

North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District
MILWAUKIE CENTER/COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of Sept 11, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Molly Hanthorn, Eleanor Johnson, Carolyn Mills, Elizabeth Young, William Bersie, Ben Horner-Johnson, Chuck Petersen, Katie Rudfelt, John Gill

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Ben Tabler

UNEXCUSED MEMBERS: Kim Buchholz, Joan Staley

STAFF PRESENT: Joan Young, Cheryl Nally, Donna Lugibihl, Colleen Sinsel

CALL TO ORDER: Eleanor Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:35 am

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ben Horner-Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting as written and Bill seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Joan reported that Bill Bersie and Elizabeth Young have been approved by the Board of County Commissioners to serve on this board.

SPECIAL REPORT – Friends of the Milwaukie Center Annual Report

Colleen Sinsel, the Friends Office Coordinator, reported that the Friends' fund-raising is up. The annual campaign and Tax-Aide have continued to do well and special events were up from the previous year. The Wine and Roses dinner netted \$9,000. Rosie Steenson, the Friends' Resource Development Manager, has been getting sponsorships and doing outreach into the community. Partnering is the way to go and Rosie has been instrumental in getting sponsorships for our events. She attends Chamber meetings and other organizations to get our name into the community.

Colleen reported that the Friends have 5 endowment funds which unfortunately are down a little this year. The newest endowment fund, named the Joan Young Director's Fund, will be used for projects at the director's discretion.

The Friends' goal is to increase the endowment funds because the money received from those funds will give the Center secure funding into the future. Another way to support the endowment funds is through the "Celebrations" program. If you want to remember someone who doesn't need another trinket, give a donation on their behalf, and a special card will be sent to them recognizing your contribution. Bingo also donates \$2,000 a year to the Friends general endowment fund.

Colleen spoke about the new event coming in October called Pumpkinpalooza. It should be fun and they're hoping for a good turnout.

Colleen also mentioned that bricks are still being sold for the Sara Hite Memorial Rose Garden. The cost is \$35 each or 3/\$100.

DISCUSSION – Future Vision Task Force Staff Recommendations

Cheryl Nally reported that she's working with staff to implement the recommendations put forth by the Vision Task Force. Concepts 3 and 4 have "to do" components which will be assigned to staff and which they will be accountable for.

Concept 3, on technology, is the way of the future. Building a Facebook page was discussed and Elizabeth said she is willing to help get it started. She said it's a great way to reach new people and advertise the Center. Cheryl reported that the rest of the county is in the same mode and will be looking at what we do and if it's successful.

It was suggested that we advertise on our busses and Joan commented that the Center busses have advertising on them which bring in \$20,000 year.

Cheryl will report back to the Board from time to time to update them on how the future vision project is going.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

NC PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

Eleanor was not able to attend and neither was Joan but Joan spoke with Gary Barth about the meeting. The main thing discussed was the 10-year Capital Plan and the system development charges on new construction. Because there's so little new construction, the monies coming in only amounts to about \$500,000, which isn't enough to fund and develop new parks. There are some new funds available from Metro for projects like trail development and open space areas.

NC PARK STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

John Gill is the new representative from the Board. He reported that there were 3 main things discussed:

1. Title 13 – which has to do with the north side development of North Clackamas Park and how wildlife and the natural habitat will be affected.
2. The Charter school's access through the park. The problem is that parents are dropping off and picking up kids next to the Rose Garden and the Rose Garden grounds are getting trampled. Kevin Cayson, Parks Maintenance, and Holly Denman, the principal at the charter school, have spoken about this issue and it has been recommended to move the gate further west and south toward the end of the portable buildings. The cost would be incurred by the school. Nothing has happened yet.
3. Kids using the park ball fields have been going down to Mt. Scott Creek and creating new pathways to the creek. There are some people who feel that there should be signs not allowing this.

FACILITY COMMITTEE

Ben Horner-Johnson reported that the facility committee met on Thu, Sept 10, 10 am. Several items were discussed.

1. Expansion of the MOW prep area is on hold due to funding issues. The Swindells Foundation gave a \$10,000 grant. A Collins Foundation grant is pending and the county grant application is in process.
2. Maintenance weeks (August/September) – repairs were made to the dishwasher, interior walls and freezer/refrigerator. Wood floors were refinished – stage floor looks good but the Camas/Dogwood floors will need to be redone in December.

Freezer/refrigerator will be on a monthly schedule to prevent expensive repairs.

Exterior siding—gluing and painting the siding continues.

3. Fall Priorities include exterior border trim (replace rotted sections and caulking); complete siding gluing/painting process, repair kitchen/dining room walls, do minor repairs to roof drains and HVAC equipment, replace SE exterior light to go on sensor and continue with janitorial service problems.

Next meeting will be on Thu, Dec 10.

FRIENDS OF THE MILWAUKIE CENTER, INC.

Elizabeth was unable to attend the last meeting. She reminded everyone of the Lumberjack Breakfast coming up and to buy their tickets soon. She asked for comments on how to improve the Breakfast and Joan suggested having background music.

CENTER REPORT

Joan reported that September is National Senior Center Month. The Milwaukie Center celebrated by sponsoring a concert by Ellen Whyte in the Rose Garden, which was held on Wed, Sept 9. Also, the Milwaukie Center will be hosting the “End of Summer BBQ” on Sept 17, at 12 noon. Mark Cash will be the entertainment and Bob’s Red Mill and Prudential Homeservices are sponsoring the event.

Donna reported that Fall term classes start September 28 and there’s been a lot of calls about class registrations.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Joan said that Don Wiley, Nutrition Coordinator, will be reporting on the on-site dining. Cheryl Nally will be presenting the Annual Report which will include the last 2 years.

ADJOURN –The board meeting was adjourned by Chair Eleanor Johnson at 10:53 am.

Minutes prepared by: Donna Lugibihl

Minutes approved by: Carolyn Mills, Secretary