The discussion centered on the approved plan for the parking lot and street widening at the north end of the park (Valley View end). The current pressure to finish this end of the park is from the Conditions of Approval. Discussion was held on the best options for Parks to complete the project that best serves the residents of the City. Options were discussed as to what is the best scenario for the area.

Vicki made a motion and was seconded by Rob.

“The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board recommends that Parks & Recreation Department reconsider the original master plan addressing the north end of Marylhurst Heights Park. The new plan should provide improvements for adequate parking for the needs of the park, potentially improvements to storm water retention on the site and provide access to the park from the northeast end.”

The motion passed unanimously.

Other discussion was about the current Transportation System Plan calling for the opening of Kapteyns to Carriage Way. Ken explained that emergency access is already in place and that Parks would not recommend opening this to through traffic. The ODOT owned piece of property (between the two Parks owned pieces) was discussed in regards to them possibly not needing this property in the future.

West Bridge Park original master plan and the plan created through the Arch Bridge Planning process were reviewed. The Board felt that staff should start with the original master plan, solicit community input and develop the plan in house.

5. Trail Way-finding:

Based on the Board's previous decision to focus on trail marking inside parks, Ken Warner gave an overview of some design concepts. The Board agreed important aspects to include in trail marking are the current West Linn Trails Logo, 6" x 6" posts, map with contours, distances, paved vs gravel/chip, and creek identification. This project will start with the large parks of Mary S Young, Wilderness Park, and Fields Bridge Park.

6. Bolton Reservoir Update

City Council has decided to keep the reservoir in the current location and not in Wilderness Park. Councilor Axelrod provided information about his concerns for the current decision and felt that more study may be needed.

7. Enticing more volunteers in Park - Brainstorming

Don mentioned a big event coming up: April has Arbor Day & Earth Day and May has Take Care of West Linn Day. Brainstorming

Adopt a Park program, Walk with A City Councilor, list of mini projects available, utilize national Honor Society/Scouts, connect with WLHS teachers (Hartman & Bingham), talk to people, political type signs for Take Care of West Linn Day, (Russ) reinvigorate Neighborhood Associations with possible Neighborhood Day, market at City events, neighborhoods focus on their local parks, West Linn Summer Passport to get people in parks first, rewards program, tools at the end of the trail, encourage Friends groups at parks.

8. Other Projects –

Cedar oak Boat Ramp project has a meeting this Monday.

Fields Bridge development is moving forward with design of the layout for interpretation of the removed house, shelters and connecting pathways throughout the park. Waiting for State approval for historic requirements.

Don mentioned Oregon Solutions meeting later this month - 2/26 in Kaiser 11am-2pm

Roger inquired about Buck Street trail. It is being done in segments by Scouts.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:06 pm