

City of West Linn
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Summary Notes
June 11, 2015

Members Present: Don Kingsborough, Steve Millage, Roger Shepherd, John Linman, Sarah Silvernail and Vicki Handy

Staff Present: Ken Warner & Ken Worcester

Council Liaison: Russell Axelrod

Guests: Richard Freeman, Nancy Olmsted Spanovich, Gary Alan Spanovich, Jerry Herman and John Borden

Meeting called to order by Don at 7:01 pm

1. Approval of tonight's agenda – Agenda was approved with the addition of new Willamette Trail Project.

2. Approval of Summary Notes

Notes of the April 9, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Roger made a motion to accept Notes and was seconded by Steve. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Community Comments –

Richard Freeman, Board Member, Barrington Heights Homeowners Association

Presented information about the HOA feelings on the I205 Trail in the Master Plan. The overall feeling is that a small amount of people in the Neighborhood Association had an agenda to oppose the trail and many people are in favor. The ODOT property is not well maintained and without the trail could cost residents to maintain the property for fire safety, etc. The Barrington HOA would like to see the trail go in to assist with fire break and safety.

The Board acknowledged they appreciate the support for the trails but that there was a lot off meetings held and negativity about the trail from the Barrington Neighborhood Association.

Mayor Axelrod explained that HOA's are private and that they should go to the Neighborhood Association.

Ricard expressed dissatisfaction with the NA leadership which resulted in people yelling at them to move their agenda forward and they have no credibility.

Ken Worcester explained that the trail could be funded with federal money and that there is no requirement for land use but it would go through a courtesy review. There would need to be support to move the project forward at the current time.

Jerry Herman and John Borden

Jerry presented on the Two Rivers - Clackamas and Willamette Rivers as part of the Lower Clackamas River Task Force. Jerry explained the 4 issues with the rivers.

1. One dynamic river joins another
2. The Clackamas River is moving "mountains to sea level"
3. In 1939 Army Corp of Engineers establishes navigational channel on east side of Willamette River
4. The two rivers are causing three major problems at this time - all of which are contributing to the loss of riverside vegetation, boating channels and affecting areas where public facilities exist.

The Lower harbor Trust Fund, administered by the Port of Portland, has some money available to assist with the issues. Jerry would like a letter of support for the project. Vicki asked if it could be on the agenda for next month. Ken Worcester said that a draft could be put together for next month's Board meeting

4. The Olmsted Legacy

Nancy Olmsted Spanovich and Gary Alan Spanovich presented on the topic of "The Olmsted Legacy". Frederick Law Olmsted, the Father of Modern Landscape Architecture, is credited with many successful projects throughout the United States. The Board watched (portions of) the Video on "the Olmsted Legacy" which included the history of Frederick Law Olmsted and the many project he designed and built.

5. Other Projects –

- a. Cedaroak Boat Ramp project: All permits are now in place and working with City Land Use process. July 8th Planning Commission hearing. Open House to provide neighbors information will be held prior to Planning Commission. The project is proposed as a one dock system. Don expressed that the neighbors want to dredge? Ken Worcester explained that the project is not a dredging project but a fill project. The City is willing to work with the neighbors to provide guidance and information to assist them. The current water levels and condition of the ramp are making it unusable except during high tide. City will find out about Oregon State Marine Board Grant in late June.
- b. Fields Bridge shelters have been designed and price is higher than expected. City must bid the projects due to increased costs and purchasing laws.
- c. Field Bridge Parking Issue - Better with new lot. Vicki explained that the new parking lot has helped but that traffic on Willamette Falls Drive is the biggest issue, major problem midweek. Mayor Axelrod explained that baseball has changed some operations to ease issues.
- d. Willamette Greenway Trail has received land Use permit and construction documents are being prepared. Construction should occur this summer.
- e. Cedar Island Bridge - just arrived back and will be placed in with barge and crane when water levels allow. Dealing with issues on the island with trash, kids etc. Normally bridge is in 4/15 - 11/15 to provide staff access.
- f. Mary S. Young will have 3 large signs stating “Leash laws strictly enforced” at entrances. West Linn Police will write warnings and then start ticketing violators in the park.
- g. Don said that the canoe/kayak locker that was built has been shown around the county. Clearing the area to the water from the rack would be nice.
- h. Summer Schedule Discussion - July 9 meeting at Marylhurst Heights Park - August meeting TBD

Meeting Adjourned at 9:12 pm