

Parks Advisory Board | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 9/16/2014 5:00 PM | Meeting location Community Center

Meeting called by	Chairman (Jessica Pelatt)	Attendees
Type of meeting	Parks Advisory Board	Jessica Pelatt, Jeff Warner, Mark Murphy, Tom Serface, Jane Vincent, Linda Warner, Larry & Sheila Hale (public)
Facilitator	Jessica Pelatt	
Note taker	Tom Serface	Absent
		None

AGENDA TOPICS

1. Public Forum
2. Open Discussion

DISCUSSION

Public Forum

- Larry & Sheila Hale came to talk about their property on the Creswell Butte. They have put it into a trust to ensure it remains available as forested open space and cannot be developed.
 - No roads can be built on this properties. Walking trails are OK.
 - No mining can be done on the property.
 - The property can be used for educational purposes so long as no buildings are required. Sheila is especially interested in the property use having an educational component.
 - The property spans north/south from the Kingdom Hall to the green house.
 - The property was significantly logged before the Hale's purchased it, but Larry has reclaimed a lot of the property and planted 1000's of trees.
 - We need to investigate sources of funding for the foot trails. Larry suggested we check out the Northwest Youth Corp as a possible match. Also suggested was the Coast Fork Watershed because they support the educational use.
 - No heavy equipment can be used in developing the property, but smaller (I.E., ride on lawnmower or push brush cutters) would be OK.
 - We need to investigate whether or not the property could become part of the Urban Growth Boundary. Jessica will talk to Denise.

Open Discussion

- Improvements to Garden Lake
 - Maia, the new RARE intern is coming to the next meeting. Garden Lake is one of her tasks.
 - Wednesday Sept 10, 2014, RG City Region Habitat Protection
- Park land acquisition
 - Need to keep an eye out for larger parcels of land that may come on the market. The city may want to purchase properties for future use.
 - Jane found the minutes where the a park was deeded to the city by Cloverdale.

- Skate park
 - Design Bridge (UofO) offers design services. They can help review and suggest what can be done with properties.
 - Jane talked to Michelle Amberg (City Administrator) about the property by the Middle School. The property is not designated for any other purpose, but it is two lots rather than one as we previously understood. There needs to be a permit written to change the use of the property, but that doesn't need to be done until the park design is started. We need to design first to turn in as a part of the process for the permit.
 - Jane will present our ideas to the Council on Sept 22nd then we could potentially put up a "Future Site of Skate Park" sign.
 - We need an official repository for donations. This may already be set up, but we need to get clarification.
- Backyard Garden Project
 - No discussion.
- Pocket Park in Parking Lot
 - No discussion.
- Airport park
 - We need to do a study to see if the airport park is feasible.
 - Jane is working on an airport sustainability study.
 - The park could include tables and a bathroom with a shower, but the intention is to keep the park really simple. A nice grass area is already available as a location.
 - Some have expressed a desire to have food carts.
- Reminder that meetings are not 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 5:00p. The next meeting is scheduled for October 7th, 2014.