

City of West Linn
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Summary Notes
April 14, 2016

Members Present: Don Kingsborough, Steve Miesen, Scott Etheridge, Vicki Handy and Steve Millage

Staff Present: Ken Warner & Ken Worcester

Council Liaison: Mayor Axelrod

Guests: David Baker, Glenn Friedman, Jake Miller – Troop 149 Boy Scout, Brad Miller, John & Sally Linman

Meeting called to order by Don at 7:02 pm

Don Kingsborough read a Proclamation for Jon Linman who served 9 years on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with term ending December 31, 2015.

1. Introductions - Don K
2. Approval of tonight's agenda with additions
 - i. We will add regular items to our agenda: Parks and Rec update report
 - ii. Add to an upcoming meeting agenda
3. Community Comments
 - a. David Baker:
 - i. I was chased by 3 off leash dogs while riding a bike at MSY.
 - ii. Go to the WL Police Facebook page to see community input.
 - iii. Emily from Cedar Oaks Starbucks thanks for your volunteering.
 - b. Scott shared that he sees a negative impact of off-leash dogs in Burnside park
 - c. Today's article in the Oregonian focused on the negative impact of dogs in parks
4. Approval of Summary Notes – Scott Made motion and Vicki seconded to approve the Summary Notes from March 10, 2016 meeting. Motion Passed.
5. **Glenn Friedman, Sustainability Board Member Plan:**
 - a. Last plan in 2006; update has been approved
 - b. See new plan on the website
 - c. 7 Categories
 - i. Built environment
 - ii. Energy
 - iii. Natural areas
 - iv. Materials management
 - v. Water
 - vi. Health and food
 - vii. Community Inclusion
 - d. Plan: Goals, Strategies, Action steps in the form of "Resolution: what we need to do..."
 - i. Example: "All parks will be zero energy in all parks by 2040."
 - ii. Data driven directions
 - iii. Developed with 3 work sessions with sustainability group
 - iv. PRAB should review the sections regarding "Natural Areas"
 - e. We try to provide a recycling model at Music in the Park
 - f. Look at specific opportunities for Sustainability Advisory and Parks Advisory to collaborate.

- g. Question: Do we work with Advisory Committees or staff to implement the steps of each strategy?
 - h. Process to provide feedback upon review of the plan: send to the Sustainability Chair
 - i. Mayor Russ Axelrod shared the perspective of changing social norms. We need to start thinking about how we operate. He would like the parks to take a close look at chemical usage. Ken Worcester shared the common practices that limit the need for chemicals in our parks. We try to increase community awareness that it's better to have a few dandelions than to spray everything.
6. Flag pole at Bernert Landing – Action item
- a. We've received a proposal from fire station 59 to put in a flag pole at Bernert Landing as a veterans/911 memorial.
 - b. The cost is \$3500 if we go full power. It needs to be reliably fully lighted. We could consider a partnership with a veterans' association or grant.
 - c. Considerations include:
 - i. Is it a flag pole or memorial? Our leaning is to have a veteran's memorial with flag pole in a place where people can appreciate it.
 - ii. It should not add to a heavily used area.
 - d. We will discuss this further during our tour of parks.
7. Project Updates:
- a. Cedaroak Boat Ramp: We have bids coming in. We are asking for bids for docks separately from construction of the ramp. They are coming in about 10% less than estimate. We will then notify the community. We want to include information to Clackamette Park and Willamette Park in Portland
 - b. The City Council approved the "pocket park" at the West A property.
 - c. Fields Bridge Park: Waiting to see funding. Ready to go to bid.
 - d. White Oaks Savanna Nature Playground moving forward in design process
 - e. Take Care of West Linn May 14th
 - f. Sunset Park Community meeting for redesign on March 15, 2016: Very good participation from small group. We are going to completely redesign the park. We have initiated a survey of the trees. The flags that you see on the trees are related to a survey.
8. Take Care of West Linn Day on May 14th
- a. Russ will communicate with the schools the value of community service at Take Care of West Linn Day with the agenda and some examples of what they can do such as planting, pulling ivy, clearing paths, clear creeks or some of your own ideas to beautify our parks and city.
9. Don reminded us that all 10 candidates for Clackamas County Commissioners Forum on April 30th at Maple Creek Grange.

Parks Master Plan: To be determined

- 1. Dogs in parks
- 2. Rules and notification
- 3. Look at synergy with Sustainability
- 4. Consider a Veteran's Memorial in one of our parks

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 pm