



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Parks Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: February 21, 2012

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Schlottman House

Mission: The Parks Advisory Committee is committed to providing citizen input to support parks that are safe, attractive, productive, and healthy.

In Attendance

Committee Members:	Miles Glowacki, Blair Thomas, Greg Cody, Carol Rogat
Staff:	Dave Chrisman and Mike Janin
Guests:	Virginia Bruce, and Valerie Otani
Absent:	Sue Rimkeit

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Miles at 6:00 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

Miles asked that the minutes for the January meeting be amended to include our mission statement, and approval of minutes therefore postponed.

III. Reports

Report from Valerie Otani, consultant to Beaverton Arts Commission:

In the next fiscal year (beginning July 2012), the Beaverton Arts Commission (BAC) will select a new public art piece- they are considering as a potential site for this to be installed- at the Plaza in Progress Ridge. This is an effort to bring public art to areas beyond central Beaverton and more into neighborhoods, and thus closer to citizens. The Plaza is on THPRD land making this an excellent place for our first joint project with BAC. They are recommending a temporary installation, to last as a rental from the artist for two years. The artist will contract with BAC to provide maintenance and repair if needed. Since the art piece will already be completed there will be no cost neither for materials and labor to construct or design nor for placement -making this FREE to us.

After some discussion concerning the possible problem of graffiti/vandalism, the request was made that Valerie refer to BAC our request that the artwork provided have no smooth surface that might attract that problem be included in the description in the "Call to Artists." She agreed.

Greg made a motion that our Committee support the installation of a public art piece at the Plaza in Progress Ridge. Blair seconded the motion. All of the members present approved the motion.

Park Security Report by Mike Janin:

Over the weekend there were several incidences of graffiti in the parks, but Park District Security found the teens responsible and turned the matter over to the Beaverton Police Department. Although graffiti is regarded as vandalism, and is destructive to property, some people still claim it to be "art." This attitude should be discouraged. It took several district employees about five hours to clean up and restore what had been damaged.

The second phase of the district's Emergency Management Plan, creating "Shelter in Place" strategies has begun. This includes training of personnel on how to handle emergencies when facilities might be shut down due to emergency situations- storms, police activity, electrical outages, etc. This will be the first time the Park District has addressed this issue.

Operations Report by Dave Chrisman:

The Park District Board meeting earlier this month was disappointing. No response was given to our report due to a protest by the Soccer Association over a lack of attention to their needs in allocating recreation space. So many children and parents attending seemed to overwhelm the attention of those who might have otherwise offered questions.

Due to a loss of current meeting room space, Greg moved that our next meeting be held at the Fanno Creek Farmhouse on March 13th. The motion was seconded by Blair. All members present approved the motion.

IV. New Business

Blair was officially appointed to the position of Recorder, the motion having been approved at a previous meeting.

Miles announced that two applications had been received for committee members- Carol Rogat (returning), and Virginia Bruce (new). Their applications were reviewed and Greg made a motion to accept them on the committee. Blair seconded. The motion was approved by all.

V. Old Business

Art in the Park

Miles will email a letter of understanding to Jayne Scott at the Beaverton Arts Commission regarding our decision about a joint project concerning the "temporary" installation of a piece of public art as Valerie Otani has described it.

Regarding permanent art, it was generally agreed that it was preferable not to purchase utilitarian or integrated art from a catalog. The \$7,500 allocated to our Committee has not yet been spent, but a decision must be made by June 30th of this year or will be lost. Members need to research ideas for a doable project within the next few months, or at least lay out what is to be done in the next fiscal year. Further discussion was tabled.

Smoking Policy Report by Blair Thomas:

Blair has created a list of questions for those who will be surveyed. People will not be identified by name, but by neighborhood only. Other than taking the survey on paper, two other web based options were suggested to him- using "Zoomerang," an online survey website, and/or using the Park District website when the registration period begins for the Spring/Summer classes. Blair announced he will bring a literature review of what other areas are doing regarding a smoking policy to our next meeting. He is hoping to conclude the survey process and present the results to our Committee also next month. At that time, our Committee will be able to decide on the next step.

VI. Next Meeting will be held on March 13th.

Greg made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Blair seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Rogat
Recording Secretary