

North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District
MILWAUKIE CENTER/COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of July 10, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kim Buchholz, John Gill, Molly Hanthorn, Eleanor Johnson, Carolyn Mills, Katie Rudolfelt, Elizabeth Young, William Bersie, Ben Tabler

UNEXCUSED MEMBER: Joan Staley

EXCUSED MEMBER: Chuck Petersen

STAFF PRESENT: Joan Young, Cheryl Nally, Donna Lugibihl

CALL TO ORDER: Eleanor Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: William noted that his last name was misspelled; it should be Bersie. Katie reported that under Programs/Services Committee, Molly Hanthorn, Carolyn Mills and Ben Horner-Johnson were also in attendance. Molly made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected and Ben Horner-Johnson seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

GUESTS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

NC PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

Eleanor said there wasn't a meeting but she reported that the 162nd Park has a new name, Hoodview Park. The board did a telephone vote to recommend approval of Elizabeth Young for the C/CAB Board appointment.

NC PARK STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

No report.

DISCUSSION

Cheryl reported that from the Advisory Board's request, a task force was formed, headed by Kim Buchholz, to develop concepts as tools for the future viability of the Milwaukie Center. Cheryl researched what other Centers were doing and also received comments and suggestions from staff. A hand out was given to the board members on the Visioning Project and the 4 visioning concepts.

Cheryl mentioned tools available for staff include the annual report, which has a lot of statistical data, the budget process, fee and cost of service study (lots of details) and surveys (getting feedback from clientele).

Concept 1 – Viability of Ongoing Programs and Services

Questions staff needs to ask in order to move in a consistent direction. Cheryl listed a number of questions and suggestions that would be useful.

Concept 2 – Developing and Growing Programs and Services

What programs and services are needed and should the Center be the place to provide those. Again, Cheryl listed questions and comments as a guideline to follow.

Concept 3 – Technology

This is an ever-changing area, which we need to utilize in order to maximize our programs and services. Some suggestions recommended by staff include:

Having a Facebook page which would benefit the Center by having a place to showcase our classes, activities and social service programs.

Having an electronic reader board in the Center's lobby area with weekly activities and nutrition program lunch options.

Providing more computer stations for our clientele as the Center is now wireless and people can bring in their laptops to get on line.

Concept 4 – Funding Model

As a government agency, we need to diversify how we are funded. We rely a lot on fund-raising, but we also need to look at how on-going programs and services can help maximize funding to the Center. It is important to find ways to reduce the 40% we are now currently subsidized.

Eleanor suggested that the Board take home the Visioning hand out, review it and if anyone has questions, concerns or suggestions, Cheryl will be at the next meeting.

There were lots of positive comments on the very thorough job Cheryl did on this project.

FRIENDS OF THE MILWAUKIE CENTER, INC.

Elizabeth reported that the last few meetings have concentrated on the budget. She noted the Friends hosted a morning Chamber business meeting, which was well attended and is a good way to network.

The Friends will be serving breakfast 3 days during the softball tournament the last week in July. This is a fund-raising effort and volunteers are needed.

The annual Lumberjack Breakfast is scheduled for the end of September and Elizabeth is the chairperson.

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION

No report.

CENTER REPORT

Don Wiley came in to share the great news that the Milwaukie Center has been awarded a grant for our 2009 March for Meals campaign at the Platinum Level -- \$2,500, from the National Meals on Wheels Association of America. We are one of seven sites nationally that received this honor.

Joan reported that on Mon, July 20, 8:30 am at DSB in Oregon City, there will be a meeting on changes in behavioral health in Clackamas County. Eighty five Social Service staff people were transferred from the county to the state without public input. There's been some communication issues, which need to be addressed because meeting the client's needs should be the top priority.

Joan has been working with Providence Milwaukie Hospital on a National Administration on Aging 3-year grant. The Milwaukie Center and Providence

Milwaukie Hospital are forging a good working relationship to help people age well in place and to coordinate services. Grant is due next week.

INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENT

Eleanor reminded folks that the annual Ledding Library book sale will be held today and tomorrow at Waldorf School. She encouraged people to come and support the library.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Cheryl will report on the Nutrition Task Force.

ADJOURN –The board meeting was adjourned by Chair Eleanor Johnson at 10:35 am.

Minutes prepared by: Donna Lugibihl

Minutes approved by: Carolyn Mills, Secretary