

Park & Open Space Advisory Board

April 3, 2007

Members of the Park & Open Space Advisory Board met this day in regular session at City Hall, Brownsville, Oregon at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Carla Gerber, Jim Mayer, Ruth Lawhon, Walter Heeren, Pat Biesinger, Bill Nelson, Patty Linn and S. Scott McDowell.

Public: No one.

Absent: No one.

Presiding: Carla Gerber

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Minutes from the November 6, 2006 meeting could not be located. It was decided by the Board to begin fresh. Jim Mayer indicated that the notes were the wrong notes and it made it too difficult to make the minutes. No major decisions were made at that meeting.

Carla Gerber discussed the plans for Arbor Day. The City just received notification from the National Arbor Day Foundation that Brownsville has been named a Tree City. Plans for Arbor Day include a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new playground equipment in Pioneer Park, a poetry contest, booths sponsored by various community groups and the planting of the "foundation" tree. Carla Gerber, Jim Mayer and Scott McDowell will be contacting various groups to finalize the plans for participation.

The Tree Identification Project was discussed. Steve Brenner and Eric Gerber along with some other folks were trained. The Board discussed the possibility of including others and having another training day. Scott McDowell stated that the State would provide the training. The training will hopefully be the first of May.

Walter Heeren asked about the length of terms for members. Scott McDowell said that he would look into the ordinance and make a report for the next meeting. Scott McDowell gave a quick report on the status of the new playground equipment. The City is finalizing the project in order to get the grant money released. Patty Linn indicated that she was approached by someone asking for a bench to be installed closer to the new equipment.

According to Bill Nelson the Rec Center will be installing the basketball hoops for the new court south of the Water Treatment Plant in Pioneer Park. The Board inquired as to the status of School Hill Subdivision's park. Pat Biesinger thought it would be great to have a marker on the Jail telling what the building represents. She also reported that there appeared to be a hole in the roof. Scott McDowell indicated that he would check into that immediately. Jim Mayer said the skateboard platform needs attention as well. Walter Heeren shared the continuing concern about the plum trees in front of Randy's Main

Street. Ruth Lawhon shared her disdain of the mess the trees make. A long term solution was discussed.

McDowell indicated that Jan Wellman did a great job getting the advertisement in the Workampers Magazine. The City had eight top-notch candidates for the park host positions. The City chose Butch & Kathy Levere of Port Orange, Florida. The Levere's have worked in Montana and Alaska the last two summers.

McDowell reported that two groups from the High School want to make improvements to the Kiddie Park and the Basketball/Skateboard area at the corner of Kirk and Main. Project highlights include freshening up equipment, repairing fence and constructing wooden benches. McDowell said that he would find some money to use for these projects. The Board agreed.

Patty Linn discussed the impact of English Ivy. She invited the Board members to review the website www.noivyleague.com. Portland is reclaiming Forest Park with a lot of effort. Patty Linn said that she would host a booth during Arbor Day to provide information to the general public.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

ATTEST:



S. Scott McDowell
City Administrator



Carla Gerber
Board Chair

City of Brownsville

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City Hall
Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting Agenda

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) ROLL CALL
- 3) ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA
- 4) MINUTES:
 - a) November 6, 2006
- 5) ACTION ITEMS
- 6) DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - a) Arbor Day Celebration
 - b) Tree Identification Project
 - c) Recruitment for New Members
 - d) Update on Playground Equipment
 - e) Update on Status of City Parks
 - f) Update on Park Caretakers/Hosts
- 7) CITIZEN INPUT
- 8) ADJOURN

This agenda is a list of topics anticipated to be considered at the meeting. The Parks and Open Space Advisory Board may add or remove topics as required. The location of the meeting/hearing is accessible to the disabled. If special accommodations are needed, please notify S. Scott McDowell, City Administrator, at (541) 466-5666 in advance. Thank you.