

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

Members Present: Don Kingsborough, Steve Millage, Roger Shepherd, John Linman and Sarah Silvernail

Staff Present: Ken Warner & Ken Worcester

Council Liaison: Russell Axelrod

Guests: Michael Viteri - LO Rowing Club

Meeting called to order by Don at 7:02 pm

- 1. Approval of tonight's agenda** – Agenda was approved with the addition of new #2 for Approval of Summary Notes.
- 2. Approval of Summary Notes**
Notes of the February 12, 2015 meeting were reviewed. John made a motion to accept Notes and was seconded by Sarah. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Community Comments –**
Michael Viteri - Member of Lake Oswego Rowing Club
Michael gave a brief overview of the rowing club in Lake Oswego and expressed an interest in hosting a regatta at Willamette Park in November 2015. The Board felt that this was an opportunity to explore. Ken Warner will coordinate a meeting with Michael in the near future to explore the possibility.
- 4. Rules/Messaging**
Ken Worcester explained that in the past Todd Jones had offered to have a civics class explore other rules that parks are utilizing in our area. There are isolated requests for more signs in parks. The Board felt we could look at common signs being used at other jurisdictions. Don mentioned that if rules are on the website they are enforceable. The Board's feeling was that we do not want to litter parks with signs. A discussion was held on the ongoing issue of dogs off leash in parks. Ken Worcester will have a conversation with the Police Department on the issue.
- 5. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Update**
Ken Worcester presented draft update as the new CIP is being refined for Parks & Recreation.
The Grindstone project is being worked on for the Willamette Trail. This includes re connecting with the artist and developing a plan. The WES property was discussed and pointed out that the DEQ permit and remediation process still being developed. The Parks Department is working with a Developer to possibly remove the house on Shady Hollow as they can do it cheaper and this would offset their System Development Charges. Don mentioned Safe Routes to School. Ken reminded the group that the Safe Routes to Schools is a school initiative but could be addressed through the Transportation System Update being completed by Planning Department.
- 6. Trail Way-finding:**
Ken Warner presented initial designs of trail markers for the Board's review. The Board felt that the design was what they were looking for. Initial trail marking sign costs were presented to the Board. These are initial costs as we have not developed the sign plan to determine how many are needed. The Board expressed that trail segment distances would be fine and to include you are here dots.
- 7. Other Projects –**
Cedar oak Boat Ramp project: Oregon State Marine Board will not fund 2 dock system. Configuration will have one dock and this has worked well at docks with more volume than Cedar oak. OSMB has this as their standard, 2 dock system would block slough, no need for 2 docks in water. Ken Worcester will be holding a meeting in the future to explain to community. OSMB is not quite ready to include paddle docks.

Fields Bridge development is moving forward with trail segments connections graded.

Mary S Young bridge to Cedar Island is getting rebuilt.

Tree Ordinance: Ken explained the need to update the tree ordinance in a couple of areas. Current ordinance states "allow developer to save up to 20% of trees", addition of small fee for permits, formatting administrative elements to align the Municipal Code and Community Development Code. Ken would like a small citizens committee to work with PRAB as first sounding board for revisions.

8. Board Member Park Visits

Sarah - Mary S Young is looking cleaner, new chips and a great area to watch season change.

Councilor Axelrod - Was a skeptic of Marylhurst Heights park initially but it is a nice park with a nicely planted swale.

Steve - Mary S Young looked pristine and has great rails during his last visit.

Roger - Goat Island from Maddax Woods is a great Blue Herron Rookery viewing area.

Mike (citizen) - Winkel Way has a great natural area and walking trails

A brief discussion was held on parking at Bernert Landing Boat ramp for cars starting to early when boating still in season (in September). Parks & Recreation will investigate the current date and see if it needs to be changed.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:06 pm