AGENDA

City of Oregon City Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, February 26, 2007

Pioneer Community Center 615 5th Street, Oregon City, OR 97045

Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Introduction of new committee member Karen Andrews
- 3. Approval of minutes January 22, 2007 meeting
- 4. Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda
- 5. General business
 - a. Jon Storm Park-Willamette River Trail project update (Kurt Lango, Lango Hansen Landscape Architects)
 - b. Oregon City High School Construction Corps project proposal update
 - c. McLoughlin Blvd project tree removal issue follow up
 - d. 4th of July Celebration fireworks display issues
 - e. Other general business
- 6. PRAC member reports
- 7. Director's report
 - a. Monthly reports and statistics
 - b. Projects update
 - c. Department vacancy Assistant Parks & Rec. Director
 - d. Parks maintenance update
 - e. Other
- 8. Next meeting date: *Special meeting*, March 1, 2007 at *City Hall* Next regular meeting, March 26, 2007
- 9. Adjournment

City of Oregon City Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2007

Attendance

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PRAC members: Lisa Wright-Wilson, Shawn Dachtler, Ted Schumaker, Martha Sumption, Marty Bertsch, Dan Kromer

Staff: Scott Archer, Community Services Director; Larry Potter, Parks & Cemetery Operations Manager; Bob Cullison, Development Engineering Manager

Guests: Ed Lindquist, Brad Hanson, Karen Andrews, Jay Conley, Gary Beagley, Ethan Porter, Nick Worthington, Jeffrey Smith

SPECIAL MEETING

1. Chair Lisa Wright-Wilson called the special meeting to order at 6:45P.M. During the special meeting PRAC reviewed an application from Karen Andrews for appointment to fill one of the current committee vacancies. The committee interviewed Ms. Andrews during the special meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

- 1. Chair Lisa Wright-Wilson called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.
- 2. Order of the agenda was re-arranged in order to accommodate the guests in attendance to speak on specific items.
- 3. Oregon City High School Construction Corps project proposal: Larry Potter introduced five student members of the high school construction program. The department has worked with this group on a number of park improvement projects in the past couple of years. Mr. Potter has been working with the group on proposed development of a sand volleyball court. The student members of the group distributed a packet of materials summarizing previous projects with the parks department and plan to build a new sand volleyball court and proposed potential locations. Their first location choice is Rivercrest Park. The group met recently with the Rivercrest Neighborhood Association to present the idea. There was some resistance from RNA to having the project located in Rivercrest Park. PRAC members questioned whether the objection from the RNA was by a vote of that group, or just individual members.

PRAC, staff and the construction corps students discussed other potential parks (Hillendale and Chapin) to locate the proposed project. PRAC and staff are supportive of the project. It was decided that staff will further investigate appropriate locations, and the issue will be discussed further at the February PRAC meeting. PRAC requested that staff invite representation from the Rivercrest and Hillendale neighborhood associations to the February meeting.

4. Right of way vacation request adjacent to a park or open space: Oregon City (staff) Development Engineering Manager Bob Cullison introduced a right of way vacation request near Waterboard Park. Under the recently adopted City Commission resolution, an application for right of way vacation adjacent to a park or open space must be reviewed by PRAC for a recommendation. The applicant, Brad Hanson, requests vacation of the southerly ten feet of McKinley between Promontory Ave. and Brighton Ave., and the end of Promontory Ave. west/south of McKinley (at the top of the bluff adjacent to Waterboard). Mr. Cullison indicated that engineering and public works staff are supportive of the request for vacation. The applicant, Mr. Hanson, spoke to his application. There have been concerns about maintenance, security, and fire danger which the applicant feels will improve if he takes over the property. Ed Lindquist, a neighbor of Mr. Hanson, also spoke in favor of the application. PRAC members asked several questions of staff and the applicant, and discussed benefits and concerns related to the vacation request.

Following discussion, it was moved and seconded that PRAC support the applicant's request and forward their recommendation to City Commission through the staff report. The motion passed unanimously, with one abstention from Ted Schumaker. Mr. Schumaker abstained because of his acquaintance with Ed Lindquist, who was there in support of the applicant.

5. Annual election of officers: PRAC is required by its by-laws to elect a Chair and Vicechair for the calendar year at its first meeting of each year. The floor was opened for nominations for the positions. It was moved and seconded to nominate Lisa Wright-Wilson for re-election to the Chair position. No other nominations were made for Chair. PRAC voted unanimously in favor of the nomination of Lisa Wright-Wilson for Chair.

It was moved and seconded to nominate Ted Schumaker for election to the Vice-chair position. No other nominations were made for Vice-chair. PRAC voted unanimously in favor of the nomination of Ted Schumaker for Vice-chair.

- 6. Minutes of the November 27, 2006 meeting were approved as written.
- 7. Citizen comments none received.
- PRAC vacancy consider one appointment recommendation: In the earlier work session PRAC interviewed applicant Karen Andrews for one of two current vacancies on the Committee. It was moved and seconded to recommend to the Mayor for appointment Karen Andrews to the vacant term expiring December 31, 2008. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 9. PRAC by-laws amendments final update: At its meeting on January 17 the City Commission approved PRAC's recommended by-laws amendments, with one "house-keeping" amendment further made by the Commission regarding the consistent use of the term Chair instead of Chairperson. The final approved revised by-laws were distributed to PRAC.
- 10. Sportcraft Landing license agreement: Staff and PRAC representatives discussed this issue with the City Commission at their work session on January 17. Archer distributed the summary of issues related re-negotiation of a license agreement with Sportcraft Landing, Inc. The City Commission provided direction to staff on most of the outstanding issues related to the license agreement. However, they (Commission) requested a final recommendation from PRAC regarding the restroom issue.

PRAC and staff discussed the restroom issue at length. It was determined that the best option would be to hold Sportcraft responsible for building an aesthetically appropriate permanent screen and pad for temporary ("port a potty" type) restrooms, versus constructing a brick and mortar facility. The screen should be approved by the city and provide for one standard and one ADA restroom. Sportcraft shall pay for the ongoing installation and service of the temporary restrooms through the duration of the agreement. The City should direct the appropriate level of cleaning service frequency for the facilities, based on volume of use.

PRAC also discussed a number of other items related to the re-negotiation of the license agreement, including floating homes (restrictions, whether to allow more, etc), general public access to the marina facilities, aesthetics and other. Input has been previously provided on these and the other major components of license agreement re-negotiation.

Archer reported that an addition extension of sixty days to the existing agreement will be presented to City Commission, since the current extension expires on February 11. Based on direction and feedback from City Commission and PRAC, staff has the necessary information to proceed with developing a proposed new agreement with Sportcraft Landing.

- 11. Metro Natural Areas, parks and Streams bond measure local share update: Scott Archer distributed a memo from Jim Desmond, Metro Parks and Greenspaces Director regarding the November passage of the bond measure. The memo included the summary of local share allocations to parks providers. The City of Oregon City distribution amount is expected to be \$988,728. Metro has drafted a proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for distribution of the local share funds with agencies. Archer will be attending a meeting on January 29 with Metro regarding the process of completing the IGA and receiving the local share funds.
- 12. PRAC member reports:

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- a. Shawn Dachtler encouraged everyone to attend the McLoughlin Blvd. project meeting next Monday night.
- b. Marty Bertsch: 1. Raised concerns about the condition of the parking lot at Chapin Park. Wondered whether staff could at least stripe the parking lot. Staff indicated this was not a good solution because of the poor condition of the surface. Possibly the City could approach the soccer club and baseball softball association to determine financial partnering in repairing the parking lot. 2. Raised concerns about the location of the playground at Wesley-Lynn Park in relation to the ball fields. Concerns about foul balls going over backstops into the playground have already been noticed by the baseball teams. Archer: The City doubled the height of the backstops during construction from what they were originally designed to be. If this is an ongoing issue, we may need to look at the netting that can be installed to protect playgrounds from baseballs/softballs.
- 13. Director's Report
 - a. Monthly report and statistics not prepared due to staffing issues.
 - b. Updates were provided on the following projects:
 - 1. Jon Storm Park & Willamette River Trail Lango Hansen's consultant agreement was amended at the last City Commission meeting to reflect

some additional unanticipated design and permitting work. The design and permitting of the Willamette River Trail link from Clackamette Park to Jon Storm Parks was added. This was initially anticipated, but pulled from the original consultant agreement due to the uncertainty of ability to construct the trail because of the bank erosion caused in the flooding event of winter 2006. It has since been determined that the trail can be built, with some design modifications based on the bank issues, so this work was added back to the consultant agreement and will be bid with the Jon Storm Park project.

- 2. Rivercrest Park Spraypark Finish work still being completed, but will be done as anticipated for opening on Memorial Day weekend.
- 3. Pool Energy Project The final work is being completed.
- 4. Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update The community survey portion of the project has been completed, with at least 400 returned surveys. Our contract only guaranteed 300 minimum returned, so the statistical validity of the results will be even higher than we asked for. GreenPlay (consultant) will continue with the draft report and plans on presenting the findings at the PRAC February 26th meeting. Due to the time necessary to dedicate to this presentation, PRAC desires to hold a special meeting on a separate date to receive this presentation from GreenPlay. Staff will contact GreenPlay to seek some potential special meeting dates, and poll PRAC members' availability to determine the best option.
- c. Department vacancy Assistant Parks and Recreation Director: Recreation Services Manager Jim Row resigned earlier this month to accept a position as the Community Services Director for the City of Woodburn. The position description is being modified and the title changed to Assistant Parks and Recreation Director to reflect some additional levels of responsibility. Recruitment for the vacancy will begin immediately. PRAC members inquired as to whether they will have any input on selection of the candidates. We will be putting together an interview panel for the selection process. Though the makeup of the committee has yet to be determined, we may want to consider having a PRAC representative serve on the interview. Further information will be available as the process moves ahead.
- d. Recreation report and Parks maintenance updates were postponed due to length of the meeting.
- 14. The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2007. A special meeting will also be scheduled to receive the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan report. Staff will coordinate the scheduling of this meeting with PRAC members.
- 15. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Minutes submitted by, Scott Archer, Community Services Director

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STATEMENT OF RIVERCREST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY 26, 2007

Rivercrest Park is a neighborhood park surrounded by single family residences and has dozens of large old fir and oak trees. It is basically a quiet serene park, even during summer months when it is filled with large family gatherings. It is this tranquil atmosphere that we strive to maintain now and for the future.

Due to the cutbacks in city services, some park events were scheduled to be discontinued. The neighborhood association stepped up and took on the formidable task of organizing the city wide egg hunt event including fundraising and kept the wading pool open summers for the children of Oregon City.

In the past ten years, there have been substantial changes to the upper level of Rivercrest Park. In addition to the egg hunt, the neighborhood association partnered with the city to design, develop and install the new playground equipment. We supported and assisted in the design of the new water feature, basketball and tennis court redesign.

While we are appreciative of the enthusiasm and demeanor of the young Oregon City High School Construction students, we feel we are unable to support this particular project. In our opinion, the park has been developed to its maximum and any further development would contribute to the loss of the serenity and tranquility that we have tried to maintain. We feel strongly that there are other parks in Oregon City on which to focus new park development.

In considering this project, we contacted those neighbors most affected and found no support. There were, however, concerns about additional traffic, parking and the unsanitary conditions accompanying a sand field and that no amount of daily maintenance can keep a sand field clean.

For these and other reasons not stated, we unequivocably cannot endorse this project.

RIVERCREST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.

Currently On Site In Rivercrest Park

- 1. Play equipment for age groups toddler thru 12 years.
- 2. Water feature for age group toddler to young teens.
- 3. Tennis courts for all ages.

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- 4. Basketball courts for all ages.
- 5. Two covered picnic areas (one on upper level overlooking the water feature, and one on the lower level of park.
- 6. Two barbecues in the lower picnic area.
- 7. Picnic tables on both levels.
- 8. Benches and seating areas on the upper level.
- 9. T-ball diamond on upper level.
- 10. Restrooms on upper level.
- 11. Pool house and equipment storage on upper level.
- 12. Toddler swings and swings for older ages on upper level.





SITE INFORMATION		
APN (PIN)	3-2E-06AB-01500	
ADDRESS	131 PARK DRIVE	
LAND USE	P/PARKS	
ZONING	I/INSTITUTIONAL	
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.	RIVERCRESTNA	
PARCEL AREA	6.63 ACRES	
EXISTING		
WADING POOL AREA	1,950 SQUARE FEET	
CONCRETE PAVING	2,377 SQUARE FEET	
EXISTING IMPERVIOUS	4,327 SQUARE FEET	
PROPOSED		
WATER PLAY FEATURE	1,850 SQUARE FEET	
CONCRETE PAVING	4,900 SQUARE FEET	
ASPHALT PATH	1,225 SQUARE FEET	
PICNIC SHELTER (ROOF AREA)	576 SQUARE FEET	
NEW TREES	6 EACH	

RIVERCREST PARK OREGON CITY PARKS AND RECREATION **OREGON CITY, OREGON** ILLAHEE GROUP - 1/13/2006

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SITE PLAN

Profile of Oregon City Parks

Name: Chapin – Sports Park Address: 340 Warner Parrott Size: 17 acres Profile

- 4 softball fields
- 2 soccer fields
- 1 covered shelter
- Play equipment
- Path around park with exercise stations
- Full time Park host

Name: Clackamette Park – RV Park Address: 1955 Clackamette Drive Size: 22 acres Profile:

- RV Parking
- Skateboarding park
- Horseshoe Pits
- Shelters
- Benches
- River frontage access for boats plus dock
- Ducks and other water fowl
- Restrooms
- Swing set
- Full time Park host

Name: Hillendale Park- Neighborhood Park Address: 19260 Claremont Way Size: 16 acres Profile:

- Tennis Courts
- Walking Path
- 2 play areas (Toddler and 5-12 Age group)
- Softball Field
- Picnic Shelter
- Creek running through park includes a bridge over creek
- Restrooms and drinking fountain
- Full time Park host

Name: Rivercrest Park - Neighborhood Park Address: 131 Park Drive Size: 6 acres Profile:

- 2 covered picnic areas
- Water spray park
- Tennis court s
- Basketball court
- Softball diamond
- Playground Equipment
- Benches
- Picnic Tables

Name: Wesley Lynn Park Address: 12901 Frontier Size 13.5 Profile:

- 2 softball fields
- 2 soccer fields
- Walking path
- Picnic Area
- Benches
- Playground structure
- Parking

Name: Hartke Park Address 556 Hartke Loop Size Profile:

- Play area
- 2 tennis courts
- 1softball field

Name: Stafford Park Address: Holmes Lane Size: 1.6 acres Profile:

- Parking
- Bench

Other Concerns of Neighbors

- Different element possible volleyball leagues encouraging party atmosphere.
- Losing part of egg hunt area.
- Removal of existing shrubs and/or trees.
- More litter in the park.

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- Another structure on upper level.
- Major concern about allowing sand area in the park.
- Erosion of trust between City and neighborhood.
- Groups or individuals not respecting park hours.

From:	Scott Archer
Sent:	Tuesday, February 20, 2007 4:15 PM
;	'Ron Partch'
Cc:	Larry Patterson

Subject: RE: Committee Rec. on Fireworks

Ron:

Thanks for keeping me posted on this issue. In my earlier conversations with Chief Grace I expressed my input. I will reiterate that to you since you are asking for feedback from the City of Oregon City. If the City of Gladstone decides to no longer participate in this partnership event, I believe it will create a major logistical problem for us at Clackamette Park. Since Oregon City pays the cost of the actual fireworks display, we could in theory still go forward budgetarily, and do the display in Clackamette somehow. However, if we did that and your council approved your committee's recommendation to close Meldrum I think it would essentially move many of your residents who normally view the display over to our already crowded park site that night. This will have some major implications on crowd management, public safety, etc. I don't believe that we are prepared to take that burden on as a city, so the outcome of your City's decision making on this program will likely have a significant impact on our ability to continue providing this community activity as well. I certainly understand the concerns about safety as it relates to this event. However, I am hopeful that Gladstone will find a way to work through those issues and continue the partnership on this program.

Please keep me posted as your decision making process moves forward.

Thanks,

Scott Archer Community Services Director of Oregon City Phone: (503) 496-1546 Fax: (503) 657-6629 sarcher@ci.oregon-city.or.us P.O. Box 3040 Oregon City, OR 97045

From: Ron Partch [mailto:partch@ci.gladstone.or.us]
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 12:55 PM
To: Scott Archer
Cc: block@ci.gladstone.or.us
Subject: Committee Rec. on Fireworks

Scott – attached is a draft article for the February edition of the Gladstone newsletter requesting comments from the general public on a recommendation from a committee to not participate in a July 4th, 2007 fireworks display. We would also appreciate any comments concerning this matter from the City of Oregon City. Your city manager and public works director seemed interested when I briefly mentioned this matter to them today. The committee recommendation, any comments from the general public and from the city of Oregon City will be considered by the Gladstone Park and Recreation Board. We will let you know when a Board meeting is scheduled. The Gladstone City Council will probably consider recommendations from the committee and Park and Recreation Board in April. Please contact me if you have any guestions. Thanks – Ron, 503-557-2767

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DRAFT ARTICLE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

JULY 4TH, 2007 FIREWORKS DISPLAY

For the last several years, Oregon City and Gladstone have jointly sponsored an annual Fourth of July fireworks display at Clackamette and Meldrum Bar parks. Unfortunately, a couple spectators were injured last year by illegal use of personal fireworks at Meldrum Bar Park. In response, the Gladstone City Council requested that a committee be formed to make a recommendation on a possible 2007 Fourth of July Fireworks. The Committee has met several times and is recommending that Gladstone not participate in a 2007 fireworks display at Meldrum Bar Park, and that the park be closed to public access if Oregon City provides a display at Clackamette Park. The recommendation is generally based on cost and the lack of sufficient personnel to enforce an existing prohibition on personal use of legal and illegal fireworks at Meldrum Bar Park, coupled with the need to enforce laws prohibiting the use of illegal fireworks throughout the Gladstone community. Although not proposed, continuing the approximately forty five minute fireworks display at Meldrum Bar Park with greater enforcement would cost approximately \$14,000, or about \$5,000 more than current expense, and personnel use of fireworks in Meldrum Bar Park would probably continue to some extent even with greater enforcement. Checking motor vehicles and containers before entering the park is probably not practical. Not allowing vehicles to park in Meldrum Bar Park could create significant pedestrian safety problems since parking is very limited along River Road and spectators would probably walk across McLoughlin Blvd. to access the park. If you have any comments, please send them to Gladstone City Hall, 525 Portland Avenue, Gladstone 97027 or block@cil.gladstone.or.us.



Jon Storm Park and Willamette Trail Construction Schedule

CONSTRUCTION START on August 1, 2007

COE Permits (3 – 6 months)	Feb 9 to August 9
Oregon City Site Plan Review (3 months)	Feb 9 to May 9
Final Drawings Due on	April 15
Engineering Review (2.5 months)	April 15 – July 1 (85 days)
Pick up comments on Site Plan Review	May 9 – June 27
Three Week Bid Period	June 27 – July 18
Open Bids	July 18
One Week to prepare material for City Comm. (due on)	July 25
City Commission Mtg-Approval	August 1
Start Construction	August 2
Complete Construction	Winter 07/Spring 08

To:PRACCc:Larry PotterSubject:2 PRAC mtg agendas for next week

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee:

Attached are the agendas for your two (2) meetings next week: 1. Your regular meeting on Monday, 2/26 and 2. the Special Meeting we scheduled on Thursday, 3/1 for the Parks & Rec Master Plan findings presentation by our consultant GreenPlay. Note that *Thursday's special meeting is in the Commission Chambers at City Hall!* Also a reminder that your attendance at the special meeting on Thursday is **VERY IMPORTANT**, as the consultant is making a special trip here just to make this presentation to you. This is a critical step in the feedback process in working towards a final master plan document. Attendance from the entire committee would be great.

Monday's meeting is in the normal location.

Please let me know if you have any questions or feedback.

Thanks,

Scott Archer Community Services Director City of Oregon City Phone: (503) 496-1546 rax: (503) 657-6629 sarcher@ci.oregon-city.or.us P.O. Box 3040 Oregon City, OR 97045

From: Sent: fo: Subject: Kurt Lango [kurt@langohansen.com] Tuesday, February 06, 2007 11:51 AM Scott Archer RE: PRAC mtg

I have it down on my calendar.

Kurt

-----Original Message-----From: Scott Archer [mailto:sarcher@ci.oregon-city.or.us] Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2007 11:46 AM To: Kurt Lango Subject: PRAC mtg

Kurt:

Good job at the meeting today. The PRAC meeting is on Monday, 2/26, 7 PM at the Pioneer Ctr. If you are available to come and give a an update presentation on Jon Storm and the trail it would be very beneficial. Thanks, Scott Scott Archer Community Services Director City of Oregon City Sarcher@ci.oregon-city.orus 503-496-1546