



AGENDA
City of Oregon City
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

City Hall, Commission Chambers
625 Center Street, Oregon City, OR 97045

Thursday, May 24, 2012

7:00 P.M.

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes – April 26, 2012 meeting
3. Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda
4. General business
 - a. Dog park
 - b. Annual report to City Commission June 6
 - c. End of the Oregon Trail site
 - d. Other general business
5. PRAC member reports
6. Staff reports
 - a. Canemah park project & community celebration date
 - b. Rivercrest restroom grant application Local Government Grant Program
 - c. Ermatinger House
 - d. Recreation Report
7. Next scheduled meeting date – June 28, 2012
8. Adjournment

2012 PRAC REPORT TO CITY COMMISSION

Introduction: Info about PRAC: full complement of nine members; wide variety of backgrounds, ages, and interests providing a variety of opinions and concerns.

Accomplishments over the past year:

--completion of Canemah Park playground (dedication June 14th)

--high school construction class completed concession building and dugouts at Wesley Lynn Park

--SINGER HILLS PROJECT, ART ON RR STREET

--upgrades at pool (Scott—is there a list of these, or has the commission already heard about the details?)

--upgrades at Pioneer Center (Scott – same questions)

--others: (Scott or Denise?)

2012 PRAC GOALS PRAC's goals all complement the City Commission's 2012 goals, particularly relating to Goal 4 Liveability

1. Identify funding for phase 2 and complete development of Wesley Lynn Park

The work being done by the high school construction class is providing “phase 1.5”, Including a cover over two picnic tables at the north end of the park, which is one of their projects for the next year. **GOAL 4**

- **A FANTASTIC EXAMPLE OF WHAT TO DO IN THE ECONOMIC TIMES WE FIND OURSELVES IN – GREAT IMPROVEMENTS IN OUR PARK SYSTEM!**
- **FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE CONTINUE TO GET SUPPORT FROM THE METRO ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

2. Determine future plans for RV Park. Funding has been obtained for master planning. While possibly expensive, upgrades at the RV Park will enhance revenues, and enhance what is a unique facility in the metro area. The high school construction class will build an entrance information/fee collection kiosk as the other of their projects next year.

GOAL 1,2

- **HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION CLASS LED BY BRIT TUCKER WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE MASTER PLANNING PROCESS**
- **SYNERGY WITH HS AND CITY WORKING TOGETHER ON THIS PROJECT – GOAL WOULD BE TO HAVE MULTIPLE ITEMS THAT THE HS COULD ACCOMPLISH. THE SAME GRANT FUNDING WOULD APPLY AND COULD GREATLY DEFER COAST AND SPEED UP THE RV PARK UPGRADE TIMELINE (WESTLY LINN IS THE EXAMPLE)**
- **THIS ALSO HAS A LOT TO DO WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT AND STRATEGIC LOCATION OF FUTURE COVE PROJECT AND UPGRADED TRAIL SYSTEMS LEADING TO MAIN STREET**

AND BEYOND

3. **Begin master planning process for Glen Oak Road and Filbert Run parks.** At staff's suggestion, the master planning for both will be done at the same time for cost savings, but the Glen Oak property is the highest priority for development, due to the lack of park facilities serving the Caufield neighborhood. **GOAL 4**
4. **Investigate and pursue a dog park.** As mentioned to the commission last year, this is a needed amenity in our park system that we do not now provide. The process has gone slower than we would have liked, but it is a major project requiring significant space and needs to be done properly to become the kind of facility that we all want. We have developed a set of criteria for ranking possible sites, but there is no perfect site. (Scott – any vague mention here of the powerlines property?...without any details) **GOAL 4**
 - **“WAY AHEAD” NEEDS TO BE MADE KNOWN. NEXT WE WILL...**
 - **CONTINUE TO TAKE STEPS ON IDENTIFYING PROPERTY**
 - **NA AND CIG MEETINGS WHEN THE PROPERTY IS KNOWN OR WE ARE GETTING CLOSE**
 - **GET AN BETTER IDEA ABOUT ZONING ISSUES, PROBLEMS**
 - ****GOAL FOR THIS COMMISSION MEETING: GARNER SUPPORT FROM THE COMMISSION THAT WILL PROPEL THIS PROJECT THROUGH OTHER COMMITTEES, PROCESS IN GENERAL****
 - **WESTLY LINN PHASE 2? DOG PARK BUILT BY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS?**
5. **Naming trail linkages/standardized signage** We have a unique natural/urban/historical trail running from the Clackamas River Trail, past Clackamette and Jon Storm, along the river, through old town, up the elevator or Singer Falls stairs, along the prom to the falls or to the Carnegie Center. Signage and promotions are needed to increase visibility of this asset. Downtown is the “center of gravity” of the city and needs to be promoted as such. **GOAL 2**
6. **Work with the city in the process for determining the use of the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.** PRAC has been represented in the task force work so far, and wants to continue to be part of the process and assist in any needed way. **GOAL 3**
7. **Support Singer Falls project.** PRAC supports the Rotary Club efforts, including the Lee Kelly sculpture already installed.
 - **WE WILL WANT TO PASS ON THE SPECIFICS ON THE WAY AHEAD HERE. WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS FOR THE ROTARY CLUB...TIMING. GOAL 2,4**

Other topics of discussion at PRAC

--Support the concept of a Parks Maintenance Fee. PRAC understands the timing issues related to this fee, but supports the concept and desires to be part of the planning effort.

--items of concern: Several facility concerns exist that could have serious financial implications in future years. These include the End of the Oregon Trail Center, the Ermatinger House, ongoing facility issues at the Pool, and possible expansion of the Pioneer Center.

--**"Parks Open House Day" to kick off the summer season next year.** We have great facilities and we need to make sure that our citizens realize what is available to them. Include a social media component, such as iPhone/Android apps, twitter, facebook, and geocaching.

- **GREAT IDEA THAT SHOULD FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN YOUR BRIEFING AS A PROPOSED INITIATIVE THAT WE ARE SEEKING THEIR OPINION/APPROVAL ON**

--**PRAC supports an annual "summit meeting" of all city advisory committees.** The various committees tend to operate in a vacuum, while many of their goals and projects impact the work of other committees. It would be helpful to share goals and priorities with one another on a regular basis. (This one needs buy-in from PRAC members... Mike's idea at this point)

- **ANOTHER GREAT IDEA THAT SHOULD GO FORWARD AND FIGURE PROMINENTLY...SAME AS ABOVE**

Conclusion: Close by recognizing the work of staff, supervisors, and whole team of parks and recreation employees, who do amazing work at minimal staffing levels.