

City of West Linn
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Summary Notes
January 11, 2018

Members Present: Don Kingsborough, Steve Miesen, Scott Etheridge, Stacy Epstein, Vicki Handy & Dave Kleinke

Staff Present: Ken Worcester, Ken Warner & Steven Murschel (Espanol)

Council Liaison: Mayor Axelrod

Guests: David Baker, Tom Widden, Tom Meier and Michael Rutten

Meeting called to order by Don at 7:00 pm

1. Approval of tonight's agenda

Don wanted to add surveillance camera issue and Ken Warner add Letter from Lake Oswego Mayor.

Motion by Don and seconded by Vicki to approve agenda. Motion Passed

2. Community Comments –

a. Michael Rutten – Pollinator Garden status?

Ken Worcester explained that there are two new areas that have been identified. The location at Mary S Young will have fencing up by the end of the month and Marylhurst Park will have new area established soon. Michael expressed that there is local expertise and this opportunity should not be missed

b. Tom Meier inquired about the impetus of the exercise area being installed?

Ken Worcester explained that there was an interest from the Board and that the current potential location is vacant on the Parker Road side of Tanner Creek Park. Tom Widden encouraged the Board to look further into this equipment as it has not been successfully utilized at local areas. Expensive and does not get used in North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District.

c. Tom Widden – Expressed the current growth of pickleball in the area and the need for repairs at local venues. Tom proposed a full Chevron Plexipave resurfacing and repainting of pickleball and tennis lines at Tanner Creek , resurfacing of Sunset court with Metro Compound and repainting all existing lines while adding pickleball lines for 4 courts and the installation of a "dugout" type structure at Tanner Creek Park (plans approved by the City) for the total sum of \$12,500

3. Approval of Summary Notes:

a. Don made motion and Scott seconded to approve the Summary Notes from December 14, 2017 meeting. Motion Passed.

4. Review Park master Plan Documents and format

Ken Worcester explained that the Priority Capitol Projects were derived from results of the survey early in the process, staff input and consultants. Ken gave an overview of the project areas and the projects within each area. The notes from staff that were not updated in the Draft document were explained to the Board. It was explained that the Riverfront park opportunity emphasized the one big item previously expressed by the Board. Mayor Axelrod explained that the Willamette Falls Working

Group is working on Economic Analysis of opening the locks, identifying opportunity sites, and that some up river communities are also in the planning stages of development if the locks are re-opened. A discussion was held on presenting the vision for the Willamette Greenway Trail, the remediation of the ponds in the riverfront area, and what could possible uses be in these areas.

The board felt that the projects emphasize what people wanted from the survey but does not capture the challenges and they should be articulated. The Board felt they are responsible to develop a plan that has weighed and considered challenges, a vision versus a plan. The Board reviewed all items on the list and there was excitement for the plan but realized that it did not go overboard.

Ken Worcester mentioned that he is in the process of setting up a Work Session with City Council on the Master Plan Update. The Board felt that it was very important that they get to see the plan as one complete document prior to the Work Session to allow the Board to ensure they are well versed and all on board.

5. Other Projects Updates

- a. Nature Playground White Oak Savanna – Final contract being developed and design work is moving forward.
- b. Cedaroak Boat Ramp – Planting plan developed & starting work on dredging plan for slough & lagoon.
- c. Adopt a Park Program – Program details developed and starting pilot program this spring
- d. Backyard Habitat Program – growing popularity in West Linn with 46 homes in first year
- e. Beaver Ambassador Program – Presented upcoming full moon programs, ongoing work at Mary S Young for mitigation and work with local schools.

6. Pool letter from Lake Oswego Mayor to West Linn Mayor & Council on Swimming facility
Ken Warner passed along information from the Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation Department. The Lake Oswego School District passed a bond measure that does not have enough funding for the Districts preferred swimming facility. The District solicited a partner in the City of Lake Oswego who in turn is soliciting a partner in the City of West Linn. There are still numerous questions to be answered about this competitive swimming only facility such as who operates the facility, the location and the size of the pool.

7. Surveillance Cameras – Don

Last week there was an automobile broke into at Mary S Young Park. Cars are broke into occasionally at the park and Don wanted to discuss the possibility of adding one or more cameras to the park. The Board was split on the idea. The Board decided that we need to hear the concerns of our residents. There has been an increase in vandalism and theft from cars in the City. The Board concluded that this issue should be passed along to the Public Safety Advisory Board.

8. Don made a motion and it was seconded by Vicki “ Recommend to move forward with the repair & improvements to Tanner Creek Park & Sunset Park by Pickleball group when it is financially feasible and Memorandum of Understanding(s) are in place for use at Facilities. Proposal is a full Chevron Plexipave resurfacing and repainting of pickleball and tennis lines at Tanner Creek Park, resurfacing of Sunset court with Metro Compound and repainting all existing lines while adding pickleball lines for 4 courts and the installation of a “dugout” type structure at Tanner Creek Park (plans approved by the City) for the total sum of \$12,500” Motion Passed

Next meeting – Elect Chair for PRAB
Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm