

## **Park & Open Space Advisory Board**

**May 1, 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, Walter Heeren, Pat Biesinger, Bill Nelson, Patty Linn and S. Scott McDowell.

**Public:** No one.

**Absent:** Ruth Lawhon

**Presiding:** Carla Gerber

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Minutes from the April 3, 2007 meeting were approved with one minor correction. Mrs. Gerber indicated that the Rec Center was interested in locating a baseball diamond in the park and Carlson's trees would be discussed later in the agenda. McDowell added that the Stand By Me event would be discussed later as well.

Carine Jeffrey was unable to attend the meeting however she dropped off a picture of the stump beautification project she would like to undertake. Bill Nelson said he looked at several of the stumps in the park and felt that a few of them could be evened off. Jim Mayer stated that the Board had discussed removing the stumps altogether but really liked this idea. Patty Linn made motion, seconded by Pat Biesinger to allow the stump beautification project in Pioneer Park. The motion was unanimous.

Gerber recapped the Arbor Day event. Maybe next year we can have the event listed on the City reader board and in the paper a little better. Bill Nelson liked the location last year better. McDowell discussed the rationale of the location. Mayer stated that the event will move year to year depending on where the tree will be planted. McDowell discussed the possibility of opening up a city wide contest for short stories and poems and have age categories. Mayer appreciated the way the Arbor Day event was handled from moving around place to place to Oregon Bill, Rod Fielder, anointing the White Oak.

McDowell reported the information from the Forestry Service on training for the tree inventory. After discussion, the effort would be best started in the early fall once school starts. McDowell discussed the effort being made on the park at North Point Loop/School Hill Subdivision. McDowell said that Karl Frink was finalizing a punch list for the park. McDowell asked if the Board wanted to name the park. Members thought the park had been named. After a bit of research by Mr. Heeren, he found that the name was originally "Remington" park. Mayer thought it best to discuss the matter with the Smith's to make sure that was alright with them.

McDowell said he received an e-mail from Butch and Kathy Levere. The Levere's are the Park Caretakers for this summer. They will be leaving Florida in a few days to make the trek across the country. McDowell is looking forward to having them here. Patty Linn mentioned the need to market the community gardens. McDowell recommended Linn and Councilor Brenner prepare an article for the upcoming City newsletter.

Carla Gerber explained where the proposed new baseball diamond was to be located. The Rec Board is interested in doing this project soon. Bill Nelson stated that no decision was made at last night's Rec Board meeting. The matter will be placed on the next Board agenda for discussion. McDowell stated that the Chamber of Commerce is in the process of allowing the Rolling Road Show to do a *Stand By Me* event in Pioneer Park. The City will learn more details tomorrow as the President of the Rolling Road Show, Tim League, will be available for questions. Patty Linn, a member of the Chamber committee, said that Corey Feldman and Will Wheaton a scheduled to appear. The Board discussed the merits of showing the "PG" version of the movie instead of the "R" rated version. No one knows how many people will be in town for the event. Bill Nelson was fairly confident based on past picnics that the town could handle a pretty large influx of visitors.

Carlson's have an issue with a neighbor who has six trees growing in a city easement. The merits of the concern were weighed. It was decided that since easements are not a part of the ordinance enforced by the Board, the issue would be forwarded for Council's attention. All members concurred that the matter should be taken before Council.

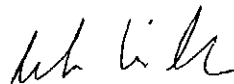
McDowell stated that at the last meeting Mr. Heeren brought the matter of terms of the Board members up for discussion. Mr. Heeren researched the matter and found the terms as originally decided. Mr. Heeren recommended that the terms start in June versus January. It will be easier to recruit members because folks will be thinking about the park. The Board agreed that Mayer would be appointed for a three year term, Heeren and Gerber would be appointed for a two year term and Lawhon would be appointed to a one year term in order for the terms to be staggered appropriately. McDowell will take the recommendation to Council.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

ATTEST:



S. Scott McDowell  
City Administrator



Carla Gerber  
Board Chair

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City Hall  
Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

### Regular Meeting Agenda

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) ROLL CALL
- 3) ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA
- 4) MINUTES:
  - a) April 3, 2007
- 5) ACTION ITEMS
  - a) Carine San Martin-Jeffrey – Flowers & Stumps
- 6) DISCUSSION ITEMS:
  - a) Arbor Day Celebration Recap
  - b) Tree Identification Project
  - c) Update on North Loop/School Hill Park
  - d) 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.