

Park & Open Space Advisory Board

May 6th, 2009

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: Patty Linn, Jim Mayer, Robert Boyanovsky, Rick Dominguez, Pat Biesinger, Walter Heeren, Brandie Simon and S. Scott McDowell.

Absent: No one.

Public: Steve Brenner, Marcia Rae & Eric Simon.

Presiding: Patty Linn.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. The minutes from the April 7th, 2009 meeting were approved with corrections. There were several declared additions to the agenda including the Calapooia Food Alliance Proposal, update about the Army Corps of Engineers and the river bank in Pioneer Park, Budget Committee Outcomes and the landscaping at the Library.

Ms. Linn discussed the situation from last meeting regarding the application of herbicides on the Library landscaping. Ms. Linn suggested writing a letter to the Friends of the Library and the Women's Study Club outlining responsibilities. She also thought it would be best that if anyone had concerns about the landscaping methods or practices, that they should contact the Friends of the Study Club. McDowell stated that all of the understandings have been mentioned in Council and Park Board minutes to articulate the "gentlemen's agreement" about the maintenance of the landscaping. An agreement could be drawn up but McDowell was hesitant due to the person lodging the complaint.

Ms. Linn asked Mr. McDowell to discuss pets and the leash law. McDowell indicated that over the last two years staff has expressed concerns about dogs being off leash in Pioneer Park. Council listened to some discussion about this last year and decided not to take any action. The concern is about enforcement. The current ordinance indicates that the dog may, "...be under voice control of the owner..." which leads to no way of possibly enforcing a request. The owner of the dog can simply state that the dog is under voice control. Discussion ensued about creating an area where the dogs could be off leash. Mr. Mayer said that the dogs should be confined off leash in a fenced area. Ms. Linn said she was worried about dogs attacking dogs. She said that she has witnessed people letting their dogs wander the park. The dogs were clearly not under voice control. Mrs. Simon stated that a lot of people let their dogs swim in the river. McDowell stated that this kind of change has the potential to be very polarizing. The alcohol ordinance was discussed as a parallel. Enforcement issues were discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Boyanovsky, seconded by Mr. Heeren to recommend to Council removing the phrase, "be under voice control of the owner" from the current ordinance found in Section 8.20 of the Brownsville Municipal Code. Mrs. Simon voted in opposition of the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Linn recognized Mr. Brenner and Ms. Rae from the Calapooia Food Alliance. Ms. Rae indicated that the CFA is interested in understanding the process for working

with the Park Board to develop improvements in Kirk's Ferry Park. The CFA entered into an agreement for the use of the park late last year. There were some very specific guidelines Council set out in the contract. One of those stipulations was that the City would not pay for any costs associated with electricity for the site. Another was that the CFA would need to have all plans reviewed by the Park Board. McDowell showed the map that was provided last year. Brenner stated that this was a very preliminary idea. McDowell explained the improvements that Park Board had forwarded to the Budget Committee stating that the Budget Committee has appropriated funds to apply for an Oregon Parks & Recreation Department grant in early 2010. There are no guarantees that the City is going to receive the funding. The plan is to do landscaping, pave the parking lot, grind and resurface the court area and purchase and install skateboard equipment. Ms Linn stated that this park has been discussed in public forum and this was the plan that everyone agreed on. Mr. Brenner discussed the need of the Calapooia Food Alliance to install a pavilion with storage that the Calapooia Food Alliance could use for their Community Booth. Ms. Rae relayed some information regarding the electric that Mrs. Kathleen Swayze had received from Norm's Electric. McDowell suggested that the Calapooia Food Alliance needs to articulate their plan in full detail and submit it to the Park Board for review; plans should include detailed cost estimates. McDowell stated that Council is not interested in paying electricity or phone lines for the Park based on the last discussion about this topic. Brenner agreed that a plan needs to be detailed. McDowell encouraged them to draw something up and submit for future discussion.

McDowell discussed a recent meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) and the Calapooia Watershed Council regarding the erosion of the river bank in Pioneer Park. The ACE is stating that the City can file an emergency application to protect the restrooms. The ACE cannot expedite anything on the State's end however. The Department of State Lands namely has an emergency process as well. Mr. Tim Otis has graciously agreed to develop a sketch that would protect the restrooms and hopefully be able to be used in the permanent solution. The ACE stated that all the rock that would be used in the emergency scenario would have to be removed unless it was part of the more permanent plan. McDowell will work with the Calapooia Watershed Council and ACE to protect the restrooms. McDowell stated that ultimately the City will have to move the restrooms to an alternate location due to the regulations involved and the fact that the grade ratio is too steep.

Mr. Boyanovsky presented the idea of going out for donations from area companies. Boyanovsky said that he has noticed donations in the past and is wondering if this is something the Park Board should do. McDowell recommended identifying certain projects and then making the contacts. The Board thought this was a great idea and that some projects should be identified.

Mr. Boyanovsky indicated that he had been approached by a few people to install some type of system that would measure how far you have walked or jogged in the park. His idea was to simply paint a system on the sidewalk to see if it is used. Mr. Mayer said he really liked that idea and was interested in having exercise stations installed in key locations throughout the park for people who were working out. Mr. Dominguez said that he has constructed these kinds of courses while he was in the military and would be willing to lend his expertise. Starting simple seemed to be the best idea for now.

Central Linn Seniors are working on four projects for the City. Projects include

repairs at the Cemetery, cleaning and painting the Community Center, painting the stage benches and installing a sign at Pioneer Park and hosting a concert to benefit St. Jude. McDowell indicated that the group holding the concert did present directly to Council due to the short time frame and Council has authorized the Mayor and the Administrator to enter into an agreement similar to the one done by Mr. Steve Otis last May. McDowell indicated that they are interested in using the basketball court for a tournament as well.

Public Works Superintendent Karl Frink is interested in removing the piece of playground equipment that is currently in Remington Park. Frink indicated that the fall protection below the equipment is inadequate and there really isn't anything else up there. McDowell explained the history of the park and the shortcomings that transpired during the transaction of the park becoming a piece of City property. Council has taken action based on a recent Park Board ordinance change request to prevent this situation from happening in the future.

McDowell indicated that there would be an Arbor Day Celebration at the Corner Café Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Poling's Class submitted material.

Mr. Dominguez and McDowell will continue to finalize plans for the Dedication Ceremony for the benches in Library Park. Discussion ensued about Civil War Enactors and the purpose of the ceremony.

McDowell stated that the new lights were successfully installed at the Rec Center. Mr. Andrew Wenger allowed the City to use his scaffolding for the installation. Mrs. Simon reported that the new lights are working out really well. The lighting is better and the lights turn on immediately.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

ATTEST:



S. Scott McDowell
City Administrator



Patty Linn
Chair

City of Brownsville

Parks and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting

City Hall
Wednesday, May 6th, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Regular Session

AGENDA

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) ROLL CALL
- 3) ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA ⇒ *MARCIA RAE : CFA PROPOSAL*
✓ ARMY CORPS & CWC UPDATE
✓ BUDGET COMMITTEE OUTCOME
LIBRARY GARDEN
- 4) MINUTES: April 7th, 2009
w/ corrections @ BS @ RD
- 5) ACTION ITEMS:
 - A. Pets & Leash Law *DRB @ WH remove "be under voice ..."*
& recommend. BS ✓
- 6) DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - A. Donations – Rob Boyanovsky
 - B. Mileage around Park
 - C. CLHS & Service Learning Projects *(1. Cem. 2. Comm. 3. PARK 4. CONVERT)*
 - D. Removal of Equipment – Remington Park
 - E. Arbor Day Contest Update
 - F. Dedication Ceremony Update
 - G. General Updates
 - a. Lighting at Rec Center
 - b. Ordinance Revision & Budget Committee
- 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) 466-5880 in advance. Thank you.