

DOUGLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting – May 17, 2013
9:00 a.m.

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Douglas County Courthouse – Room 311

PATRICIA K. HITT, COUNTY CLERK

PRESENT: Lonnie Ferber, Dennis Acton, Greg Logan, Don Larson, Dick Swartzlender, Bill Swift, Jim Peterson, and Gary Groth

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Anita Cox and Linda Radcliff

Lonnie Ferber called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

MINUTES:

Don Larson moved for approval of the March 15, 2013 minutes, Bill Swift seconded. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

ADDED AGENDA ITEM:

Kanipe Park Dog Rules

The ruling for dogs in the parks is that they must be on a leash and attached to a human. Rules for having the dog on a leash are specifically for safety. No resolution made.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Maintenance Tech 1 Position Filled

Jackson Lanterman has been hired for the Maintenance Tech 1 position; he will be working 40 hours per week. This position can only be guaranteed for 4 months with the long term outcome being based on the return of the Operations Manager.

FY 2013-14 Budget

Staff presented the 2013-14 budget to the Budget Committee; budget was approved as submitted.

Planned Capital Improvements

Capital Improvements consist of the expansion of Half Moon Bay, Miwaleta, and Whistler's Bend. These projects will be funded by the sale of surplus park property and possibly the foreclosure properties.

New Updated Brochures

Our department is currently updating the maps and brochures for the Park Department.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kanipe Planning Committee Update

The initial meeting was held April 5th & 6th, and the first follow-up meeting was held on May 20th. Both meetings and all future meetings will be facilitated by a third party. The committee continues to work toward making Kanipe a self-supporting park.

River Forks ADA Playground Equipment (Anita Cox)

Rotary is proposing a gift of an ADA Playground funded by fundraising and grants. Rotary has currently raised approximately \$20k for the needed \$150k - \$200k project. Proposing a 2 phase project, installing a rubber tiled ground cover and equipment that is accessible for all children, especially ADA children to be able to play together. Project size is approximately 5,000 sq. ft. Project proposed to begin this fall and to be completed by mid-2014.

Future maintenance of the equipment and tiles was addressed. Rotary plans to purchase extra tiles for the ground, the equipment should last for at least 25 years and could potentially replace the older playground. Motion to approve concept and proceeding with the planning with the condition of maintenance taken in to account by Dick Swartzlender. Dennis Acton seconded with the condition the project meets ADA compliance. Motion carried.

Herbert's Pond Update

A recommendation to vacate Herbert's Pond was put forward as it is a financial liability and safety hazard. There is a provision in the contract when Herbert's Pond was given to Parks that it would revert back to ODFW. Dennis Acton motioned for vacating the property and to return the park to ODFW. Bill Swift seconded due to the historical problems the county has attempted to correct. Motion carried to take the recommendation to the Board.

ROUNDTABLE:**Swiftwater**

The appraisal for Swiftwater was about \$1.35 million net. BLM has expressed interest in the purchase of the property.

Reservation System

The new reservation system is in place, we are scheduled to go online July 1.

River Forks Boat Ramp

The Boat Ramp is washed out and undermined. The Oregon State Marine Board has surveyed and sent their recommendation for repairs. We are working on the appropriate permits to have the ramp fixed by next summer. This project may qualify for grant funding.

Baker Restroom

Tree fell between the restroom and retaining wall causing damage to the roof.

Green Oaks Park

Consistent problems with vandalism and theft at the park; staff is responding every week to clean up messes in the restroom. The schools are now refusing to have functions at the park. A recommendation was made to place a caretaker in the park similar to Singleton. In addition, the Lions will be approached regarding their "Adopt a Park" responsibilities; if nothing changes within a set period of time there will be a recommendation to close the restrooms.

Bunch Bar

Bunch Bar lease was renewed in December.

NEXT MEETING:

The next park board meeting will be on Friday, June 21, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Location TBD.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lonnie Ferber, and seconded by Jim Peterson; meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica VanDrimmelen

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