



## Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Sports Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 20, 2010

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: AC Conference Room

### In Attendance

Committee Members: Janet Allison, Chair; Brian Bauman, Committee Member; Greg Cody, Committee Member; Carrie Fisher, Committee Member  
Staff: Julie Rocha  
Absent: Scott Brucker, Staff

### I. Call to Order

Janet called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

### II. Approval of Minutes

Janet submitted the minutes of the April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Motion:** Greg made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Brian seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

### III. Financial Report

N/A

### IV. New Business

#### Sports Steering Committee

Further to the discussion last month at our April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting, Janet opened discussion on a steering committee that includes all sports. She had another discussion with Scott regarding an All Sports Steering Committee involving representatives from adult softball (including an umpire representative), volleyball and basketball (including referees), kickball, etc. who discuss smaller issues than are discussed at the Sports Advisory Committee level. Rules in each area could be standardized for ease in understanding by players who crossover sports. Programming issues could also be discussed and decided. Janet again mentioned Scott agreed and thought it was a good idea.

Greg suggested some type of administrator who decides rules, etc. rather than a group. He felt one person could make the sensible decision and have the final say.

Julie felt because volunteers will not commit to attending meetings, it would be a struggle to get a group together. Janet suggested there could be one group meeting at the beginning of the year and then as needed, possibly quarterly. Julie added January was not a good time for staff. Janet asked how Julie felt about Greg's suggestion. Julie answered that's what program coordinators are for and program coordinators have made many changes to the programs. Janet added most of those changes regarding adult softball were made with input and feedback from the members of the Adult Softball Steering Committee. The ASSC meeting in January was very well attended. Julie thought it was well attended so players could protect their own teams. Janet said no, the protection could only come at classification. The ASSC meeting in January was to discuss only the 2009 seasons and the upcoming 2010 seasons. Julie continued staff sits down with the basketball referees for this discussion rather than sitting down with any coaches. Janet had several discussions with Carol, one of the volleyball referees. Both felt the volleyball committee ceased to exist because no one organized a meeting of the group. However, both felt input was necessary from referees and players.

Janet continued when the decision was made to disband the Adult Softball Steering Committee, she was contacted by two of the members who were very disappointed and still were willing to volunteer to serve on this

committee. Julie referenced the kickball league and how rules are made by staff because that's their job as administrators of the program. Janet asked Julie if she felt staff should have total authority to change rules as they see fit. Julie answered most of the changes are made after staff meets with the officials and rule changes that go out are based on the officials' input.

Julie felt a steering committee for all sports is beneficial; however, there are only certain sports that need it. She feels players of certain sports don't care about other sports and it would be difficult for them to have a common goal. Also, she thinks softball issues would dominate this committee and if that would be the case, she thought we should keep the Adult Softball Steering Committee because it is the only active committee.

Brian agreed with Julie that he was not in favor of adding another layer of people having conversations regarding these sports. He wondered what the common goal of this group would be so that all members would focus on that common goal. Subcommittees that focus on something specific seem to work better. Subcommittees that focus on broad topics never get anything accomplished.

Janet's opinion is baseball/youth softball has a voice on a committee; reps from the Unified Fields Steering Committee have a voice on a committee; adult softball and volleyball do not. Brian felt if players from those communities are not having their voices heard, then that would be a reason to have a committee. He added he felt he did not have enough information to say yes or no.

Carrie agreed with all that was said. Her thought is to entice people to serve on the SAC so they can talk about their issues as well as other issues we discuss and let committees from other sports continue as they are now if they are functioning well.

Janet asked Julie about her previous comment to resurrect the Adult Softball Steering Committee. Julie answered if she had to choose now between an All Sports Steering Committee and the Adult Softball Steering Committee, she feels the Adult Softball Steering Committee would be more beneficial.

#### **Netting at Sexton Mountain School**

Janet reported one of the reps on the Baseball/Softball Steering Committee had an issue with baseballs flying from the fields at the school into the street. She had checked with Scott regarding a \$5,000 amount in the 2010/2011 budget for netting and if so, was it earmarked for a specific site. Scott said there was \$5,000 available and no specific site had been discussed.

Janet asked if other locations had been identified for netting. Julie answered every school has a netting problem dealing with berms, foul balls, bushes, streets, etc.

Janet asked if additional netting had been added between Baseball 2 and the Skate Park. Julie said a little bit had been added and the leftover money was used for netting at Hiteon.

Julie continued a request for netting at Sexton Mountain had been submitted last year and because it is a BSD site, maintenance cannot put netting up there. At the time, she explained the reasoning to the affiliated group about why netting could not go up. In addition, the league does not want to match funding for it.

Greg has had experience with baseballs hitting cars and car owners have always been told to turn a claim into their insurance company.

Janet asked Julie what her suggestion was for the \$5,000 in the upcoming budget. Julie answered she knew of some groups who have funds and they could help the District pay for netting at Sunset Park.

Greg's opinion is we can put up netting anywhere, but are we going to accomplish what needs to be done to stop foul balls. Janet added we do need to use the \$5,000 in the budget that is earmarked for netting so it has to go somewhere. Julie has a list of BSD sites where netting is needed. Janet asked Julie when she would be developing the list. Julie would wait for field improvement requests from the users. Janet asked about the list of

field improvement projects submitted from the users last year. Julie said she and Jon Campbell went through the list and determined which projects would be approved.

Janet brought the subject up because it was a BSSC issue that needed to be discussed by this committee.

**Action Item for Julie: Provide a list of field improvement projects submitted last year with status for each.**

**V. Old Business**

**Sunset Park Concession Stand Income Update**

Julie reported gross sales at the Sunset Park concession stand to date are \$15,731.81. Julie mentioned we will be receiving the Pepsi refrigerator soon. Their minimum requirement is 15 cases in a month and we have been selling 15 cases in a two-week period.

**Girls' Softball Home Run Fencing**

The Baseball/Softball Steering Committee voted and approved expenditure of \$5,000 toward this project. Mike Wells, ASA, committed \$500 and Oregon ASA committed \$500. The SAC will ask for matching funds from the District to complete this project.

After discussion the members agreed.

**Motion: Greg moved the Sports Advisory Committee add funds from its budget to complete the purchase of home run fencing for the girls' softball program after the Baseball/Softball Steering Committee donates \$5,000, Mike Wells donates \$500, and Oregon ASA donates \$500. The SAC will request matching funds from the District. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$8,400. Brian seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

**VI. Committee Time**

**Greg** - Greg attended the Unified Fields Steering Committee meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> and wanted to report a discussion regarding parking at PCC Rock Creek. There are 300+ soccer kids in transition at the same time and cars are parking on school property because there is not enough room in our parking lot. Members of the UFSC are trying to resolve this issue.

**Greg** - He biked 16 miles last Saturday with the Trails Committee. They passed the power lines and the fields were very full with soccer players.

**Greg** - He attended a Baseball/Softball Steering Committee meeting to discuss the Board of Directors' upcoming elections. While there, he heard discussions regarding lost fields, field sizes and scheduling. In speaking with Doug Menke, it was determined Scott Brucker would sit down with every league to discuss scheduling giving them guidance and recommendations and how to plan more efficiently. Janet hears at the various meetings she attends that there are scheduling issues with other sports. Crossover problems still occur with permits, etc.

**Julie** - Presented the list of suggested appointees to the Community Sports Delivery Task Force. The SAC will be selecting appointees at their next regularly scheduled meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>. All of these potential members are not directly involved in another committee. Brian mentioned he thought Doug Angell had stepped down from his position with THUSC. Julie will follow up and if Doug Angell has stepped down, she will offer a replacement name.

Janet confirmed the representatives would be chosen as follows:

- 2 from District 4 Little League
- 2 from West Hills Junior Baseball/Softball
- 1 from Tualatin Hills Babe Ruth
- 1 from Tualatin Valley Youth Football
- 2 from Tualatin Hills Junior Soccer League

1 from Lacrosse

In addition to these nine, the following will be included:

1 from Unified Fields Steering Committee

1 from Sports Advisory Committee

2 from Sports Staff

2 Members At Large

Janet confirmed this list of names was to stay internal until we invite. Julie said that was correct. Janet advised all to go over the list and come to our next meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> prepared to choose members for this important task force.

**Julie** - Presented a letter from Mark Hokkanen regarding a complaint received about soccer balls flying over the path from Soccer 2. Julie wanted to run it by the members before it is sent out. The members agreed they leave this in Mark's hands.

**Julie** - Will send out the 5 on 5 basketball tournament financial information.

**Janet** - Asked Brian if he had seen Todd Griswold. She sent him an email asking if he would consider returning to this committee. Brian has not seen him.

**Janet** - Asked Julie for an update on the disk golf meeting. It was attended by two disk golfers and 12 neighbors. The neighbors wanted to complain about issues other than the layout and relocation of holes. Other complaints were not allowed. A mentoring night is scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> to teach disk golf etiquette. Overall, the meeting was positive.

**Janet** - The members of the Baseball/Softball Steering Committee would like to appear before the Board of Directors on June 21<sup>st</sup> to make a presentation regarding loss of fields, land acquisition, scheduling, etc. That committee respectfully requests approval from the Sports Advisory Committee to request time before the Board under an agenda item. A subcommittee has volunteered to prepare the presentation to be articulate, concise and focused.

**Motion: Greg moved on behalf of the Baseball/Softball Steering Committee, we request they have time on the agenda to make a presentation to the Board of Directors at their June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Carrie seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

Brian felt the presentation should not be sport specific because all sports have the same issues. He felt it would have more weight if all sports were represented. Greg answered he would make the same motion if the soccer community wanted to appear before the Board.

Carrie brought up Scott's spreadsheet showing fields lost. She was wondering if we could develop a similar spreadsheet showing property purchased in the last ten years and how the land was developed and for what use. Greg said at a recent Board meeting, Scott made a presentation that showed the District was able to fulfill only 85% of the needs for athletic fields.

Janet mentioned the 2006 Comp Plan had been discussed at a BSSC meeting and the goal for purchase and development of land for athletic fields was not even close to being on track whereas other areas were over goal.

**Janet** - Wanted to discuss the \$15,000 in the competitive challenge grant fund. She asked if there was a project we could suggest that does not need permitting that could be accomplished by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Greg suggested reshaping the BMX track at Eichler Park. Julie answered our Maintenance guys reshape it to make it safe and the kids make changes. Unanswered questions for this project would be if it would be a Maintenance only project and if it needed permitting.

The members had discussed previously a shade structure for the Skate Park, but again, it is too late in the year as this project also requires permitting.

Janet confirmed carousel-type netting at Sunset Park needed permitting. Julie agreed. Janet thought the project did not have to be completed by June 30. The materials for the project just had to be delivered by that date. Julie thought permitting had to be done by June 30<sup>th</sup>. It has been estimated the netting would cost in the range of \$20,000. This would be a perfect project for competitive challenge grant fund use matching District funds with funds from the SAC.

Julie suggesting redoing the sound system on the fields. The members reviewed the budget submissions for the 2009/2010 budget.

1. Skate Park shade structure
2. Speakers for outdoor fields (Probably does not need permitting. Wiring completed.)
3. Netting
4. Maxicom lights on outdoor courts (Does not need permitting.)
5. Maxicom lights for softball fields (Does not need permitting as the project is relocating switches.)

The only item approved was netting in the amount of \$5,000.

Since the two Maxicom projects and the speakers for outdoor fields do not require permitting, the members discussed moving forward with these three projects so they can be completed by June 30. Julie added her number one priority was netting at Sunset Park because of overall safety.

After discussion, the members agreed to fund the two Maxicom projects.

**Motion: Greg made a motion to fund the Maxicom lights on the outdoor courts and the Maxicom lights for the softball fields from the competitive challenge grant funding. Brian seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

**Action Item for Janet: Ask Cedar Mill Little League if they would contribute toward the netting project at Sunset Park.**

**Action Item for Julie: Research any of the above projects to see if we can complete any of these projects before June 30.**

**VII. Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 17, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in the AC conference room.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Allison  
Recording Secretary