



## Parks & Open Space Advisory Board

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Members of the Parks & Open Space Advisory Board met this day in regular session at City Hall, Brownsville, Oregon at 7:03 p.m.

**Present:** Marilyn Grimes, Pat MacDermott, Rick Dominguez, Patty Linn, Brandi Simon, Elizabeth Coleman & S. Scott McDowell.

**Absent:** Jim Mayer.

**Public:** None.

**Presiding:** Marilyn Grimes.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda. The April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 minutes were approved with no corrections. A motion was made by Mrs. Simon, seconded by Ms. Linn, and the minutes were passed unanimously.

### **September 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

There will be no meeting in September, unless the need arises. Park Board will begin regular session on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013.

### **Disc Golf**

Mrs. Grimes gave a report on Temporary and Permanent Disc Golf sets for the Pioneer Park. Currently, the cost for a temporary set is approximately \$1,170.00, with permanent sets closer to \$3,200.00. The concept is to place a 9-hole course around the perimeter of the Park; the Board discussed the implications of flying discs in a park of our size and density when the park is often full of families during the sports season and Pioneer Picnic. Though the park is substantial in size, holding a disc golf course may be a stretch.

Mrs. Grimes also mentioned the Pioneer Picnic Association may have an interest in the game due to the fact that some of the amenities of the Pioneer Picnic are decreasing; the Garden Club and the Quilt Show specifically. Mrs. MacDermott mentioned the Fish Hatchery in Lacombe has a course; Mrs. Grimes will report any additional information at the next meeting, where the Board will come to a decision as to the feasibility of an activity at this level in the Park.

### **Gilbert Memorial Bench**

Mrs. Coleman mentioned a memorial bench will be placed for long-time Brownsville resident Linda (Strait) Gilbert. Linda's husband Dan and daughter Adrienne Olsen expressed an interest in purchasing a marble bench to place at the cemetery in her memory. Dan and Adrienne met with the City in search of a plot for a "bench with a view"; with few spaces left at the cemetery, just the right spot was found.



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### **CL Rec Board and Firewood**

Mr. McDowell and George Frazier of the CL Rec Board are still working out the particulars on this project.

### **Summer Personnel**

Mrs. Coleman reported Gary (Chuck) Brown and Andy Day have been hired for the summer personnel positions and are assisting Public Works and the Park Caretakers with mowing and a variety of other assignments.

### **Signage Installation**

Signage around town is close to completion with installation of the Rec Center and Blakeley Park signs.

### **Progress Reports**

Mrs. Coleman reported there are several areas along the rim of Pioneer Park that need attention (specifically along the river). A large amount of trash, bottles, and cans have been left in the bushes and on the walking trails. The Board discussed options for an organized cleanup day to be finished before Pioneer Picnic, as well as a possible ongoing project for groups in the community.

Mrs. MacDermott mentioned her 4H group may be interested in assisting a project like this; Mrs. Simon said the high school students have community service hours to complete before graduation. Mrs. Grimes mentioned a prize for biggest bag of garbage may give kids incentive. Currently, a local church youth group is scheduled to meet at the Park, June 12<sup>th</sup> to start off this project. Mr. Dominquez volunteered garbage bags, gloves, and help from American Legion members. If time permits, Ms. Linn would like to encourage community involvement with a small piece in The Times.

Mrs. Coleman reported the budget is complete and should be executed at the June Council meeting.

The City accepted a bid for the Calapooia Waterline Crossing, which came in at just over \$380,000. Construction start dates should be between July and September.

### **General Updates**

Dr. Glenn's new dentist office is progressing, very nice to have a new building on Hwy 228.

McFarland Cascade, on Hwy 228 should begin their log peeling operation in the near future, with hopes of bringing in 8-10 new jobs to the area.


The Willamette Country Music Festival request to upgrade capacity from 15,000 to 18,000 people has been denied by the Linn County Commissioners; Staff is working to determine the best strategy to help keep the festival in our area.



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There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:48p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Elizabeth E. Coleman  
Administrative Assistant

  
Marilyn Grimes  
Chair