

MILWAUKIE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

APRIL 25, 1983

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Larson
Larry Mura
Estle Harlan
Betty Stephens
Walt Haynes

STAFF PRESENT

Randy Westrick
Hugh Brown

AUDIENCE PRESENT

Catherine Boyles
Susan Waggoner

MEMBERS ABSENT

Wayne Logemann

Chairman Larry Mura called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Wayne Logemann's absence was excused. The minutes of the February 28, 1983 meeting were reviewed and unanimously adopted.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Cathryn Boyles presented a proposal to PARC whereby the Friends of The Milwaukie Center would place a paper recycling box in the park as a fund raiser for the Friends. She explained that the Friends had pledged to contributing \$10,000 to the City to help underwrite the operations of the Center, and that this is a very important part of their fund raising effort. The box will be sited across the street from the Center in the grass parking area. This location has been reviewed by the Sup't and has his concurrence. The Commission was ensured that the box would be covered so that papers would not fly out in the wind. David Larson moved that the box be allowed in North Clackamas Park under the conditions that it be screened with vegetation when that is feasible, it be checked daily for litter, and that it can be moved if PARC okays a different recreational use for the site. Estle Seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Hugh Brown, City Manager, asked the Commission for ideas which could be used to help pass the upcoming May 17, 1983 budget election. He asked if PARC could help in getting the word out as to the values they are getting for their tax dollar. Estle said she could help out by providing a phone list.

NEW BUSINESS

Randy reviewed the existing policies under which program participation is governed and which regulate program registration fees. Randy stated that some questioning of the policy has emerged whereby churches are asking for the same fee and participation break given to teams entering sports programs under the industrial qualification. This allows teams and players to pay in-district fees and qualify as in-district residents if the sponsor is in-district and if all of the players on the roster work directly for the sponsor. It is felt by one team that churches ought to be given the same breaks. Randy said that he agrees that churches provide the community with certain unique social and cultural benefits, but that some problems arise with providing these kinds of breaks. First, the city has no way to verify who attends a specific church and it is none of the city's business who goes to church and who does not. Second, the industrial qualification is based on who is paying property taxes. Very few teams can qualify for the industrial qualification and those that do are probably paying a very good share of Milwaukie's taxes without getting much direct benefit from the parks & recreation

department. This policy is designed to provide that benefit to these large firms while also engendering support from them. Randy recommended that no changes be made in the policy. David Larson moved that PARC reaffirm its support for the fee/participation policy now in place. Estle harlan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Randy reported that progress was being made on the recreation program portions of the PARC Strategies for Progress and that more would be available at the next meeting.

Randy reported that the Chamber of Commerce was mailing out over 800 fliers enlisting support for the field fencing project at NCP.

Randy reported that the exercise path project at NCP has been delayed at least six months due to the recent sale of European Health Spas to the Family Fitness Center.

Randy reported that grant applications have been filed for funding for construction of a restroom, boarding float, and park landscaping at the Jefferson Street Boat Ramp through the Land & Water Conservation Fund. A presentation will be made to the Oregon Outdoor Recreation Commission who will review all applications and help the State Parks Division staff select qualified projects. This presentation will be made May 5, 1983.

Walt said that he has begun to pursue the possibilities of developing bicycle paths along the old Portland Traction grade along the Waterfront and McLoughlin Blvd. He asked for PARC's endorsement with this effort as he contacts the railroads and other agencies involved with the grade. Estle moved to endorse Walt's effort and David seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Betty discussed the improvements now being planned for Harmony Road and Railroad Avenues. She said that bike paths are being proposed and that she recommends that as the bike path passes Weber Park, that it be designed to loop through the park. She said that she has discussed the situation with Public Works Director Steve Hall and he said that he would relay her concerns to the Technical Advisory Committee working on the plans. Betty moved that PARC officially support the concept and Estle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Recording Secretary
Randy Westrick

Larry Mura
Chairman