## Minutes of June 5, 2001 PRAC Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chair. Michael Mason at 7:05 PM.

Attendance: Bill Daniels, Paula Oerter, Michael Mason, Cathy Roberton, and Bill Woods

Excused: Carolyn Orlando

Guests: Kurt Lango of Lango • Hanson, Landscape Architects

Staff: Dee Craig, Director

Minutes of the April Meeting and Work Session: Work Session minutes were approved as printed. The regular meeting minutes were amended to change the language in the Barlow Crest Property section to state: "could not be supported by PRAC" and to reflect that the while the vote passed on this issue, it was not unanimous. The minutes will be corrected and mailed out with the next meeting notice.

Special Presentation: Kurt Lango of Lango•Hansen, the firm of Landscape Architects retained to develop the Jessie Court Master Plan made a presentation outlining the various ways in which citizens have been able to provide input into the project, as well as an overview of the results of discussion at the two public workshops which has resulted in the three conceptual drawing which he presented to PRAC. Kurt further explained that he would be meeting with PGE to discuss these conceptual drawings with them and to obtain their input and concerns regarding the development of park elements on their easement and under the high voltage lines. The public, at the last workshop, has shown a preference for option 2, however PRAC showed a preference for option 3. The next Public Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27, 6:30-8:30 at the Pioneer Center, lower level.

PRAC members expressed an interest in investigating the possibility of acquiring the property between the Park and Leland Road, if it should ever become available, to allow for additional park development as well as providing access and frontage on Leland Road.

City Budget: The budget, as recommended by the Budget Committee, does not contain any increases in funding for Parks and Recreation. The re-organizations at Parks Maintenance and also at the Pioneer Community Center are included in the budget and will both occur July 1. The two new items in the proposed budget include a non-sworn office for police and the creation of an Economic Development Coordinator to be funded from the increase in the Business License Fee. The budget will be presented to Commission for discussion and approval on June 20. Dee will apply to Metro Enhancement, hopefully at this same meeting, for funding for the mowers that did not get recommended for funding by the Budget Committee.

Community Activity Guide: Dee reported that since she was out of town and Jim was off due to an injury, Susan John and Michelle Edmondson were left with the task of completing and mailing the Summer Community Activity Guide for 2001. PRAC members complemented staff on how nice the Guide looked and were pleased with the distribution. This wish to express these sentiments to the staff.

Citywide Cleanup: Report was attached to the agenda. Michael thanked everyone who assisted with the ivy removal.

McLoughlin House: The voters approved the transfer to the National Park Service. We are now waiting for the Federal Government to approve legislation and a budget to include this property into their system. This could take about a year. Park Operations will continue to maintain the grounds until the NPS accepts responsibility.

**Abernethy Elm:** The tree is split to the root and at least one of the stabilization cables has broken. ODOT arborists recommend removal. ODOT is working with the City on a removal plan. The City Commission has shown interest in obtaining the wood from the tree.

Other Business: Michael asked that we move forward with the park signage project. Bill Daniels suggested that John Forslof and Pat Carsten might be interested in working with the Harding's on a sign for the Ermatinger House.

Dee announced the first **Waterfront Master Plan Public Workshop**, scheduled for 7PM Thursday, June 7 at the Willamette Falls Hospital Education Center.

Summer Meeting Schedule: Our discussion of this issue resulted in the following decisions:

June 27	6:30-8:30 PM	Jessie Court Public Workshop*
	Pioneer Center	
	Lower Level	

July No Meeting

August 6 If the Jessie Court project is on the Planning Commission we will try to meet at City Hall. Exact site and time: TBA

<sup>\*</sup>Any PRAC business will be handled at the conclusion of this public meeting.