

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2005

Attendance

PRAC members: Shawn Dachtler, Peter Winstead, Martha Sumption, Beth Park, Dan Kromer, Havan Jones, Doug Neeley, Lisa Wright-Wilson

Excused absence: Bill Woods

Guests: Bill Daniels, McLoughlin Neighborhood Association representative

Staff: Scott Archer, Community Services Director; Larry Potter, Parks Manager

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. The regular meeting was called to order by Shawn Dachtler, Chair at 7:00 P.M.
2. Three new appointed PRAC members were introduced: Havan Jones, Doug Neeley, Lisa Wright-Wilson.
3. Minutes of the January 31, 2005 regular meeting were approved, with a correction to item 7.b.4. – add the word “be” to the second to last line, between to and operational.
4. Bill Daniels presented a letter to PRAC on behalf of the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association. The letter recommends that the City pursue renaming Senior Citizens Park to something more appropriate. Scott Archer reported that the same letter had also been presented to the City Commission at a work session earlier this evening. A copy of the current policy for naming or changing names of parks was distributed. Since there is a formal policy in place, Archer recommended that this procedure should be followed. PRAC will await formal direction from the City Commission to proceed in forming the designated committee, which is specified to include two members of PRAC.
5. Old Business
 - a. Scott Archer reported that a bid has been awarded for construction of the permanent restroom facility at Jon Storm Park. The bid was awarded to Columbia General Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$144,445. 66.7 % of the funding for this project is provided via an Oregon State Marine Board grant, the remaining is the local match from the City funded via parks system development charges.
 - b. A date of March 15 was established for the Wesley Lynn Park playground selection committee to meet. Results of this selection process will be reported to the PRAC at the next meeting.
6. Director's Report
 - a. Monthly reports and statistics – as submitted.
 - b. An updated PRAC roster was distributed, with new members information included.
 - c. The department's first ever Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance was held at the Pioneer Center on February 12. The event was sold out, with 100 fathers and

daughters attending. The valentine themed event included a catered formal dinner, festive decorations, entertainment including a balloon artist and puppeteer, and dancing hosted by a DJ. The department hopes to make this an annual event.

- d. A recent article from a professional trade publication related to off leash dog parks was distributed. Scott Archer suggested that these facilities were becoming a popular amenity in many communities. Based on feedback from staff and public of dog owners running their pets off-leash in many of Oregon City's parks, a dog park may be something for us to plan for in the future.
- e. A park tour at some point in the near future for PRAC members was suggested. A weekday afternoon, following daylight saving time was discussed. Staff will bring back proposed date/s.

7. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 28. Suggested meeting topics include:

- 1. A report from staff on summer recreation program planning.
- 2. A report/update on parks system development charges.

8. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,
Scott Archer, Community Services Director