

**City of West Linn**  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Summary Notes**  
**February 11, 2016**

Members Present: Don Kingsborough, Rob Waibel, Steve Miesen, Scott Etheridge and Steve Millage (at 7:45 pm)

Staff Present: Ken Warner & Ken Worcester

Council Liaison: Mayor Axelrod

Guests: David Baker, Thomas Allmon, Beverly Burke and Alan Smith.

Meeting called to order by Don at 7:02 pm

1. Introductions
2. **Approval of tonight's agenda** – Approved by the Board with addition of Sustainability conversation by Don, if time allows.

**3. Community Comments**

Thomas Allmon & Beverly Burke – Previously heard at meeting that budgeted dollars may be taken from the funds to be utilized to compete Marylhurst heights Park. Expressed concerns that the park is for future generations, facilities need to be put in as planned and that Valley View Drive is a substandard street. Would like to see the park completed with safe access for all. There are bad roads, sinking areas and roads are failing spots.

Ken Worcester explained that the Condition of Approval for the complete street improvement was placed on the park at the last moment. There are complex traffic issues that need to be addressed in the area that affect a couple of homeowners drastically. The only item that normally bumps another project is land acquisition. The current Transportation System master Plan (TSP) update has Kapteyns connecting to Carriage Way. This could alleviate a major portion of traffic on Valley View. As new details are developed Park can go back to Neighborhood Association/Neighbors for alternative to Valley View Street improvement.

Mayor Axlerod stated that maybe the whole street improvement can be unconditioned. Moved to Streets, and Parks would only be required to improve their street frontage.

Alan Smith – President, Bolton Neighborhood Association

Brought these issued and questions to the attention of the Board

1. There is a perception that Maddax Woods and Burnside Park are separated by Bolton Creek. This is not correct and would like the City to evaluate and layout boundaries for the two parks areas.
2. The City has an opportunity to save the property located at 21395 Willamette Drive as a park for public benefit, as required. Asks the City to mitigate the old house on the site and encourage City Council to make this property a park.
3. The current TSP shows paved bike path from Territorial Drive all the way to Edgewater Court. Is this the plan? Ken Worcester stated that this is what the plan calls for but it has not been decided who pays for paving? Steve Miesen expressed that volunteers do not want a paved trail through Burnside Park & Maddax Woods. Don reminded the Board that the adopted trails Master Plan does call for a major trail through this area.
4. Would like the City to take on the costs of inspections of the Old Bolton Fire station to see if it is of value to the City. Minimum inspections for hazardous materials and seismic status.

**Approval of Summary Notes**

Notes of the December 10, 2015 meeting were reviewed. **Rob made a motion to accept the Summary Notes and it was seconded by Scott. The motion passed.**

**4. Election of 2016 Board Chair**

Ken Worcester – As proxy for Vicki per phone call – Nominate Don Kingsborough, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob

Nominations were closed

Don Kingsborough is Chair for 2016

## **5. White Oak Savanna Nature Playground Workshop**

February 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at Willamette Primary School, Cafeteria

Ken Worcester walked the Board through the process that will be utilized at the hands on workshop.

Mayor Axelrod expressed that local tribes may be interested in being involved.

Ken Worcester stated that this process is nature playground only at this point.

## **6. Sunset Park Master Plan Effort**

New school will be built to include the piece purchased by District

Ken Worcester attended Neighborhood meeting to start dialogue about updating Sunset park Master Plan.

- Restroom was built about 1950 and needs to be removed
- Wading pool was removed due to new regulations (later sale of property)
- Lions built shelter in about 1960
- Create a committee to work on what the future holds for the park

Deed issue with selling Park – This is a non-issue as there is a 1970's state statute that addresses that these type of deeds need to be readdressed within 25 years or they go away.

## **7. Other Potential Projects and Needs**

West Bridge Park Planning – ODOT was consulted and found nothing on the list created at planning meeting (except activities on pillars) really generated much concern, but we can coordinate the location of rain gardens. The bridge will be part of I205 widening project, possibly as soon as 6 years. We can plan on about a buffer of about 20' radius from the pillars and should be relatively ok.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is completed normally 1.5 years in advance.

A list of items that need to be addressed but not in CIP was reviewed with the Board.

\*separate form attached

## **8. Underutilized City Property Update**

The notice for committee members for first meeting to go out tonight.

Properties to be evaluated are:

1. 21395 Willamette Drive, West A Street property – a timeline priority
2. Parker Road property (next to Tanner Creek Park)
3. Reservoir property on Pete's Mountain
4. Old Police Department/City Hall building
5. Old Bolton Fire Station

## **9. Other project Updates**

Cedar oak Boat Ramp – grants coming together for project to commence July 1 during in water construction period. The City is not working on any outside dredging projects in conjunction with project.

Mary S. Young Park– All funds from LOT have been spent

Adult Community Center has reopened after addition

Willamette Trail – Art project is continuing

Go Ape proposal at Mary S. Young Park is in the hands of the State for deeds and restrictions review

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 pm