

City of West Linn
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Summary Notes
July 9, 2015

Members Present: Don Kingsborough, Steve Millage, Roger Shepherd, John Linman, Rob Waibel and Vicki Handy

Staff Present: Ken Warner & Ken Worcester

Council Liaison: Russell Axelrod

Guests: Megan Sweeney and Joe Sweeney

Meeting called to order by Don at 7:01 pm

1. Approval of tonight's agenda – Approved by the Board

2. Community Comments

Megan Sweeney (with Joe for support) presented a vision for a Multi-sport facility on the river for water sports. The facility could be utilized by rowers, kayakers, and stand up paddle boarders on the upper Willamette River. A report titled West Linn Landing was submitted. The Board was encouraged by the vision of this type of project. The Board explained that Parks & Recreation will be updating master plan soon and that Megan should get involved in the process to grow community support for a facility of this type. The Board has recently also had a presentation from the LO Rowing Club and understands that rowing and water sports are growing in demand and that the upper Willamette is an untapped resource. It was suggested that Megan could reach out to neighborhood Associations for support.

3. Approval of Summary Notes

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

4. I 205 Trail

Don brought up that last month someone in Barrington notified him that the trail information was not advertised. The Board felt that naysayers will always state that they did not know. Ken Worcester explained that notification occurred at least 30 times with the Barrington Neighborhood Association (BNA). It became apparent that BNA was not dispersing information that was provided to them. ODOT is ready to fund some of the trail if the City can have the organization in place.

During the trail Master Plan Process the City utilized these mediums for communication: Website, Quarterly newsletter, and Weekly email newsletter, West Linn Tidings, Facebook, Twitter and open houses.

5. Willamette Trail

The City received word from PGE that we will only be able to currently build the first section. This cuts the current planned project in half. This was decided based on the current lease with West Linn Paper Company (their lease takes priority over ours). The City will continue to work on negotiations with West Linn Paper Company. NW Youth Corps crews are working on some clearing of the trails area.

6. Park Issues

Don delivered Willamette River Trail sign to be erected by City staff.

Don brought up the new off leash dog signs at Mary S Young that state "leash law strictly enforced". Ken Worcester explained that as the issues have continued to grow we worked with the Police Department to erect the signs and enforce the existing Municipal Code.

Don inquired about parking issues at the end of Mapleton and the possibility of small parking lot. Ken Worcester said that this could be discussed and might be a logical place.

7. Other Project Updates

- a. Cedaroak Boat Ramp project: Approved by Planning Commission.

The City is investigating if emergency dredging can be done to create a safe launching area for the summer due to silt build up and lower water levels.

- b. Fields Bridge shelters were designed and price is higher than expected. City still working on bid process.
- c. 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.
- d. The Rosemont Trail has been renamed to the "Rosemont Family Trail" Signs are being developed with a cartoonish theme.
- e. The expansion of the Adult Community Center has a bid closing date of July 20th. The County is handling the bidding and contracting process due to utilization of HUD funds.
- f. The Parks Department has instituted some voluntary irrigation shut down for conservation purposes this summer.
- g. Don inquired if the Board will study surplus City properties? Vicki felt this process should start with actual valuations of the properties. Ken Worcester explained that his is a City Council project and if we are involved can ensure that they are using all of the information available.
- h. Summer Schedule Discussion - With busy summers for staff and Board it was decided to not meet in August.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm