

## **AGENDA**

### **City of Oregon City, Oregon Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

**City Hall  
Commission Chambers  
625 Center Street, Oregon City, OR 97045**

**Thursday, September 23, 2010  
7:00 P.M.**

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Approval of minutes – July 22, 2010 meeting
- 3) Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda
- 4) General business
  - a) Carnegie Center process
  - b) Canemah Neighborhood Park
  - c) Promenade signage project
  - d) End of Oregon Trail site process
  - e) Ermatinger House update
  - f) Off-leash dog park
  - g) Other general business
- 5) PRAC member reports
- 6) Staff reports
  - a) Recreation Services update
  - b) Parks maintenance update
  - c) Other
- 7) Next scheduled meeting date – October 28, 2010
- 8) Adjournment

## Meeting Minutes

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#### **Attendance**

**Members:** Ted Schumaker, Bryan Watt, Marty Bertsch, Mike Mitchell, Patrick Sweeney, Lynn Betteridge

**Excused absence:** Steve McAdoo

**Staff:** Scott Archer, Community Services Director; Denise Kai, Assist. Parks & Rec. Director

**Guests:** Marcia Wimmer, Oregon City Rotary

- 1) Call to order: 7:05 PM
- 2) Approval of minutes – May 27, 2010 and June 24, 2010 meetings: as written
- 3) Welcomed new member Lynn Betteridge
- 4) Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda
- 5) General business
  - a) Singer Falls project update: Marcia Wimmer, Oregon City Rotary Club, gave a presentation about the proposed community project. PRAC members discussed the project and asked some clarifying questions. PRAC would like to receive updates as the project moves forward.
  - b) Carnegie Center utilization process final report: The final report was provided to the Committee. Bryan Watt provided an update regarding the final recommendation from the committee. He read the final recommendation from the report, as follows: After considering the results of our extensive public outreach, the potential benefits to the City, citizens and business community, as well how to minimize the cost to the taxpayers, the Carnegie Center Task Force recommends that the City take steps to develop an ongoing partnership to create a City/nonprofit hybrid organization to operate and maintain a new multi-use Oregon City Arts and Culture Carnegie Center. Scott Archer reported that he anticipates this issue will be on the September City Commission work session.
  - c) Canemah Park grant: Bryan Watt announced the grant award for the State Parks and Recreation Local Government Grant in the amount of \$253,900.
  - d) Trail & promenade signage design project: Scott Archer reported that the project was approved by HRB, and will be moving forward.
  - e) End of Oregon Trail site process update: Ted Schumaker gave a thorough update on task force process.

- f) Leland Rd. (Wesley Lynn Park) property purchase: Scott reported that the city has completed the review of the property and lifted contingencies. Closing should happen by next week. Following the report, Bryan briefly discussed the goals.
  - g) Oak Tree Park and Josephine Street extension: Scott Archer reviewed the proposed charter park ballot issue for an election to approve the vacation and change in status for a portion of Oak Tree Park for the purpose of the proposed public road which would replace the existing access road to the South End Fire Station, improving vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle connectivity to existing and future adjacent residential areas. PRAC members requested some additional information be sent to them regarding the size of the portion of property affected by this proposal.
- 6) PRAC member reports
- a) Ted Schumaker: Visited McLoughlin Promenade recently.
  - b) Patrick Sweeney: Visited McLoughlin Promenade. Raised question about Carnegie Spray Park – Scott Archer reported on why it is closed.
  - c) Marty Bertsch: Talked about tour of parks. Enjoyed it and found it useful.
  - d) Bryan Watt: Carnegie spray park issue – would like to see a wading pool type of feature at the park.
- 7) Staff reports
- a) Recreation Services update
    - i) Painted exterior of Pioneer Center. Working on new signage in the next few weeks.
    - ii) Army Corps of Engineers permit agreements being wrapped up for Sportcraft boat ramp. Hope for project to be complete next summer.
  - b) Volunteer appreciation event reminder – July 29<sup>th</sup> at Carnegie Park.
  - c) Carnegie spray park update: report on status of closure.
- 8) Next scheduled meeting date: No August meeting; next meeting will be September 23.
- 9) Adjournment: 8:59 P.M.



Agenda Item No. 3f  
Meeting Date: 07 Sep 2010

## COMMISSION REPORT: CITY OF OREGON CITY

TO:	Honorable Mayor and City Commission
FROM:	Scott Archer, Community Services Director
PRESENTER:	Scott Archer, Community Services Director
SUBJECT:	Ermatinger House Update
Agenda Heading: General Business	
Approved by: David Frasher, City Manager	

### RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

Receive the update from staff regarding the status of the proposal to the National Park Service regarding the Ermatinger House.

### BACKGROUND:

The attached letter was signed by Mayor Norris and presented to Tracy Fortmann, Superintendent of the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, on December 17, 2009. The letter proposed that the National Park Service (NPS) consider the transfer of the Ermatinger House from the City to the NPS, for long-term preservation and public use. Since this time the City and the NPS have been in regular discussions regarding the proposal.

The following is a summary of the recent NPS response to the City regarding the proposal.

- An Act of Congress will be required, in order for the Ermatinger House to become part of Fort Vancouver National Historic Site. Legislation, which is currently not being entertained, can be a multi-year process. Initially, it was perceived that the Ermatinger House could be added to Fort Vancouver NHS as part of a minor boundary adjustment. Upon further investigation, it was determined that this was not feasible due to the fact that it is not a contiguous property to the McLoughlin and Barclay Site, and that formal legislation would be required.
- Superintendent Fortmann recognizes that National Park Service and the City of Oregon City have a shared mission of preserving history, and that our histories and the Hudson's Bay Company's story are connected.
- As a partner and good neighbor, the NPS is interested in being involved with and identifying ways to partner with Oregon City to assist in the preservation of the historically significant Ermatinger House.
- The NPS is willing to enter into an agreement to provide technical assistance and other programming support.
- Having an agreement in place would help the City with issues, such as technical assistance in preserving the house and public programming.
- The NPS is not able to provide direct financial support at this time.

### BUDGET IMPACT: