

PRAC MEETING NOTES
January 27, 2003

Call to Order: Bill Woods, Chair at 7:00 PM

Members Present: Bill Woods, Dean Walch, Heather Guthrie, Shawn Datchler,

Guests: Carol Kemhus, Principal and Roberta Stennick, Athletic Director, Oregon City High School

Staff: Dee Craig and Larry Potter

Minutes: Shawn's last name was misspelled and the (9) in the middle before in the last line is a typo. Approved as amended. Dachtler/Walch.

Old Business:

Partnerships with the High School

Roberta Stennick explained the current uses of the HS fields by youth sports and the use of Chapin Park by the HS in the Fall. She would like to see some written agreements on this joint use setting out the parameters and responsibilities. Dee asked if she has a copy of the Kelly Field replacement/HS field agreement. Dee will send Roberta a copy of the agreement on 2 HS fields built to replace Kelly Field.

Bill gave some history on the use of the field by the youth sports organizations as well as what he knew about adult softball usage.

Roberta explained some of the concerns from the SD's side including the amount of garbage left on the fields during last seasons use.

All agreed to the need for more fields, especially for youth; this includes youth football. The HS stadium turf takes a real beating with all of the use. The ideas of synthetic turf fields met with positive response and all supported at least one conversion soccer-football field.

Dee asked what the HS would like to see from the City: more activities for youth and adults in Parks and Recreation

PRAC inquired if the High School would consider allowing the city to develop a playground on their property in the area of the ball fields. Roberta talked about the amount of vandalism they are experiencing a wondered how play equipment would hold up. She also stated that the HS is hoping to build a Field House in that area and that site might be a site for a playground apparatus----Ken Reyzak would be the person to talk with.

New Business:

Community Center Public Private Partnership: Sports World, a private developer, has contacted the City to investigate our interest in forming a public private partnership to build a community center in the Oregon City area. Bill briefed the committee on this possible project and both the HS reps and PRAC believe it is worth further investigation. Dee will schedule Mike Colligan to attend our February meeting.

New Members and Officers:

Shawn suggested that PRAC get recruitment information on the web in the listing of committees—like the Arts Commission. Dee will ask the Webmaster to do so.

We have three applications, 2 for the open positions and one for the Pioneer position. Heather suggested that we go ahead and appoint Martha Sumption to represent the Pioneer Center and senior interests; approved. Dee will schedule interviews at the next meeting with our other

candidates: Dan Kromer and Beth Park and any other applications, which come in. She will forward Dan and Beth's applications to the committee for review.

By unanimous consensus Bill Woods was re-elected Chair and Heather Guthrie, Vice-Chair:
Park SDC Policy draft: Not everyone received this document. Dee explained that this is not time sensitive so it was decided to carry this discussion over to our next meeting. Dee will resend the document.

Park Properties: Dee suggested that PRAC consider contracting with someone to investigate possible land purchases in specific areas to be developed as parks. It was moved to have staff investigate this process for a fee not to exceed \$5,000. Dachtler/Walsh; passed.

Budget: Current trending shows that City's budget becomes problematic out 5 years if current revenue/expenses hold with trends. Various options are being considered to correct this trend. The next quarterly budget meeting will be February 9 when the City Manager will lay out the situation as well as options which may include an annexation to a Fire District.

Director's Report:

Carnegie Project: This group is meeting tomorrow night and should have a report in February.
Library/Sr. Citizen's Park: Staff stated on this project but the playground equipment was damaged in shipment and was not accepted by the City. We are still on target to re-open this spring.

Wesley Lynn: Applying for building permits; waiting for contract from State Parks to proceed. Still plan to construct this summer. Will request City Commission set aside public contracting requirements to allow Centex Homes to construct 100% of Frontier Way.

Canemah Park/Metro Planning of 1 Acre transition property: Feb. 5 @ 6:30, Pioneer Center Trails MP: The next public meeting will be held March 10. The stakeholders meeting provided lots of information, which is now being verified.

Clackamas River Trail: Easement and Main Street extension bike lanes are still to be settled. Dee and Nancy Kraushaar, City Engineer will meet with the property owner later this week.

Pet Cemetery: Larry Potter reported that this is just one of many ideas being discussed to create new revenue streams for Mr. View Cemetery. Another thought is to bring cemetery operations into parks: both revenues and expenses. Dee is investigating this possibility.

Mike Flury of MJF Development has an application into Planning to construct a PUD off of Central Point Road. Dee provided maps of this area as well as his proposal to donate the 20% open space required by the PUD to park and also sell them additional land to build a 2.5-3.7 acre park. PRAC discussed the Master Plans recommendation of minimum 5 acre parcels but also noted that later in the plan 2.5 was discussed as the minimum size which should every be considered for a neighborhood park. Based on the available open land in this area, PRAC felt that we should at least investigate cost and other options for this property. Dee is having it appraised.

Comp Plan: While this item was not on our agenda, Dee had forwarded the Natural Resources Committee's edits of PRAC's original document.

Shawn pointed out that Natural Resource's charge is to make recommendations to PRAC and the Planning Commission. He also explained some research he had done regarding the State's Goal 8 and his feeling that this did not apply to public park and recreation development.

Dee reminded members of PRAC's original decision to make the Com Plan very general in the area of Parks and Recreation and refer to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the details.

Dee suggested that PRAC should probably update the Parks Master Plan within the next 12 to 24 months and this would be the time to incorporate many of the Natural Resource Committee's

recommendations. It was moved that the City's Comp Plan should retain PRAC's original language and be forwarded to Planning Commission and on to the City Commission for approval. Dachtler, Walsh; Passed.

Any suggestions for the February agenda should be forwarded to Dee or Bill no later than February 15.

Meeting adjourned 9:25 PM.