

Parks Advisory Board | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 4/15/2014 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, Linda Warner, John O'Connell, Tom Serface
Facilitator	Jessica Pelatt	
Note taker	Tom Serface	Absent
		No one from the public

AGENDA TOPICS

1. **Public Forum: Up to 3 minutes per person**
2. **Discussion: Skate Park Progress**
3. **Discussion: Cobalt Park**
4. **Discussion: Friends of Creswell**
5. **Discussion: Trees in New Parking Lot**
6. **Discussion: Land Acquisition**
7. **Schedule next board meeting and determine when each follow-up task should be completed.**

DISCUSSION

Public Forum

- No one from the public attended.

Discussion: Skate Park Progress

- Jane led the discussion.
- Still looking for location, but a few possibilities have been discussed.
- Jane visited and reviewed Veneta's park.
- Try to decide if it needs camera coverage, but seems to be a good idea. Cameras may not need to be actively monitored to be effective.
- Needs lockable 6ft. fence.
- Holt Park is a possible location. Replace tennis courts? North of courts? Volleyball court? Holt seems like a central location and neighbors are already used to their being a park there.
- Talked about possibility of Garden Lake location.

Discussion: Cobalt Park

- They are getting traction on a community garden at Cobalt building.
- We may be able to tag a park structure and area in the "backyard" of the building and get some funding from grants.
- Pantry customers could use playground while shopping.
- John mentioned that the high school may be putting in fruit trees.
- The cost of this play structure may be minimal to the city and it could be used by the neighborhood.

Discussion: Friends of Creswell Parks

- Jessica presented a logo she created.
- Could we ask for names at Earth Day?
- Ho to create an online list/database of people interesting and willing to participate in projects.
- Jessica will create a Google database.
- Do we need posters or flyers to hand out? Jane said she could hand a few out while doing her walkabouts.
- What is the charter of this group? What service do they perform? Needs definition so we can tell people what to expect when/if they sign up.
- Letter to editor or add in newspaper to attract attention? Special meeting?

Discussion: Trees in New Parking Lot

- Creating a bio-swale at one side of the parking lot.
- The intention of the city is to remove the tall trees from the parking area, but people are starting to complain (make noise) about cutting the trees down. There is some concern that the trees could survive if the parking lot is paved. Could we use pavers under the trees so water can still get through?
- Could we put a fir tree in the bio-swale to use for Christmas tree lighting and as a gathering spot for other city events?
- Can't put a tree in the center because of electrical (light) issues.

Discussion: Land Acquisition

- Jessica got a list of properties from Michelle, but many of them have undefined locations.
- Can we resolve from tax lot information?
- Are the properties available to the city?
- Restrictions?

Schedule Board Meetings

- Next meeting is Monday, April 28st, 2014. Too many people had commitments on the 29th so we switched to Monday instead of the regular day; Tuesday.