



Park & Recreation Board

PARB

January 9, 2007

7:30 am to 9 am

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Attendees: Kate MacCready, Sherri Dow, Mart Hughes, Sonny Newson, Ray Harris

Absent: Bob Cooper,

Staff: JoAnn Herrigel, Joan Young

Guest: Val Hubbard (prospective Board member)

Minutes

MacCready motioned to accept the November minutes. Dow seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Dog Rules – Stewardship Committee

Herrigel reported that the Stewardship Committee for North Clackamas Park had created a subcommittee to address the dog run at that park. She said that at the November meeting the subcommittee had brought several recommendations to the committee for their consideration. The committee, in turn had asked each committee member to review the recommendations with their stakeholder group and to bring back comments to the Stewardship Committee. Herrigel listed the recommendations as follows:

- Add more dog parks to other parks in the District to take some burden off North Clackamas Park.
- Switch the location for the horse arena with the dog run at North Clackamas Park.
- Keep dog park at North Clackamas Park

PARB member comments

More dog parks:

- MacCready – could we look at the undeveloped park on Monroe (Wichita Park) for use as a dog park?
- Harris/MacCready – we see no problem with having other dog parks in the City/District
- Dow – even with more dog areas people will keep going to NCP because they are used to it and like it there.
- Hubbard asked if a flier or signage could be developed showing or stating where other dog parks were located and how to get there.

Horse arena/dog run switch:

- Dow – of trading the locations is okay with the neighbors, I have no problems with it.
- The acoustics might be better in the southern area. The ridge to the north may exacerbate the sound.
- Young – may need to be thoughtful about the impact of the horse use on picnickers at the park. May not be any but not sure.

General comments:

- Hughes – we need a policy that dog areas are sanitary and dog feces not be allowed into the creek. Noted that at one park they actually have a place for flushing dog waste.
- Dog advocates should be encouraged to talk to dog owners in other parts of the park to encourage them to obey the off-leash rules and use the enclosed area etc.
- Hughes – have we done enforcement there lately. (Herrigel noted that Code enforcement staff has been down one for a while and that the last attempt to enforce has been met with resistance.)
- Hughes – we should encourage the District to prioritize looking for other areas for dog park use. He suggested that this be placed in the master plan.

Consensus: Agreeable to all recommendations. All should consider impact on neighbors and other users of the park.

Local Share Funding Process (Site selection criteria)

Herrigel noted that the Board had begun a discussion of criteria for site (and project) selection for local share funding at their November meeting and had asked that the discussion continue this time.

Criteria already discussed:

- The group reiterated that acquisition remains their highest priority
- Wherever possible sites should be adjacent to existing public property to “avoid fragmentation”
- Coordinate with NCPRD and County to maximize buying power
- Wetland, riparian and aquatic habitat protection are high priorities
- Neighborhood accessibility is important – meaning sites should be centrally located
- Sidewalks are not “required” for site to be considered
- Should consider if sites fit into the larger future green space or park system in the City and region

Board member additions:

- Underserved areas of the City should be high priority
- Staff should coordinate with NDAs upfront before pursuing sites
- If a site doesn’t really fit the criteria but has a willing seller –consider it anyway

Other comments:

Hughes – We need to be developing a 30-40 year plan for parks and recreation facilities (including trails) for this City. We should articulate this need to the District and see if they might want to do that for the whole District. If not, the City should work together with the District to complete a plan for the City.

It was suggested that at the next meeting we begin looking at a short list of projects for the City’s local share and then move toward a longer-term list. Herrigel agreed to provide maps and if possible have flood plains and wetland maps available. She also agreed to try to get a firm list from the County and the District of their Local Share projects.

City Updates:

- Herrigel reported that the Riverfront design is moving forward and the design firm is about to set the park elements in their final places. The next step will be to begin refining the design for amenities such as the play area and the rest rooms.

District Updates:

- Dan Zinzer has hired a deputy Director. His name is Gary Barth and his major duty will be economic development.
- Metro recently was successful at purchasing a 9.9 acre parcel on the east slope of Mt Talbert. This brings the total acreage owned to 195 acres. Metro is still working on an access point for the Mt Talbert property
- NCP ball-field project still on target. First games will be in April and schedule for fields is full through August/September
- District has been working with the horse arena folks on a plan to rotate the arena to allow parking nearby.
- Paved pathway around the ball-field area is complete.
- Request for Proposals for the master plan for the north part of NCP will be sent out within two weeks (Question – who's on selection committee?)

Next Meeting:

Mart Hughes asked that the February meeting be rescheduled due to a conflict he has with another meeting. The group agreed to meet on February 20th at 7:30 am.

Harris motioned to adjourn. Dow seconded and the motion passed 5-0.