

Parks & Open Space Advisory Board

June 9th, 2010

Members of the Parks & Open Space Advisory Board met this day in regular session at City Hall, Brownsville, Oregon at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Patty Linn, Brandie Simon, Rick Dominguez, Heather McKee, Jim Mayer, Marilyn Grimes and S. Scott McDowell.

Absent: Pat MacDermott.

Public: The Wallace's, Sarah Glenn and other residents.

Presiding: Patty Linn.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. The minutes from the May 5th, 2010 meeting were approved with one correction. Mrs. Linn then turned the floor over to Mrs. Kresta Wallace. Mrs. Wallace talked about the climber in Remington Park and was interested in perhaps adding a swing set to the park. She stated that she had been discussing possibilities for the park with Mr. McDowell. She was concerned when she heard that the climber was going to be taken out. Mr. McDowell gave the Board and Mrs. Wallace the update and outcomes from the last meeting. McDowell has met with Public Works Superintendent Karl Frink and Public Works is planning on properly installing the fall protection under the climber and adding a swing set. McDowell stated that Public Works is nearly overwhelmed from April through July 4th preparing for Memorial Day, Pioneer Park and the Fourth of July celebration in Pioneer Park. This year has certainly been no exception especially due to the amount of rain the Valley has received. McDowell continued by saying that the vision of the Board was also to include a gaming table and perhaps a bench for reading. Mrs. Wallace indicated that a picnic table would be great. She offered the assistance of her husband for the project if necessary. Mrs. Sarah Glenn stated that her husband may be interested in sponsoring the bench or the picnic table too.

McDowell said that it was time to start thinking about ideas for the Arbor Day Celebration in October. McDowell suggested inviting the usual suspects such as the Scouts, the Calapooia Watershed Council, and Native Grounds Nursery to an open house for City Hall. Council is improving the functionality and aesthetic look of the old Fire Bays which will more than likely be completed before Arbor Day. The Board could set up booths in the Fire Bays; perhaps the Brownsville Art Association would want to have a show available. Mr. Mayer suggested contacting Cascade Timber Consultants. Cascade has provided seedlings for folks to plant at previous Arbor Day celebrations. He felt that since we are doing the celebration in the Fall, the tree will have a better chance of survival. McDowell briefly discussed the Pioneer Park reforestation plan and several locations for a new tree were discussed. The Board felt that the Rec Center lawn may be a good place for a new tree. Linn and McDowell will scout a few locations for future discussion.

McDowell then discussed the Jane MacQueen building identification signs proposal. Everyone liked the idea. Mrs. Simon asked if they could be more dynamic. McDowell will discuss a redesign with Mrs. MacQueen. He did explain that the City logo would be worked into the current sign design. Mr. Mayer also wanted to ensure that an historical style font was used for the signs. McDowell stated that Public Works Superintendent Karl Frink had an idea of installing "plank style" signs on each side of

City Hall. Since the building is being used more and more, finding City Hall has become difficult for some... McDowell thought MacQueen could do the signs for a fair and reasonable price. McDowell also said the City has been working with Greg Hopla to create the City logo for above the door of City Hall which will probably make the identification marker for the City Hall obsolete, especially with the plank style signs being added to the north and south side of the building. The Board agreed to go forward with the plank style signs by consensus.

McDowell reported that he had recently met with the Central Linn Recreation Board to introduce Mr. Rob Boyanovsky, the new Council liaison, and to discuss flooring options. McDowell introduced the possibility of looking at different flooring options and reporting back to both the Rec Board and the Park Board. McDowell indicated that the Rec Board had formed a committee consisting of Brandie Simon, Larry Northern Jr., Jon Smith and Mark Running to view some different surfaces from around the Valley. McDowell will set up some times and locations for visits late Summer, early Fall.

McDowell stated that he recently met with aides from Senator Merkley's and Congressman DeFazio's offices regarding federal funding for the Calapooia Watershed Council's Reach 2 project which incorporates the plans for the upgrades to the riverbank previously reported. McDowell stated that his general concern is the interval of the 100 year flood and the fact that there isn't a lot of money to fortify the area. The Calapooia Watershed Council is the City's best option in terms of project support and funding. The City continues to be a part of the planning process along with the Linn County Engineer's Office.

McDowell indicated that City Planner Bill Sattler received word from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department that the City's grant application for Kirk's Ferry Park Improvements had been denied. The Board discussed options for the restroom improvements in Pioneer Park. McDowell indicated that Eric Gerber of the Rec Board was musing recently about the possibility of building a restroom, shower, storage and concession stand complex in the area by the new basketball court south of the Water Treatment Plant. Perhaps it is something for the Board to consider in early 2011. Mr. Mayer said that this concept and idea has been around for nearly fifteen years. The pros and cons of adding showers were briefly discussed. Both Grimes and Mayer were concerned about creating a camping park instead of open space park as it currently exists.

The Board will not meet in the month of July due to vacation schedules.

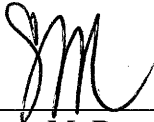
McDowell gave an update regarding the Gateway project and the Washburn Street water line and discussed the City Hall Improvements project among others. McDowell shared an internal memo given to the Park Caretakers and the Public Works Superintendent. McDowell also provided the list of rules given to campers when they enter the park. McDowell asked members to review the list and let him know if there were any other items that should be included. McDowell said that Council discussed recent issues regarding the Downtown Restrooms. Someone is vandalizing the restrooms with human feces. Council authorized Public Works to have the restrooms open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and open for events and the like. Public Works will start this schedule once signs are in place.

Patty Linn shared that the Women's Study Club's (Improvement Club) first

project was convincing local downtown business owners that if a ladies public toilet was installed downtown, ladies would stay down town longer and shop.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

ATTEST:



S. Scott McDowell
City Administrator



Patty Linn
Chair



City of Brownsville

Parks and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting

City Hall
Wednesday, June 9th, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Regular Session

AGENDA

- 1) CALL TO ORDER PM
- 2) ROLL CALL
- 3) ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA
- 4) MINUTES: May 5th, 2010
- 5) PRESENTATIONS & ACTION ITEMS:
 - A. Neighborhood Support – Remington Park
 - B. Arbor Day Planning
- 6) DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - A. Signs & MacQueen Proposal
 - B. Rec Board & Gym Floor Update
 - C. Remington Park Update
 - D. Calapooia Watershed Council Update
 - E. OPRD Update
 - F. July Meeting
 - G. General Updates
- 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.