

Parks and Recreation Commission
May 8, 1978

Minutes

Members Present:

Marian Beckman
Eloise Hobson
Hal Kaarhus
Fred Kondo
Virginia Stabenow

Staff:

Myer Avedovech
Steve Hall
Dick Wilmot

Special Guest:

Gary Lisman

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Eloise Hobson, Chairperson.
2. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes with following corrections:
Item 7 - should read "consist of"
Item 11 - date should read "May 8th"
3. Commission members met and interviewed Mr. Gary Lisman for current opening on Parks and Recreation Commission.
4. Eloise Hobson advised that the City Council has approved the Kids, Inc. request that they sponsor a boys and a girls baseball team this season. Fred Kondo indicated that the cost would be \$300.
5. Motion made and seconded that Gary Lisman be recommended to the City Council for appointment to the vacancy on the Commission caused by the resignation of Steve Morrison. Unanimous. Secretary to prepare letter for City Council.
6. Fred Kondo reported that the meeting to organize a softball league for 16-18 year olds was a complete failure. The Recreational Staff has advertized through the media, radio coverage, bulletins at the local high schools, etc. Not one person showed up on Saturday to register. The staff remains open to another meeting, but only if requested by the citizens of Milwaukie and the surrounding area. He also stated that the meeting for May 9th, has been cancelled.
7. Minutes of the North Clackamas Park Advisory Board were read and discussed.
8. The letter from Jim Schuld regarding conditions, as he sees them, at North Clackamas Park was read to the assembled citizens by Chairperson Eloise Hobson.

Dick Wilmot stated that on May 4th and 5th, the ball diamonds at North Clackamas Park were staked. He also said that he had so informed Mr. Schuld and that Mr. Schuld was advised that fill dirt would be placed on the infield of ball diamond #3 on Saturday morning, May 6th.

The following concerns were voiced by the assembled citizens:

Kathy Strickland, 2716 S.E. Lake Road - Stated the area West of the horse arena is swampy most of the year and emphasized the fact that the 4-H clubs need and use the arena all year long. Brought to the attention of the Commission the fact that the 4-H clubs have built the arena area.

Karen Mura, 4997 S.E. Winworth Court - Voiced concern as to where the money to move and rebuild horse arena would come from and how long it will take, etc.

Sue Hanson, 12100 S.E. Grove Loop - Asked for information on how long it will take to move the horse arena and when it will take place. Where are they to go while this is done, etc.? Also, commented on lack of progress and length of time citizens have been waiting for Furnberg Park. Will things take that long at North Clackamas Park?

Beth Hanson, 12100 S.E. Grove Loop - Voice the opinion that North Clackamas Park had been given to the "horse people" and there should be facilities for them.

Kathy Orlando, 12121 S.E. 39th - Indicated concern regarding comment in Mr. Schuld's letter of a reduction in the size of the horse arena on the Master Plan. Stated the size indicated is not adequate. Also, what about a barrier between the horse area and other activities?

Ton Gijzen, 12111 S.E. Grove Loop - Asked how much Federal Tax money is being used for the ball diamonds and how come dirt was hauled on a Saturday. Isn't this very expensive?

Carol Moore, 9822 S.E. 36th - Where else in area can horses be exercised? Activities revolving around horses and the 4-H clubs in the area are good for children - is this or they being pushed aside in favor of other sports, etc.?

Jean Mura, 4997 S.E. Winworth Court - Why does the horse arena have to be moved? The ball diamond is being placed entirely too close to the horses and they can be spooked. If this happens, it is dangerous for both the riders and the spectators, etc. Tax payers money shouldn't be spent to move the arena.

Due to the highly charged atmosphere it was at times impossible to ascertain the identity of those speaking. The following comments were made:

- 1- Rules should be posted so non-regular users of the horse area understand what is expected of them.
- 2- There won't be enough room for parking horse trailers, etc.
- 3- Noise from spectators at ball games may spook a horse
- 4- A spooked horse could run onto a baseball field and hurt someone
- 5- How long is the baseball season versus a year long use by horse clubs?
- 6- Some feel Commission members and the city government don't care about 4-H clubs and their activities.
- 7- If arena is moved - won't it be extremely expensive to move all that sand?
- 8- Doubt was expressed that the swampy area can be adequately drained.
- 9- Why haven't changes at North Clackamas Park been publicized?
- 10- Who needs or wants a soccer field?
- 11- Just not enough space being left between the arena and the softball/baseball diamond #3. Have always used that area for unloading trailers, parking trailers and exercising horses.

Mr. Schuld stated he disagrees with Mr. Wilmot and that he was not informed dirt would be placed on the infield on Saturday, May 6th. He feels that every statement and concern he has voiced has been ignored. Requested a planning session with the North Clackamas Advisory Board and the Parks and Recreation Commission to iron out "problems."

Mayor Hupp stepped in, between budget meeting sessions, and indicated he wished to hold a meeting of all concerned parties with the City Council. This met with general agreement from those in attendance.

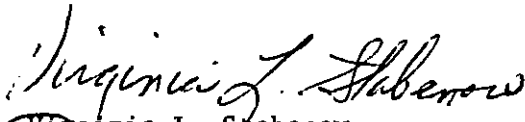
Steve Hall responded to some of the questions raised. He explained the current funding of the project or projects under fire. The reason for a Saturday delivery of fill dirt was explained. The dirt was given to the City by a contractor. Because it had to be moved at a time convenient to the contractor and truck drivers, it was done on Saturday. The City did pay for the trucks, but this was still a considerable savings.

Dick Wilmot explained that North Clackamas Park from its conception has been a multi-purpose park. It was originally to have tennis courts and baseball fields, but the Parks and Recreation Commission has decided to place tennis courts at local school grounds in agreement with North Clackamas School District #12. He stated the baseball season is approximately four (4) months. Soccer is played the rest of the year. Last

year North Clackamas Park soccer field was the home field for Clackamas High School. In addition, adult soccer was scheduled for all Saturday afternoons. He also stated that in his many years of handling horses, it was his opinion that it was good for horses to learn to be around people.

9. Fred Kondo made a motion to suspend the proceedings and hold a general meeting with the City Council, North Clackamas Park Advisory Board, Staff and Parks and Recreation Commission as soon as possible. Motion seconded, unanimous.
10. Motion made and seconded to have the Recreational Staff attempt to delay use of ball diamond #3 by rescheduling with concerned parties, as soon as possible. Unanimous.
11. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted,


Virginia L. Stabenow

List of interested citizens who attended the May 8th meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission and are to be notified of any and all information forthcoming regarding the baseball diamond versus the horse arena area.

Katie Orlando	12121 S.E. 39th	
Marcia Morse	7853 S.E. King Road	
Kathy Strickland	2716 S.E. Lake Road	
Beth & Sue Hanson	12100 S.E. Groove Loop	659-2917
Jean Mura	4997 S.E. Winworth Court	654-9890
Julia McKerley	10906 S.E. 74th	659-0845
Paul Gleason	12111 S.E. River Road	654-8683
Peter Dryer	6155 S.E. Parmenter Ct.	659-3341
Ton Gijzen	12111 S.E. Grove Loop	654-7906
Sandy Muck	16635 Lancaster Dr. Gladstone, Oregon	659-0590
Bonnie McKerley	10906 S.E. 74th	659-0845
Karen Mura (see Jean above)	4997 S.E. Winworth Ct.	654-9890
Michelle & Carol Moore	9822 S.E. 36th	659-9599
Dana & Dolores Brown	13700 Rusk Road	654-9853
Nancy Orlando (see Katie)	12121 S.E. 39th	654-1455