

Park & Open Space Advisory Board

October 2, 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, Ruth Lawhon, Walter Heeren, Pat Biesinger, Jim Mayer and S. Scott McDowell.

Absent: Bill Nelson & Patty Linn.

Public: Don Ware, Rick & Robert Dominguez.

Presiding: Carla Gerber.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Minutes from the September 4, 2007 meeting were approved without one change as to the name of the park at the corner of Kirk & Main. Ms. Gerber indicated that finalized plans for the proposed batting cage storage building would probably be discussed by Mr. Bill Nelson at the next meeting. Pat Biesinger asked to be recognized under Discussion Items.

Mr. Rick and Robert Dominguez presented new ideas for the Veteran's Memorial behind the Library. Rick Dominguez is a life-long resident of Brownsville and a member of the Veterans of the 20th Century. Robert is a skilled workman doing projects all over the State for the last fifteen years. Robert has been given the go ahead to work in Brownsville. The men have received six donated concrete benches. They would like to strategically place the benches in the back of the Library and also build a foot bridge across the Tail Race. Rick indicated they would also like to move the monument that is currently located on the southeast corner to a more centralized location on the other side of the Tail Race. They recommend leaving the flag pole which is in memory of Mr. Jack Rinks. McDowell indicated that the flag pole from the front of the building is moving to the back. Perhaps they could incorporate this flag pole into the plan.

The entire plan calls for an asphalt path to be extended off of the current Menefee pathway that runs along the east side of the Museum; an asphalt path would also come from Averill Street making the Memorial ADA compliant and compatible. Robert indicated they are also considering a marble monument honoring all of the war veteran's from Brownsville. Robert has also made several contacts for the donation of materials, supplies and work. Ruth Lawhon suggested that this plan may want to be put out in the public's attention first so everyone knows what is going on. Discussion ensued. It was decided to have the full plan in front of Council in December and approve the placement of the benches and the foot bridge.

A motion was made by Pat Biesinger, seconded by Walter Heeren to allow the placement of six concrete benches and the installation of a foot bridge and recommend to Council for approval. The motion carried unanimously. Rick & Robert will be at the

next Council meeting and coordinate efforts with Mr. McDowell to present the idea to Council.

Len Baer from Team Depot was unable to attend. Mr. Baer represents the Home Depot out of Eugene. They have completed many community projects as part of their corporate outreach program. Mr. Baer was interested in doing a project in Brownsville. McDowell asked the members to brainstorm ideas. He would like to have four or five possibilities for Mr. Baer to consider. One idea McDowell suggested was the floor in the Dance Hall.

McDowell discussed the decision of Council regarding the use of the park for the Willamette Country Music Festival being organized by Mr. Warren Williamson. McDowell wanted members to be aware of what was happening with the event. Mrs. Gerber was concerned about the event being on the 4th of July holiday. Many of the members had the same concern. Mrs. Gerber also wondered why the Park Board was not involved with the decision before it went to Council. McDowell indicated that the "Stand By Me" event went straight to Council as well. The Municipal Code has provisions that allow the City Administrator to make decisions such as these however Mr. McDowell felt that the Council should make that type of decision due to his short tenure in the community.

Mayor Ware stated that the decision was shocking. McDowell stated that the Agreement has not been signed and that there are still quite a few items that have to be discussed. Mr. Williamson asked for a beer garden for the event. McDowell told Williamson that would have to go before Council and an ordinance would have to be changed. McDowell advised Williamson that this issue will have some backlash given the history of alcohol in the park. McDowell will be placing the ordinance revision on the agenda for the October 15 Council meeting. McDowell also reported that Fire Chief Kevin Rogers has indicated that three of the certified firefighters who shoot off the fireworks have stated they will not shoot them off if alcohol is allowed in the park.

At the end of the discussion, a motion was made by Carla Gerber, seconded by Jim Mayer to recommend to Council the reconsideration of the 4th of July holiday for the Willamette Country Music Festival. The motion carried unanimously.

McDowell discussed the possible new location for the Community Gardens. Ed Curtis stopped by City Hall and explained that he would McDowell to attend a School Board meeting to discuss the proposal. McDowell will be doing that soon. J.D. Cochran is anxious to start a compost pile however the School District is not ready to make a decision.

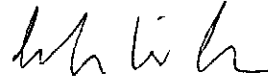
The Board decided to table the Kirk Avenue Park and Master Plan discussion until next meeting. McDowell handed out two copies of the plan to members. McDowell also briefly discussed the exception the Board made regarding the Lottery Policy. McDowell and Mayor Ware felt that the decision was made in good judgment and, further, the factors were appropriate. McDowell did not feel that this decision was a Council issue. McDowell stated that the Policy is not faulty. The request was an anomaly and should be treated as such. The date has been added to the calendar for 2008. There is nothing further to report on Remington Park.

Rick Dominguez agreed with the Park Board regarding the motion that was made about the Willamette Country Music Festival. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

ATTEST:



S. Scott McDowell
City Administrator



Carla Gerber
President

City of Brownsville

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City Hall
Tuesday, October 2, 2007
7:00 p.m.

Regular Session

AGENDA

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) ROLL CALL
- 3) ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA
- 4) MINUTES:
 - A. September 4, 2007
- 5) ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Rick & Robert Dominguez – Veteran’s Memorial Concept
 - B. Len Baer – Team Depot Project Ideas
 - C. Eric Gerber – Recreation Center Consideration
- 6) DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - A. Willamette Country Music Festival
 - B. Co-op Community Gardens Update
 - C. Skateboard Park & Master Plan
 - D. Pioneer Park Lottery Policy Review
 - E. Remington Park Update
- 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.