

**City of West Linn**  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Summary Notes**  
**December 10, 2015**

Members Present: Don Kingsborough, Steve Millage, Roger Shepherd, Sarah Silvernail and Rob Waibel

Staff Present: Ken Warner & Ken Worcester

Council Liaison: Mayor Axelrod

Guests: David Baker

Meeting called to order by Don at 7:03 pm

- 1. Approval of tonight's agenda** – Approved by the Board with addition of resolution and new loop trail topics at end of agenda.

- 2. Community Comments**

David Baker – Appreciated the West Bridge Park Master Plan open house. Kayak launch is a great idea but mentioned to be aware of underwater hazards. Likes the idea of multi-sport court under bridge and improvements to watershed/creek.

Ken Worcester brought up the topic of Off Leash proposal at Mary S Young. This is a much larger community issue and a process should be utilized to see if there is buyoff from the community as a whole for this type of major change in park usage. The decision is really off the table at this time based on the letter received from the State of Oregon. With the upcoming Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan update the City will utilize community outreach and needs assessments tools to see if the community has an interest and supports a change of this type. The Request for Proposals for the update should go out in the next couple of months.

- 3. Approval of Summary Notes**

Notes of the October 15, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Roger made a motion to accept the Summary Notes and it was seconded by Rob. The motion passed.

- 4. West Bridge Park Master Planning Meeting Re-cap**

Held November 21, 1 – 3 pm at the McLean House.

Attendee comments from the open house were reviewed by the Board.

Next Step is for Staff to have conversation with Oregon Department of transportation (ODOT) in regards to utilizing right of way under the bridge.

- 5. Willamette Greenway Trail Interpretative Project**

- The Grindstone project is moving forward and funding sources are being developed and defined.
- Interpretation of trail should be full of City history as it pertains to each section of the trail.
- Roger mentioned that the Grand opening could be tied into 100 years since Willamette joined West Linn and West Linn Garden Club both occurring in 2016.

Mayor Axelrod explained that West Lin Paper has been receptive to the new trail and possible extension of trail.

- 6. Burnside Park Property Acquisition**

The topic and property involved in this topic was reviewed by the Board. Mayor Axelrod stated that service would need to be extended and that the property could provide a good access to Burnside Park. The current owner paid about \$20,000 (will be verified) and now wants to sell to City for \$50,000.

Ken Worcester expressed 2 questions:

- 1) Purchase price?
- 2) Does it set a precedence to buy property from developers as soon as neighbors don't want houses built?

The Board discussed and decided that this is a unique situation where the property borders an existing park.

Roger made a motion it was seconded by Sarah.

“The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board recommends that City Council pursue the acquisition of the property located at 6325 Geer Street, West Linn Oregon to be added as an extension of Burnside Park.”

The motion passed.

#### **7. Year End Report –**

The Year End Report was submitted from the input provided at the November meeting and via email.

A sample of monthly Accomplishments and Success’s was given to the Board for review. This topic was tabled until Vicky Handy is in attendance as it was at her suggestion this item be created.

Mayor Axelrod expressed that it is great to hear from Committees.

#### **8. Other Project Updates**

- a. Cedaroak Boat ramp received another grant in the amount of \$900,000
- b. Fields Bridge Park – Ready to go to bid again for shelters
- c. I-205 Trail – The City needs to start moving on this project or may need to re-pay State for funds provided. In near future at least show we are going to build the trail.
- d. Mary S. Young – Eagle Scout completed a new loop trail with John Linman’s guidance and mentoring.

Roger made a motion and it was seconded by Sarah

“The Board recommends the new trail at Mary S. Young be named the Eagle Loop Trail”

The motion passed.

#### **9. Don Kingsborough Reading of Resolution**

Don presented a resolution honoring Roger Shepherd’s 9 years of commitment on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:53 pm