

AGENDA
PARKS AND COMMUNITY CENTERS COMMITTEE MEETING

September 2, 2010 minutes
Meeting held at Marshall Park
Parks Committee Attendance:
Chair:
Arnold Creek:
Ashcreek: Ester McGinnis
Bridlemile: Steve Mullinax
Collins View: DeeAnn Troutman
Crestwood:
Far SW: April Fong
Hayhurst:
Hillsdale: Dan Jenkins
Homestead: Lenore Zenger
Maplewood:
Markham:
Marshall Park:
Multnomah:
S Burlingame:
South Portland:
WPP:
Guests: Terri Davis, Astrid Dragoy
Staff: Leonard Gard

Minutes and agenda

September agenda is approved.

Conversation with Astrid Dragoy

Astrid brings Nuts About Nature flyers and Discover brochures with map of PP&R facilities. Announcements:

- Coming soon: Moonlight walks at Gabriel Park and Hoyt Arboretum, 6-8 pm, with crafts and games.
- At the September 13 Maplewood NA meeting: discussion of trails planning in the April Hill Park plan.
- The new trail in Maricara Park is completed.
- Trail construction is coming to Marshall Park in 2012. PP&R has funding for the work.
- Work party activity: Only three volunteers showed up for and Ashcreek work party, but ivy was cleared. Future work parties to remove invasives and do plantings will be at Marquam in October, Maricara in November, and Foley-Balmer in December. Friends of Terwilliger and other friends groups have been doing work. No Ivy

League had a construction crew working recently. A Whet owl was seen recently at Governor Park.

DeeAnn calls for play structures in Marshall Park. Terri says there are no funds yet. There is a plan to move existing structures out of the flood plain.

Steve reports that Bridlemile Creek Stewards has scheduled a work party in November at Albert Kelly Park. It's part of the No Ivy Day event. Thomas Park is a big field with a stream and wooded area on one side. It's mainly used for walking dogs. The Bridlemile NA would like to start a conversation regarding Thomas Park. Astrid says the park is low on her priority list right now, but wants to hear about neighborhood interest and visions for the park.

Conversation with Terri Davis:

Terri reports:

The Caruthers Park grand opening event took place on August 19. There was music and a Native American ceremony.

PP&R is winding down summer activities and getting ready for fall. The SW summer playground programs were successful. 2,601 lunches were served at the Markham program, with attendance of 3,241. 4,000 attended at Pendleton. The SWCC had a good summer with 4,000 non-aquatic registrations. Pool maintenance begins on September 5 and the center will be closed September 13-15 while floors are resurfaced. New at SWCC this fall: a quarterly Saturday family fun night. The first one is in October and the theme will be a SW Monster Mash, from 6 to 8 pm. They are also starting personal fitness training sessions in the pool.

The Sprout Academy is expanding. It's for children 2 to 5 years old. And they are starting a 3-3-3 savings program, by which customers can sign up for three classes and get \$3 off for each class. On November 20, they'll once again hold the annual Vanity Fair event for ladies, from 6 to 9 pm. The theme will be "An Evening in Paris."

Fulton Park CC will hold a Halloween Carnival on October 28. The event will benefit the Sunshine Division.

Re a citizens advisory committee for the SWCC, they are working to pull it together. Dan notes that there has been some interest in Hillsdale re joining such a CAC.

PP&R has a Ride from Rieke program, by which Rieke students, who could not otherwise participate in programs at SWCC, are given transport from the school to SWCC.

Terri got April's email about programming at the PCC Sylvania pool. April thinks that a partnership between PP&R and PCC, by which PP&R might have classes or recreation

time at the Sylvania pool, might be possible in the future. Terri reports that she talked to PP&R aquatics director Nancy Roth, and that we are welcome to talk directly to Nancy. Terri notes, though, that the primary problem for PP&R in offering aquatics classes is not space availability at SWCC but rather a shortage of instructors. In the past, PP&R did contract with PCC Sylvania to conduct lesson at the Sylvania pool, but not for recreation time. There is no budget for buying time at the Sylvania pool; it would have to be revenue neutral. Ester notes it would be good if PP&R could get some early morning lap swimming time at the Sylvania pool when the SWCC pool is closed for maintenance.

Old business

PCC Sylvania smoking policy

Terri hasn't heard anything recently about this issue. April reports that there was a recent cigarette butt clean-up at PCC Sylvania which showed the degree of damage and the high number of butts. The administration knows it has a problem. April thinks there could have been a fire had we not had a cool summer. But so far, the administration has not gone to designated smoking areas.

Playdate in the Park at Spring Garden Park

The event was a success. About \$2,000 was raised. There was a good turnout of about 200 people. At Multnomah Days the Spring Garden Park friends sold cotton candy and grossed \$538 with expenses of about \$100. In September, the friends will meet with an architect. They plan to organize their finances, get a video out. They have a Facebook site and will raffle a painting.

SWNI community grants

The next round of grants is approaching. November 15 is the deadline for grant applications. Lenore reads the criteria for getting grants. Ideas are discussed for a grant application by the Parks Committee. Consensus develops that between now and the October meeting committee members should brainstorm and come up with ideas for a project or event for which we could apply for grant money. Members with ideas should pass them on to Lenore so we can have a jump on the October meeting. One idea: A survey of SW residents regarding their wishes for park services. Discussion takes place regarding previous efforts to get such public opinion, such as Parks 2020.

Minutes

August minutes are approved.

End of meeting.