

City of West Linn
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Summary Notes
April 9, 2015

Members Present: Don Kingsborough, Steve Millage, Roger Shepherd, John Linman and Rob Waibel

Staff Present: Ken Warner & Ken Worcester

Council Liaison: Russell Axelrod

Guests:

Meeting called to order by Don at 7:01 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 March 12, 2015 meeting were reviewed. John made a motion to accept Notes and was seconded by Steve. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Community Comments** – None
Councilor Axelrod brought up that at the Willamette Neighborhood Association (WNA) meeting the previous night there was a lot of concern for safety issues that revolve around the parking at Fields Bridge Park during baseball season. Don was also at the meeting and reiterated there are concerns.
Ken Warner explained that this is news to the City. Last year the City and West Linn Baseball met with the WNA on a number of occasions to resolve the issues surrounding parking at Fields Bridge. Prior to the season the WNA applauded the baseball organization for all of their efforts and seemed satisfied with solutions. This is the first the City has heard of issues this year. The new parking lot is in place this year and should improve the conditions.
4. **2015 Summer Events -**
Ken Warner gave a power point presentation of the major summer events for Parks & Recreation:
May 16 - Take Care of West Linn Day
June 19 - Daddy Daughter Dance
July 11 - Street Dance
July 17 - 19 - 59th Annual Old Time Fair
Music in the Park - Thursdays, July 23 - Aug 27
Movies in the Park - July 10, 24, 31, August 14, & 21
Great West Linn Outdoor Adventure - August 8 & 9
5. **Slide the City**
Ken Warner presented a concept for a community event called Slide the City. This is an exciting event put on by a 3rd party for cities. As part of the event the local host could add items to make it a bigger event such as bands, food etc. The Board reviewed a video of the event. The Board felt that this is an event that the City should pursue for the future.
Video shown to Board <http://www.slidethecity.com/>
6. **Zip Line Canopy Tours**
Ken Warner initiated a conversation about utilizing park land for a challenge course/zip line program. There is a company that partners with public parks to construct and operate on public land. An introductory video was presented to the Board. The Board was supportive of the concept and wanted staff to further investigate the opportunity.
Video shown to Board www.goape.com/new-course

7. Tool Lending Library

Don briefed that the Board has discussed tool lending library on a number of occasions. Recently Don was approached by a resident who explained at her place of residence they had a tool lending library where people could take items home. The Board had a conversation on lending in parks versus lending to take home. The Board felt that having tools in parks is the best approach. The initial concept would be to have tools in a bin at each end of a trail so that people could utilize and drop when done. An Eagle Scout could build attractive bins at each end of the trail for tools.

8. Other Projects –

- a. Cedaroak Boat Ramp project: All permits are now in place and working with City Land Use process. We will not be able to hit the July in water window for construction. Limited in water time drives up the cost. Cost estimate is \$1.6 million (Oregon State Marine Board \$1.1 million grant, \$300,000 Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, balance City of West Linn).
- b. Fields Bridge shelters are getting ready for contracting.
- c. Marylhurst Heights will have new plantings for butterfly garden. Marylhurst Neighborhood Association is now interested in Valley View build out/widening.
- d. Currently in Land Use with City - Willamette greenway Trail, Cedaroak Boat Ramp and Adult Community Center expansion.
- e. Hammerle Park shelter unexpected cracking and separating of concrete - will be rebuilt in coming months.
- f. Cedar Island Bridge - new extension is complete and included upgrade of floats to meet code
- g. Mary S Young has volunteers some weeks 7 days a week
- h. Earth Day at Mary S Young April 18th
- i. NW Youth Corps has been at Mary S Young Park for 2 weeks

Board member visits item was a carryover from last meeting and not discussed.

Board was reminded of Blue Herron tour on April 24th - reminder email will also be sent with directions.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:56 pm