

## **OREGON CITY PARKS & RECREATION**

### **Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Announcement**

**Monday: November 18, 2002**

**Meeting Location: Pioneer Community Center, Lower Level**

If you are unable to attend, please contact Dee or Michael Mason, by Monday, November 18 at 5:00 PM. After 5:00 on Monday please contact Dee on her cellular phone 503-887-3477.

### **Agenda**

Call to Order	7:00 PM
Establish Quorum	
Minutes of Last Meeting:	October 2002, attached
Old Business:	
Pest Management Program	
Skatepark Review	Staff Report/Current Rules attached
Park SDC Update	Attached
Director's Report	Attached, October 2002
Participation numbers	Attached, Month and YTD
New Business	
Items for next meeting:	January 27, 2003
Information only:	
Nov 28/29	City Offices closed for Thanksgiving

## Skatepark Update October 2002

### **Background:**

The Skatepark was designed and built to be a skatepark without any idea of mixed use—bicycles. During the public design phase, no organized group or even individuals representing the trick bicycle community came out to propose a mixed-use park.

The Skatepark opened in January of 2001 with posted rules that excluded bicycles. Immediately it became apparent the large number of bike riders desired to use the facility and the park rule sign was vandalized to remove the “No Bikes Allowed” rule. City Hall was inundated with calls from angry bike riders as well as skaters that complained that the rules were not being enforced.

Within three months, a group of bikers attended a City Commission meeting to request that the rules be changed to allow bikes in the skatepark.

Staff formed a task force and advertised the meetings through the school district; posted signs at the skatepark and on the Park and Recreation web site.

Staff also did research, both locally (City of Tualatin, Portland, Lincoln City, Newberg, etc.) and nation-wide through the NRPA-net in an effort to determine if the park would be damaged by allowing bikes (The designer and CORP Inc., the firm that constructed the skatepark believed that bikes might create additional damage), and how mixed use Skateparks were managed by other jurisdictions.

### **Results:**

There was no documentation available to support the idea that bike use creates more damage than just inline skates and boards.

At least half of the responding jurisdictions allow bike, skates and boards in their parks, including Portland and City of Tualatin. Newberg has a dirt BMX track next to the skatepark and has not experienced much crossover use.

A series of Taskforce meetings were held throughout the winter/spring of 2001. The information obtained through our research, local use requests, safety equipment regulations and litter/vandalism were issues that were discussed. The task force recommended that the City remove the rule restricting the use of bikes at the park. B&B Leasing provided more garbage cans, a new restricted time was established for slow/beginner skaters, and the group agreed to work together in an effort to reduce graffiti and litter in the park. This recommendation was submitted to the City Commission and accepted.

New signs were erected.

Since about May of 2001, staff has received very few complaints regarding the mixed use at the park, none from bikers. We traditionally get 3-5 calls each summer and perhaps 2-3 during the slower winter months. Almost all of the calls deal with the misuse of the slow/beginner skate time by both bikers and more advanced skaters.

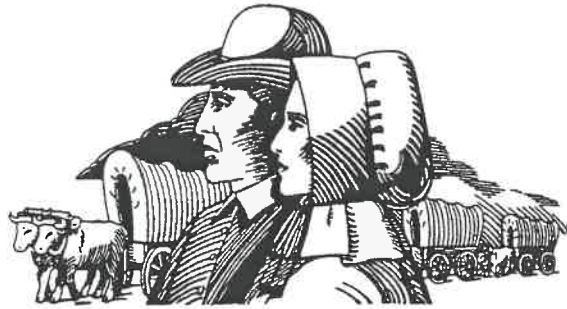
By and large, the users of the park police themselves. The police continue to get a few calls but these are generally a result of fights, drugs and alcohol use.

**Recommendation:**

**Staff recommends we continue to operate the skatepark under the current rules.**

Given our current budget constraints is it impossible to enforce the current slow/beginner skate time rule but we believe, for the most part, that users have established an ability to coexist and solve their own conflicts just as they do when using amenities throughout our park system.

Attachments: Skatepark Guidelines for Use  
Rule Update



## **OREGON CITY PARKS & RECREATION**

**TO:** Chris  
**FROM:** Jim Row

Please order a skatepark sign to read as follows. Please make it 24" X 36".

### **Oregon City Skatepark Guidelines for Use**

**The Skatepark is open during daylight hours**

- ❖ Skateboarding and in-line skating are hazardous activities. Skate at your own risk.
- ❖ Motorized vehicles are not allowed in the Skatepark.
- ❖ The use of helmets, kneepads and elbow pads are highly recommended.
- ❖ Graffiti and tagging is prohibited.
- ❖ Glass bottles are not allowed in the Skatepark.
- ❖ Please dispose of trash in the trash receptacles.
- ❖ Alcohol and drug use is prohibited.
- ❖ Spectators must stay off of the skating surface.
- ❖ Unauthorized pieces of equipment or obstacles are not allowed into the Skatepark.
- ❖ Please skate safely and in control.
- ❖ Please do not play loud music.
- ❖ It is unlawful to skate on picnic tables, brickwork, planters or ornamental surfaces located inside a public park.

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*Sign Size: approx. 18" X 18"*

*Quantity: 2*

## **Rule Update:**

**Bicycles** are now permitted to use the skatepark during an open ended trial period. We will continue to assess whether bicycles can safely coexist with skaters in the same park.

**Slow Skate.** In order to provide safe access to less experienced users, on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 - 11:00 AM the skatepark will only be open to inexperienced users under the age of ten.

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November 2002

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Wesley Court final design  
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**Encumbered YTD**

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Clackamette Cove development/sports fields	unknown
Total of current encumbered funds	2,025,573



## **OREGON CITY PARKS & RECREATION**

### **Activity Report**

**Month of: October 2002**

### **Highlights of the past month:**

#### **Aquatics**

- Swamp swim was a huge success with 137 in attendance and over 30 children in costume
- Lesson this session are doing very well with a very strong instructional staff.
- The high school swim session has started creating scheduling challenges

#### **Carnegie Center**

- "Figuratively Speaking" a show by the members of SPLASH critique group went well. Visitors came from all over the Portland Metro and were delighted with the show and with the Carnegie.
- Saturday Nite Java well attended.
- Carnegie took part in the Spirits of Halloween, 180 visitors picked up their tickets, started their tour and had refreshments at the Center
- Haunted Children's Museum attendance was lower than anticipated, neighborhood and downtown trick or treating was very low as well.
- Winter classes and events scheduled.

#### **Recreation**

- Working on changes in structure for the Indoor Playground to increase attendance.
- Adult Yoga and Pilates classes are still proving to be extremely popular and successful.
- Punt, Pass, & Kick Sectional competition was well attended and ran smoothly. This competition was run in partnership with the Oregon City Optimist Club.
- Attended ORPA conference and picked up several good ideas to use in near future.

#### **Pioneer Community Center**

- Facility Use: Community=889; seniors=1324; Outreach=2626; Transportation=981; Volunteers=181
- Yearly maintenance completed: hardwood floors refinished; tile floors cleaned, carpet cleaned, windows washed
- New tile installed in craft room
- Energy fair on October 19<sup>th</sup> a success with over 200 attendees

#### **Cemetery**

- Fence along Hilda Street completed
- Seeded lawn in front of new fence
- Irrigation renovation completed along new fence
- Volunteers from Oregon City High School painted a portion of the fence by the Cemetery dump area.



- Spirits of Halloween event very successful, with plans to make it an annual event
- Volunteers cleaned headstones
- Broad leaf spray completed
- Repair of benches in cemetery started

### **Parks**

- Clackamette covered picnic area lawn and irrigation renovation completed
- Hillendale construction 95% complete
- Ermatinger punch list handed to contractor for completion
- Brush spraying completed
- Broad leaf spraying completed for the year
- Community Service worked in Old Canemah and Singer Creek
- Canemah shelter 75% completed

### **Administration**

- Most full time staff attended all or part of the ORPA conference in Eugene
- Dee attended the NRPA congress and APRS meetings in Florida and received the President's Award in recognition of her service.
- RFP for Clackamas River Trail in with five applicants
- Met with OSMB regarding safety concerns at Clackamette Park docks/floats
- Met with Lango Hansen on final design and phasing for Wesley Lynn Park
- Met with Metro and City Attorney regarding agreement for Canemah Property
- Completed first reimbursement request on State Park Grant: Hillendale
- Closed out Ermatinger House Grant and requested final payment

### **UP COMMING EVENTS OF NOTE:**

#### **Aquatics**

- The OC Pool will host a PAAC meeting later in November
- Oregon City School District has scheduled multiple Friday swims over next couple of months.

#### **Carnegie Center**

- Christmas Events, Fireside with Santa, etc.
- Holiday Classes

#### **Recreation**

- Have been lining up classes and events for winter term.
- Partnering with Top Flight Gymnastics as well as West Linn, Wilsonville, Lake Oswego and North Clackamas Parks & Recreation Departments to bring new programs to our department.

#### **Pioneer Community Center**

- Holiday preparations underway: Christmas Stockings; Holiday food baskets; Emergency meals; Seniors Christmas party; three trips planned for viewing Christmas lights
- New classes start January 6th

### **Administration**

- Review RFP and award contract for Clackamette River Trail Project
- Jim Row will be off most of the month of Nov. for back surgery
- Attend State Parks Grant Training, mandatory, in preparation to apply for funding for Wesley Court development.

## **CONCERNS AND CHALLENGES:**

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### **Recreation**

- Need to find a way to increase attendance in Parent & Child Classes and Indoor Playground.

### **Administration**

- Time to research and write more grants