



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Parks Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: January 10, 2012

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Schlottman House

In Attendance

Committee Members:

Miles Glowacki, Greg Cody, and Carol Rogat

Staff:

Dave Chrisman

Absent:

Diane Cooper, Blair Thomas, Sue Rimkeit, and Mike Janin

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Miles at 6:10 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

Greg moved to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Carol seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all. With Mike Janin absent, the Park Security Report was postponed.

III. Operations Report

Dave handed out an updated Committee list and began the Operations Report. He announced that the new maintenance building will have enough space for meetings to be held there once the official opening has occurred. It is due to be held this coming Spring. After some discussion it was decided we will continue to meet at Schlottman House until May at which time we will tour the new facility and meet there.

At the THPRD Board meeting on the first Monday of February, our Committee report is due. All the members of our Committee are encouraged to attend as we will likely be introduced.

With Diane Cooper resigning from the Committee, a new recorder is needed. No one present offered to assume the job. It was proposed that Dave check out the purchase of a machine to record the meetings and possibly some specialized software that turns speech into written form. Although proofreading would be necessary, it might serve our purpose easily.

IV. Old Business

Art in the Park

Valerie Otani, the consultant provided by the Beaverton Arts Commission contacted the Park District about installing visual art as a revolving display at Progress Ridge Park in July. Furthermore, she suggested that our Parks Committee might participate by contributing to the cost and planning this Spring. The matter of our participation was open for discussion and pictures of samples of the art were passed around. Greg mentioned he knows an artist whose work might be appropriate and who will offer us photos of his work to review. This artist creates more traditionally functional art than that proposed by the BAC. The Committee members present then determined this matter is a "gray area" at this time, under current spending guidelines. As a result, we will not contribute to spending money on "non-functional" art.

Greg motioned to send Valerie a letter advising that we support BAC bringing art into the parks. However, we are hamstrung by the District Board from spending the money for the proposed art. Carole seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all.

Smoking Policy

Miles mentioned he had taken an informal survey asking various people one-on-one about smoking in the parks. Most people can't see the value in it; they haven't either thought about it on a personal level, nor been bothered by it consciously. Previous discussion by our Committee had leaned toward a modest proposal for a two-tier

approach. Nevertheless, we await the final report from Blair regarding his analysis of the issue before a decision is made.

Fanno Creek Crossing

Carol gave a report on the Greenway Neighborhood Association meeting that she attended which included the consultants appointed by the Beaverton City Council and their review of the Fanno Creek Crossing problem. Many open meetings, discussions with engineers, presentations to various special interests such as Clean Water and THPRD, necessitate a long, slow process that must allow adequate time for design approvals, government buy-in, and fundraising.

Greg mentioned that the THPRD Board had met and discussed this matter already. None of the members of the Board liked any of the ideas which had been presented! However, the City of Beaverton is currently continuing the analysis as it is a major concern due to potential safety and traffic problems.

V. Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21st at 6 p.m. in Schlottman House.

Greg made a motion for adjournment. Carol seconded it. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Rogat
Recording Secretary