



# CITY OF West Linn

## Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

### Meeting June 13, 2019

**Members Present:** Stacy Epstein, Scott Etheredge, Steve Gulgren, John Linman, John Linman and Steve Miesen

**Staff Present:** Ken Worcester & Ken Warner

**Council Liaison:** N/A

**Guests:** Brad Kerr, Marla Gaarenstroom, Peggy Watters, Claudia Davis

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

1. Introductions:

2. Approval of Tonight's Agenda:

John made a motion that was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Gulgren to approve agenda. Motion passed.

3. Summary Notes

John made a motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott to approve Summary Notes for January 10, March 14, April 11 and May 9. Motion Passed.

4. Items of Interest from the Board

Stacy – Daylighting of waste-water pipe at White Oak Savanna. A citizen went to City Council and the Neighborhood Association has voted to remove many parts of the Nature Based play area at the park. This is an equity issue of time/money into one park and also pesticide run-off.

Ken Worcester said there are 12 drainage basins in the City, storm water drains to Bernert Creek Basin. Bernert Creek never crossed I-205 (as far as anyone knows). There would not be a creek half of the year and the other half the water would go back into a pipe.

The Board discussed the nature play area at White Oak Savanna. Conversation centered on the Land Use approval, support for the nature play area, this is for the kids, nothing should center around a special interest group and the NA supported the park during the land use. About 9 times the NA had the nature play area on their own minutes as items discussed.

Stacy asked if she should represent the made a motion Steve Miessen voted No

Vicki made a motion and seconded by John Parks & Recreation Advisory Board advises City Council to support the original plan for the White Oak Savanna with nature based experiential kids activities, restroom and low impact kids playground and the factors behind this are high engagement in the planning process and the plans were presented during Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association approximately 9 times and that the play area is a grant requirement and we do not want to waste investments to date. Motion passed with one nay vote.

There is funds to study the storm water issue/ Bernert Creek in the master plan under Public Works.

5. Community Comments: N/A



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### 6. Maddax Woods Boat Barn Project

Alma Coston – Board Members Marla (Historian), Peggy (Secretary) and Claudia (Board Member at Large/Solve Events)

Alma talked to Dorothy about the property and are grateful it was bequeathed to the City as a park to be kept in a natural state. Alma reviewed the history of the park. Marla discussed the events that occur at the park and the Board went on a tour of the entire Maddax property. Marla explained all the events throughout the tour and discussed historical elements/features located throughout the property.

After the original pre-app required a \$15, 000 boat barn into a couple hundred thousand for daylighting pond to river and adding a bridge to get top the house. There is the possibility of a box culvert or possibly a waiver. The Board thanked all involved at Maddax Woods for hosting, volunteering and having great enthusiasm.

### 7. Kay Kerr Wildflower Garden

Brad Kerr (fishery biologist) and Son of Kay Kerr who recently passed away. Robinwood Park property was purchased by the City from the Kerr family and the proposal is for the Katherine Kerr Memorial Wildflower Garden. The vision is to create with an ecological design to prevent ongoing maintenance. Brad has looked at area next to spray park.

Ken Worcester mentioned that this could qualify under the Naming Policy as the Kerr's owned property and may help with maintenance.

Scott made a motion and seconded by Vicki to work with the Kerr family to develop and name the Katherine Kerr Memorial Wildflower Garden to be located at Robinwood Park.

### 8. Parks Master Plan Next Steps

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Work Session there was confusion with copies provided to City Council

July 1 – Another Work Session scheduled

July 8 – Public Hearing with City Council scheduled

### 9. Other Project and Event Updates

- a. Pickle ball proponent is critic of National Fitness Campaign court and continues to be critical and present incorrect SDC information
- b. Fields Bridge baseball parking – brought up again by Willamette Neighborhood Association and has been addressed by Police Chief
- c. Sunset Park – construction started
- d. Sunset Fire Hall – exterior painting
- e. Sahallie Ilahee – grading occurring
- f. Bernert Landing transient docks have had complaint about kids laying on docks

### 10. Community Comments Wrap Up – N/A

Reminder no meetings to be held in July & August

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm