

Parks Advisory Board | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 3/18/2014 5:00 PM | Meeting location Community Center

Meeting called by	Chairman (Jessica Pelatt)	Attendees
Type of meeting	Parks Advisory Board	Jessica Pelatt, Mark Murphy, Jeff Warner, Jane Vincent, Holly Campbell
Facilitator	Jessica Pelatt	Absent
Note taker	Jessica Pelatt	Linda Warner, John O'Connell, Tom Serface, No one from public

AGENDA TOPICS

1. **Public Forum: Up to 3 minutes per person**
2. **Discussion: With Holly Campbell From Tree Board**
3. **Discussion: Arbor/Earth Day Program**
4. **Jane Vincent Info on Skate Park**
5. **Update: Mark Murphy Conversation With Watermaster**
6. **Discussion: Pocket Park In Parking Lot**
7. **Schedule next board meeting and determine when each follow-up task should be completed.**

DISCUSSION

Public Forum

- No one from public attended.

Discussion: With Holly Campbell From Tree Board

- Jane asked if the center tree in the upcoming parking lot could be a Christmas tree.
- Holly thanked Jane and said she would talk to Cliff and the other folks about the idea.
- Holly agreed there is a lack of a "one tree" for the lighting and this is worth looking at.
- Jane asked about the possibility of getting use of a cherry picker donated once a year?
- Holly: By ordinance, tree board has an oversight over park trees, which are city trees.
- Working on mapping all the street and city trees.
- Tree Board is a part of the Tree City program (Arbor Day Tree Foundation Program)
- Concept is to know where our trees are and what condition they are in and a process for changing trees.

Discussion: Arbor/Earth Day Program

- Invitation of the whole board to be a part of the program.
- April 22nd around noon the mayor will make a speech.
- Activities all day.
- Public works has in the past watered trees at Garden Lake Park.
- There is concerned about the young trees planted last summer that weren't able to be watered because of short staff and would the Parks Board be interested in doing some of the watering?
- Jessica mentioned that this may be just the project to kick of the "Friends of Creswell".

- Jane offered to walk around to businesses to drop off fliers.
- Part of Ordinance is to have a member that is both on the Tree Board and the Parks Advisory Board asked if anyone on the board would be able to volunteer for the role.
- Meet first Wednesday of every month for about an hour and a half.
- Discussed upcoming projects the Tree Board will tackle.
- Mark asked about the trees to be included.
- Jessica asked Mark if he might be able to do it since he is already connecting with the Watershed Council, maybe he would be ideal for the job.
- Mark said his schedule tends to be situational.
- Jessica will contact absent board members.

Jane Vincent Info on Skate Park

- Jane Passed out pictures of Skate Park and park rules from Veneta.
 - 9000 square feet park.
 - Fence around it.
 - They have very little problems there in the 10 years they've had it.
 - Public Works (Kyle Sawyer) says maintenance is not that much.
 - Jane will get numbers tomorrow.
 - Skate Park was put in on grants. City would have to provide the land.
 - Part of a two acre park.
 - Same person who put in Veneta Skate Park is working in Cottage Grove.
 - Jane has meeting with him soon.
- Cottage Grove
 - Bad location.
 - Closed down for a while because the Bureau of Land and Industries.
 - Was going to charge them a fee for something.
 - This has been resolved.
 - Very small Skate Park.
 - Very little use due to both size and location.
- Mark: Possibility for conversion of tennis court at Holt Park into Skate Park?
- Different possibilities for skate park size, location, indoor/outdoor.
- Can we talk with the company who put in the Veneta Skate Park.
- Mark: Once we get an inventory we could say "what can you do with properties A, B, C".

Update: Mark Murphy Conversation With Watermaster

- Mark has been following up on this issue with Michael the Watermaster who has been researching the issue.
- Meeting Thursday to look at the diversion.
- Typically throughout the winter it is shunted into the river.
- Overflow from that goes into Hill Creek.
- Idea in the past is that we don't have deal with it if it's going into the river.
- Little maintenance of the channel in the past.
- Jane: That thing really needs to be watched and pulled when it needs to be pulled in the summer.
- Mark: It needs to be managed to optimize the flow for Garden Lake.

- Jane: Cliff, last year, mentioned there was blockages along the stream and they went in and took out the blockages so that it could run, but there was one farmer who wouldn't let them on the property.
- Mark: Obligation of water control district to maintain flow; his understanding that someone from the city of Creswell should be on the Creswell Water Control District Board. Bylaws are really vague; Since Garden Lake is the largest body of water in the whole water district, so city has an interest in having a permanent interest.
- Mary Crabaugh is the only known person on the board.
- Unknown if the board ever meets or even if they have ever met.
- Jane asked for copies of the info Mark brought and offered to research questions.
- Mark: There has been discussion of connecting Mill Ponds to Garden Lake Park and making the water channel between the two navigable.
- Potential for fishing migration between the areas.
- State has clout if the route is navigable, but that is debatable at this point.
- Mark suggests recommending that the city be more involved in the flood control district; without influence in the district it is impossible to be involved with the issues surrounding the water control issues.
- Not a total solution, but it is the best source of water for the city even if we don't get much water in July and August.
- Part A of the solutions is to get the water into Garden Lake to begin with.
- Mark - Does the city have a voice on the board? Should it?
- Jane - The owner of the Bald Knob property may have some answers.
- Jessica: We should get a lot of questions answered at the meeting on Thursday.

Discussion: Pocket Park In Parking Lot

- Potential for pocket park to the north of the parking lot.
- Mark: Can anything be done to upgrade the facility to the bus shelter to make it more "sheltering"?
- Jessica will email Michelle to see if she can ask LTD if it's possible to upgrade the bus stop.
- Potential property at Oregon and 3rd.
- Possibility of pocket park there?
- Discussion of property down 2nd street.

Schedule Board Meetings

- We decided to have meetings, for now, on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Next meeting is April 1st, 2014.