

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

Members Present: Don Kingsborough, Scott Etheridge, Stacy Epsteen, Sarah Silvernail, & Dave Kleinke

Staff Present: Ken Worcester & Ken Warner

Council Liaison: Brenda Perry

Guests: Michael Rutten, David Baker & Jerry Offer

Meeting called to order by Don at 7:00 pm

1. Approval of tonight's agenda –

- a. Stacy & Ken – Safety & Cameras in parks

Dave made a motion that was 2nd by Sarah to approve agenda. Motion passed.

2. Community Comments

- a. Michael Rutten – Bee City USA Application, a simple process and there is currently only 8 in Oregon. The City is doing much of the requirements already. Ken Worcester points out that a Committee would need to be utilized. Options are to have City Council appoint another committee or have Parks & Recreation Advisory Board act as committee. PRAB could initially take this on and transition to another committee in the future if desired. Ken stated this could possibly open up avenues for other grants.

Dave made a motion and 2nd by Stacy to recommend the City apply to be a Bee City USA with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board acting as facilitation committee. Motion Passed.

- b. Jerry Offer – Glad to see canoe rack being used at Willamette Park. Questions are arising about the possibility of improving the old boat ramp, at mouth of Tualatin, for non-motorized watercraft access. Ken explained that the Bond and possible Metro Grant will fund new parking configuration and some improvements. Permitting is difficult as it falls under Corp of Engineers and Division of State Lands. City needs to find solution for the beach area? Area can be cleared out for better access. Jerry also expressed interest in the Blue Herron property now owned by Water Environment Services. Jerry was on initial task force. Ken explained that the remediation from the County is the financial question, from County it looks like they may do minimum and leave more up to others. Jerry expressed that not all of the area is affected by ponds and that this may be a good area for a dog park on this side of town.
- c. David Baker – Rosemont Summit Neighborhood Association has had 2 Adopt a Park work dates this year. 15 people at the most recent event removed invasive plants and chipped trails (with recycled chips from play structure that is coming out). Parks staff has held 2 meeting on the new playground design. Thanked the Board for their work on the Master Plan update. David encouraged the Board to keep large Recreation facility in the plan – West Linn may not be ready today but the day will come.

3. Approval of Summary Notes –

Scott made motion and Dave seconded to approve the Summary Notes for September 13, 2018 meeting. Motion Passed.

4. Park Master Plan Update

Ken Worcester explained that coordination within the City is that a recommendation be made to create a city wide facilities plan. This would allow time to give all facilities and options the time desired and be done in about a 4 month timeframe. Categories of facilities being discussed:

- a. Community Recreation Facilities – Adult Community Center & Sunset Fire Hall
- b. Community Resource Facilities – McLean House & Robinwood Station
- c. Community Resource Opportunities – other City owned facilities

This process would allow wide community involvement and be as objective as possible.

This process would allow the masterplan to move forward to City Council for approval.

5. Blue Herron Tour

Brenda has been assisting with tour and we should have dates coming from the County soon.

6. Safety in Parks & Cameras

Stacy walks daily in parks and feels unsafe on weekdays when parks are not as busy. Suggests a conversation with Police, cut back foliage where necessary, Safety assessments? Sarah stated she is at Mary S Young almost daily and some days not many people but most often there are others. Dave feels that there is always a lot of use at Mary S Young as they see them daily but would welcome Police perspective.

Ken Worcester talked briefly about vandalism that has occurred on the park system – pictures were of Tanner Creek and Fields Bridge.

Dave made motion and Scott seconded “Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Supports exploring further and the installation of cameras in parks Motion Passed.

7. Other Projects & Bond Projects

- a. The Board received Go Bond Project Overview document which also defined small, medium and large project categories.
- b. Hammerle Tree Project – starting 10/15
- c. Fields Bridge – 2 shelters & pathway soon
- d. Willamette Park Infields to artificial turf – Started
- e. Sahallie Illahee Play structure – grading started
- f. Sunset Park – almost ready (concept complete & meeting with Neighborhood Association again)
- g. Whiter Oak Savanna Nature Playground – CMGC did not work out – Rebid

h. National Fitness Campaign – 10/27

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm