

West Linn
ROSEMONT SUMMIT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
SAHALLIE ILLAHEE PARK MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

7:00 PM – West Linn Adult Community Center

Eleven adults and 2 children attended a special meeting of the Rosemont Neighborhood Association to discuss renovation of the playground at Sahallie Illahee. The meeting started at 7 pm.

Ken Worcester, Parks & Recreation Director and Ken Warner, Assistant Parks & Recreation – Assistant Parks & Recreation Director represented the Parks & Recreation Department. Joining them was Michelle Mathis. The renovation is being financed from proceeds of the recent bond issue and some funds that will come from Oregon State Parks.

Ken thanked the attendees because he felt that neighborhood involvement was important to the success of the project. Michelle presented 2 concepts for the project. Neither concept would involve tree removal. Both projects include an upgrading of the basketball court. The court would have an adjustable rim since such a rim has proved popular at other parks.

Concept 1 would focus on play stations such as a frame house, rope crossing, a net swing. Concept 1 would include benches and a picnic table.

Concept 2 would have more open area with play hills, boulder structures, environment art, imaginative play stations, a play house, a mashing stone, a small kitchen, etc.

The participants provided their views and asked questions. The result was a compromise based on concept 1 but which would be adapted to include elements of Concept 2.

Ken indicated that the work could start once the funds from Oregon State Park were received. Most of the work might be done in February, weather permitting, with a view to have the renovated park open by April.

Part of the effort would be to open access to the creek in the park to encourage kids to play in areas near the creek. This would involve removal of some invasive species which would be replaced with species more suitable for the area.

Ken indicated that local involvement would be helpful to renovating the park on a cost-effective basis. Neighborhood volunteers could work under the supervision of Park & Recreation employees.

The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.