

Yamhill County Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 17, 2008

Community Corrections Annex

Board Members Present: Al Cronk, Bob Gang, Susan Mundy, Galen McBee, Roger Hall, Casey Rich

Board Members Absent: Ron Nyman (excused), Mike Hale (unexcused), Tim McDaniel (unexcused)

Staff: Commissioner Kathy George, Ken Huffer, and Richard Sly

Ken Huffer brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 2008 meeting; motion carried.

Nominations of Chair and Co-Chair

After discussion regarding responsibilities of each position, etc, Bob Gang nominated ***Roger Hall as Chair and Galen McBee as Co-Chair*** – all voted in favor.

Attendance

The topic of members not attending meetings was discussed. ***Park Board members recommended the Board of Commissioners remove Tim McDaniel as a Park Board member due to lack of attendance and communication.***

Membership

- There are currently three (3) open positions on the Park Board.
 - An ad will be placed in the local newspapers
 - Park Board vacancies are posted on the Parks website
 - Members are encouraged to recommend citizens as members
- Casey will start the process to find a high school student to be an honorary Park Board member in July 2008.

Stuart Grenfell Park Proposal

- Ken will meet with County Counsel John Gray regarding the reversion clause in the original contract to see if it also applies to a ‘land swap’.
- Susan received a call from ODOT regarding the access permit and whom to contact – David Warren.

- Susan updated Park Board members on 3/19/08 via email outlining the steps/process ODOT recommended and attached a copy of the access permit for review prior to the April 2008 Park Board meeting.

Rogers Landing

- Grant has been submitted.
- Ken will be making a presentation to the Oregon State Marine Board on April 7th.

Lafayette to Dayton Trail Proposal

- Ken is waiting for feedback and an agenda for an upcoming meeting regarding this project.
- Ken will be meeting with a couple of landowners who are critical to the project.
- Al Cronk volunteered to be on the Lafayette to Dayton Trail steering committee.

Equestrian Trail Proposal

- Ken will be helping to facilitate a meeting between members of Oregon Equestrian Trails and representatives from other agencies (Oregon State Parks, Oregon Department of Forestry, BLM, Weyerhaeuser, etc.) on March 20th regarding the possible development of equestrian trails.
- Ken distributed aerial maps of the area under consideration by members of Oregon Equestrian Trails.

Charles Metsker Park

- **Bridge** – Susan and Ken presented several options for replacing the bridge
 - Rehabilitation of the bridge could cost approximately \$25,000.
 - Cost of putting a bridge (50' x 14') that could be lifted up and put in place, with headwalls outside the footprint of the existing bridge (not in the water) would cost approximately \$40,000 - \$50,000.
 - Susan suggested having Ken research the cost of port-a-potties/restroom on this side of the bridge; using the bridge as a footbridge and closing vehicle access to the upper lake area.
 - ADA access was discussed
 - Utilization of a cart or golf cart was suggested for equipment drop off, etc.
 - CIP will need to be updated prior to moving forward with this project.

Consensus and recommendation of Park Board members was to restrict the bridge to a footbridge.

- **Firearms** – problem with people using a clear area on Weyerhaeuser property as a firing range. Shots are not being fired in the direction of Metsker Park, however, the echoes sound like the bullets are directly over head.

- Issue has been discussed with Weyerhaeuser and the Sheriff's Office
 - Al Cronk suggested contacting Weyerhaeuser to see if they would be amenable to disrupting the ability for people to park at the site.
 - Contact Catholic Family Services to see if their contractor would be amenable to perhaps have contractor hired for Catholic Family Services place dirt berm/ logs to prevent parking
- **Water** – drilling a well at Metsker. The spring that currently feeds Rainbow Lodge is potable water per the Health Department. The filtration system needs to be upgraded and would be cheaper than drilling a new well.
 - Ken will bring the CIP list back to the Park Board for revision regarding this project.
- **Sediment in lake** – Lake is becoming full of sediment again and was last dredged in 1998-1999.
 - Cost of dredging would cost at least \$50,000.00
 - Removal of more than 50 cubic yards requires prior approval of Corps of Engineers
 - Soil and Water Conservation District has researched the work, cost and ramifications involved in this project. It was suggested Tim Stieber could speak to the Park Board about this issue.
 - It was suggested allowing the lake to go back to its natural state, which would have a small stream flowing through it.
 - The annual fishing derby and relocating it to different location was discussed.
 - Concern regarding possible parasites and dam removal was raised.

Tangleboxing

- Location of tangleboxes and last years vandalism was discussed.
- Community outreach
 - Get information and fliers out to schools sooner
 - A teacher is looking at doing this for 50 students.
- Park budget will not allow for summer help this year.
 - Ken asked for Park Board member participation this year.
 - Ideas and volunteers needed in April
- Discuss whether or not to expand number of parks.
 - Date for getting clues to Ken
- Everything related to Tangleboxing is now in electronic form, including fliers, passports, etc. – it just needs to be updated.

Miscellaneous

- Galen McBee suggested developing a vision regarding recreational and tourism attractions around Yamhill County.

- Roger Hall observed Park Board members are discussing long range strategic thinking, i.e. different ways of communicating about parks, etc.
- Galen noted Yamhill County wineries and other ventures have developed gardens, picnic tables, etc. for visitors. He would like to see the Park Board help bring all of this together into one big picture to make Yamhill County look great.
- Galen suggested listing various recreational activities around the county on the Park website, i.e. bike routes from one winery to another, kayak/canoe trips, trails, tie-ins to the Willamette River Trail, etc.
- Galen has developed a map of bike routes around Yamhill County and agreed to prepare/share it for the Park website.
- Commissioner George suggested the County may be able to help facilitate grants for various projects; not necessarily help pay for the projects, but work with other groups to help with development.
- Richard suggested inviting Mike Green to a Park Board meeting to address ideas members may have, i.e. tourism, etc.

Topics for next meeting

- Stuart Grenfell land swap
 - Ken will provide maps from GIS
 - Access permit for Park Board members input.
 - Report on Equestrian Trail project.
- Metsker Park
 - Casey to report on firearms situation
- Park conditions/assessment survey – will be discussed at April meeting after park assignments are reviewed.
- Tangleboxing

Respectfully submitted by Kathe Bonfield, Secretary
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