

AGENDA

City of Oregon City Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

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

Monday, March 29, 2010

7:00 P.M.

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Approval of minutes – February 22, 2010 regular meeting
- 3) Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda
- 4) General business
 - a) Carnegie Center utilization process
 - b) Ermatinger House
 - c) Canemah Park grant application
 - d) Final 2010 PRAC goals
 - e) Trail & promenade signage design project
 - f) End of Oregon Trail site process
 - 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 – April 22, 2010
- 8) Adjournment

Meeting Minutes
City of Oregon City
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
Pioneer Community Center
February 22, 2010

Attendance

Members: Bryan Watt, Ted Schumaker, Rachel Gordon, Mike Mitchell

Excused: Marty Bertsch, Steve McAdoo

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

Guests: Patricia Andrews, PRAC applicant; Patrick Sweeney, PRAC applicant

- 1) Call to order: Chair Bryan Watt called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.
- 2) Approval of minutes: January 28, 2010 regular meeting minutes approved as written.
- 3) Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda: None.
- 4) General business
 - a) Interview PRAC applicants: There are two committee vacancies. One is the designated Pioneer Center represented position and one is an at-large position. Patricia Andrews previously applied and interviewed for the Pioneer Center position. PRAC confirms their recommendation for her appointment, since the position is now vacant. PRAC interviewed applicant Patrick Sweeney.
 - b) Carnegie Center utilization decision process update: Bryan and Scott both provided updates about the process. The public open house was held Saturday, February 6, from 1-4 PM at the Carnegie Center. This was well attended by community members. There has been a strong response to the on-line web survey as well. The next task force meeting is scheduled for March 15.
 - c) Update of PRAC goals: Scott Archer reviewed the updated goals as discussed and over the past few meetings. PRAC adopted the final ten goals, with a change to #5, adding Glen Oak Property (master plan process).
 - d) Ermatinger House: Scott Archer provided an update on the continuing discussions with the National Park Service to transfer the House.
 - e) At this point, applicant Patrick Sweeney left the meeting. After a brief discussion, PRAC decided to unanimously recommend his appointment to the at-large vacancy for the term running through December 31, 2012.
- 5) PRAC member reports
 - a) Ted Schumaker: Recently visited Old Canemah Park site.
 - b) Mike Mitchell: Would like to look at having directional signage to parks installed throughout city.
 - c) Rae Gordon:

- i) Discussed media technology and how it may relate to parks. E.g. I-Phone Applications.
 - ii) Is now the elected Hillendale Neighborhood Association chair.
- d) Bryan Watt:
 - i) Oregon City Swim Team meet will be held at O.C. Pool on March 14th.
 - ii) Spoke to radio station 860 AM regarding the pool and swim team.
- 6) Director/staff reports
 - a) Denise Kai provided reports on:
 - i) Spring Trail News is being reviewed/edited. PRAC members are encouraged to provide feedback on the publication.
 - ii) March is "March for Meals" month at the Pioneer Center. Focus on Meals on Wheels program. Clackamas Federal Credit Union will be holding a fundraiser for the M.O.W. program.
 - iii) Annual Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance was held. Was sold out and again a great success.
 - iv) New Indoor Playground Program at the Pool is going very well.
 - v) Concerts in the Park planning under way. Bands are being booked. Staff are applying for O.C.C.I.T. grant funds.
 - b) Scott Archer reported on:
 - i) Reminder to PRAC that "Meet the City Manager" candidate forums are upcoming.
 - ii) Mayor Norris's State of the City address was held recently. This was her final State of City address. It is viewable on the city website if interested.
- 7) Next meeting date: March 29, 2010. Changed from normal 4th Thursday of the month date.
- 8) Meeting was adjourned at 9:19 P.M.

2010 PRAC Goals

1. Identify funding for phase 2 and complete development of Wesley Lynn Park.
2. Determine future plans for RV Park.
3. Seek funding and begin new park development projects per completed master plans for Canemah Children's Neighborhood Park and Chapin Park.
4. Playground installation of Canemah Children's Neighborhood Park.
5. Begin Master Planning process for the Glen Oak Road and Filbert Run properties.
6. Determine future use of Carnegie Center.
7. Investigate dog parks.
8. Naming trail linkages/standardized signage.
9. Work with the City in the process for determining the use of the End of Oregon Trail Interpretive Center site.
10. Support the effort and provide input as necessary for the transfer of the Ermatinger House to the National Park Service.



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March 12, 2010

Steve McAdoo
Chair, PRAC
1608 Van Buren St.
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Dear Mr. McAdoo,

On behalf of the City of Oregon City I am pleased to invite a representative from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to serve as a member of a Task Force to help guide our upcoming planning process related to re-use of the End of the Oregon Trail (EOT) site. Because of your leadership position in the community and your interest in the cultural future of our city and region, ***we ask that you recommend a representative from PRAC to participate in this important planning process.*** The City has recently contracted with a consulting firm, AMS Planning & Research, to undertake a Visioning & Operations Plan for the EOT site. The Study will result in a plan for the future development of the site, its buildings, grounds, and programs.

PRAC has been nominated for service on the Task Force by a group of City staff and other community leaders who recognize the contributions to our City and region's cultural ecology. Essentially, we would ask for attendance at 2-4 meetings over the next 3-5 months and review of materials in between the sessions. I hope you will consider having someone join us in this important endeavor.

A brief project commencement meeting with the consultants has been scheduled for **April 6, 2010** from **6:00pm to 7:30pm** at City Hall, 625 Center Street. Would you please have whomever is recommended for the Task Force call our office at **(503) 496-1582** to confirm attendance at this session and/or if there are any further questions on this invitation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request – I am confident that your organization's participation will help guide our planning process and help us to gather input from a broad cross-section of the community. If you have any further questions please call me at (503) 496-1582. We'll look forward to hearing from you within the next week in regard to your participation on the EOT Visioning/Operations Study Task Force, or will follow up shortly.

Sincerely,

Teri Bankhead
Assistant to the City Manager
City of Oregon City

INVESTING IN A COMMUNITY TREASURE

Do you renovate a pool constructed in 1965 for \$962,000 to extend its service to the community for an additional 20 years? The Oregon City Commission and staff answered, “Yes!”

“My greatest joy has been the companionship of so many people,” a patron since 1987 stated. “The pool was in dire straits several years ago and was predicted to be closed. My opinion of the Oregon City Pool is that it would be a tragedy to close the building and its programs. Especially for younger children to learn to swim and the many classes offered for all ages.” The voices of these community members were kept in mind when weighing options to upgrade the facility.

The Oregon City Swimming Pool is a highly used 25-meter, six-lane box pool. Unfortunately, regular maintenance was deferred from 1991 to 1999 because there wasn’t a pool maintenance operator on staff. From 2000 to 2007, the facility had a part-time pool operator able to maintain the facility at its existing condition.

In 2007, a Parks and Recreation Master Plan was developed, including a pool facility evaluation. The goal of the assessment was to determine the long-term viability of the various systems and components of the facility, their continued use and expansion. As part of the



Parks and Recreation Master Plan, a community survey was conducted. Oregon City residents were asked whether they would support a new aquatic facility or prefer to upgrade and maintain the existing facility. The community strongly favored keeping the current aquatic facility and making necessary investments to renovate, upgrade and expand at some point.

One project that came to the forefront was a facility energy efficiency upgrade. The upgrade included various efficiency rebate incentives.

Funds were available through business energy tax credits by the Energy Trust of Oregon and the Oregon Department of Energy.

The upgrades involved installation of a computerized energy management system that linked the facilities control systems, such as the swimming pool pump and various building heating and ventilation systems. Before the upgrade, the systems would operate 24 hours a day. Additionally, the Energy Trust of Oregon conducted an energy efficiency evaluation. Actions were then taken to upgrade the 40-year-old pneumatic heat and ventilation controls with a programmable digital control system. Swimming pool thermal blankets and a supplemental ultraviolet-light water treatment system were also purchased at this time.

Annual energy savings were \$16,076 with a payback period of three and a half years. All of these funding allocations were in line with the city’s desire to be green, renovate and update. A swim coach remarked, “In the past four years, I have noticed a drastic change in the water quality; it is crystal clear, and the air temperature is more regulated.”

Fortunately, the Oregon City Swimming Pool had a sound structural and flooring system, making the existing building fit for remodeling and updates. After the roof was repaired in 2008-2009, the city was able to invest additional funds in upgrades that appealed to the swim patrons and created a safer environment. These upgrades included: professionally painting the interior and exterior of the facility, resurfacing locker-room and pool-deck flooring, replacing perimeter fencing, repairing sidewalk inconsistencies, adding emergency lighting and upgraded exterior lighting, adding security cameras, removing the concrete overhang from the preexisting high-dive platform, rebuilding the water slide, repairing the wading pool, purchasing ADA-compliant stairs and pool lift and altering the location of the diving board to accommodate swim meets.

In the past four years, the city has spent \$552,067 on facility upgrades that will extend the life the pool by 20 years! If all upgrades were completed according to the facility evaluation, the total cost of renovations could range



from \$962,000 to \$1.162 million. There is still much to do, but great progress has been made to make the facility viable for decades. City of Oregon City Commission members have stated they would continue to explore requests for facility upgrades in 2009-2011.

A patron since 1983 states, “I have been swimming 20 laps five days a week since my open-heart surgery. My cardiologist credits my successful recovery to this fact. The Oregon City Pool is one facility that the citizens can be very proud of. It is clean and bright. The staff is always professional, helpful and cheery. Among the many helpful programs provided, I feel the most important one is teaching the children of the community how to swim.” When considering the statement of this member who’s been swimming at the pool for 27 years, it is easy to see how the Oregon City Swimming Pool can mean so much to the health and well-being of its community.

Facility upgrades and higher attendance go hand in hand. A swim coach commented, “The facility is clean and organized. The improvements have created a more professional atmosphere.” Due in part to the various facility upgrades, attendance numbers have risen 49 percent with the highest increases reflected in the water exercise classes, lap swim and swimming lessons. Aquatic revenue has also increased by 12 percent in the last five years.

Progress with facility upgrade and repair demonstrates the resolve of the Oregon City Commission and staff to keep a highly used community treasure running for another 20 years.