

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

**July 19, 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:** Ruth Lawhon, Walter Heeren, Pat Biesinger, Bill Nelson, Patty Linn, Jim Mayer (7:04 p.m.) and S. Scott McDowell.

**Public:** Eric Gerber, J.D. Cochran & Roy and Ann Stein.

**Absent:** Carla Gerber

**Presiding:** Scott McDowell

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Minutes from the June 5, 2007 meeting were approved with a typing correction. Mrs. Gerber was not able to attend this evening due to a prior commitment. Mr. Eric Gerber was present to discuss two plans the Recreation Center Board (RC Board) had been wanting to implement. Gerber presented a map of Pioneer Park and showed the member the proposed location of the new ball diamond. The proposed field is in the outfield of the east ball diamond, east of the new basketball courts which are south of the water treatment plant. Gerber explained that participation has been up over the last few seasons and everyone feels that another diamond would help alleviate some of the pressure. There have been some scheduling conflicts with the fields at Central Linn High School. The other factor was a field for softball. Softball fields do not have pitcher mounds so the new field would be for the purpose of softball also as to not interfere with the other diamond. Both fields could be in use at the same time depending on the age group of the participants.

Gerber also indicated that the RC Board would like to install an outbuilding for the batting cage. Basically, the building would serve as storage for the net and pitching machine in the winter as well as providing space for field maintenance items. Jim Mayer discussed the building's aesthetic nature. It is very important for the building to fit into the theme of the park. Gerber agreed. Bill Nelson indicated that Karl Frink, Public Works Superintendent, would like to use railroad ties along the east ball field and basketball court just like they are positioned by the wells. Patty Linn objected to the use of railroad ties due to the use of chemicals. The boulders pose a risk as well with the threat of children climbing on the rocks and falling off. Mayer and the rest of the Board felt that they would like to see a more formalized plan for the shed. A motion was made by Jim Mayer, seconded by Patty Linn to approve the plan as presented for the creation of a new ball field and recommend to Council. The motion carried unanimously.

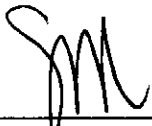
J.D. Cochran was available to discuss the community gardens. Ms. Cochran is the manager for the community gardens. The Brownsville Co-op operates the community gardens by the croquet court on land leased from Eric and Carla Gerber. The Co-op would like to see the gardens moved next year. Right now there are fifteen plots and eleven of them are taken. The idea presented was to place the gardens south of the existing water treatment plant. A compost pile would also be a part of the gardens as

well as some fencing to keep out grazing animals. Walter Heeren and Ruth Lawhon presented the master park plan which showed that area was to be the future home of the caretakers. The current location of the caretakers is behind the restrooms on the north side of the park. The new location would provide a better view of the park. Bill Nelson discussed the old BMX bike area. Cochran indicated that she would like to get a lay of the land and the Co-op is open to other options. McDowell asked Cochran to set up a meeting with him and Bill Nelson to maybe walk through the park early to mid next week.

McDowell met with Leroy & Randy Massey to place the two fire pits at Pioneer Park. The pits have been in use since the weekend of the Fourth of July. McDowell also reported that the tree between Carlson's hardware and 219 Stanard have been removed. After much ado, McDowell spoke with Dena Steinbacher, the realtor who sold Steve Carroll the home, and discussed why the trees were to be removed. Steinbacher was satisfied with the City's explanation and documentation.

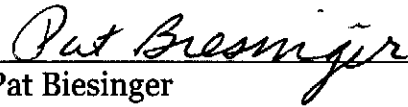
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

ATTEST:



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S. Scott McDowell  
City Administrator



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Pat Biesinger  
Board Member

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City Hall  
Thursday, July 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

### Regular Meeting Agenda

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) ROLL CALL
- 3) ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA
- 4) MINUTES:
  - a) June 5, 2007
- 5) ACTION ITEMS
  - a) Eric Gerber – Recreation Center Consideration
- 6) DISCUSSION ITEMS:
  - a) Steve Brenner – Co-op Community Gardens
  - b) Fire Pits
  - c) Carlson's Trees
- 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.