

MINUTES
PARKS AND COMMUNITY CENTERS COMMITTEE MEETING

January 5, 2012 minutes

Meeting held at the Multnomah Center

Chair: Kirky Doblief

Arnold Creek:

Ashcreek: Ester McGinnis

Bridlemile: Steve Mullinax

Collins View:

Crestwood:

Far SW:

Hayhurst:

Hillsdale:

Homestead:

Maplewood:

Markham:

Marshall Park:

Multnomah: Shay Nofsinger

S Burlingame:

South Portland:

SWHRL:

WPP: Sarah Jane Owens

Visitors: Jill Gaddis for Friends of April Hill Park

Guests:

Staff: Leonard Gard

Agenda

Agenda approved with addition of April Hill Park project.

Discussion of the Barbur Concept Plan takes place. The committee should start following this project because a number of parks close to Barbur and I-5 could be affected—Woods, Burlingame, and Lair Hill parks, for example.

Astrid is not able to attend the meeting. Short discussion takes place regarding topics we wanted to discuss with her:

River View Natural Area update: construction of sustainable trails may begin in June 2013.

PP&R budget update: PPR will host a public budget meeting on January 9. The deadline for public comment is January 13. Comment can be submitted on line at the PPR website. The SWNI board did send a letter to Nick Fish and the rest of the city commissioners supporting continued operation of the Fulton Park CC.

The PPR website also has information about the upcoming project to build soft surface trails in Marquam Nature Park.

Minutes

December minutes are approved.

Old business

Spring Garden Park: KOIN TV covered the December 7 event at SGP thanking Umpqua Bank for the grant and celebrating the installation of the first nature play structures.

Project list for 2012: Last month Terri recommended that we divide our projects into two categories: natural area and developed parks. Committee members do that:

- Sell 10,000 square-foot lot and apply proceeds to Dickinson Park: both categories.
- Finish Dickinson master plan: both categories.
- Make crossings safer on Capitol Hwy at Holly Farm Park: developed parks; work with Transportation Committee.
- Do plantings at marshy spot in Hamilton Park near tennis courts: developed parks.
- Realign trail to move it out of restoration area in Albert Kelly Park: both categories.
- Install ADA playgrounds at April Hill and DeWitt parks: both categories.
- Install covered picnic areas: developed parks.

Portland Plan

Kirky sent an email to Joan Frederiksen objecting to the name “Tryon Creek/Riverdale” for subarea 24 of the planning map. Subarea 24 includes Collins View.

Correspondence and announcements

- We received a greeting from Nick Fish.
- We received a letter from Intertwine. The intertwine refers generally to metro area natural areas, the connections between them, and how the natural areas and the connections provide homes and travel corridors for wildlife. It’s a kind of brand name for the regional parks system. The term also refers to an umbrella organization that supports the intertwine concept.
- During the Christmas week, 200 people in the Portland area went to parks and counted birds.

Jill reports that she recently talked to Don McTaggart regarding the Gabriel Park tool shed. It’s been tagged twice recently. The plan now is to paint a gray base and then paint a paint-by-the-numbers mural. The project may start July 2012. People who wish to volunteer may contact Jill. Portable toilets have been removed temporarily. Don wants to pick a site for a pad for a portable toilet in April Hill Park.

Kendra of PPR will come to this month’s Maplewood NA meeting to talk about the April Hill Park plan. Discussion ensues regarding raising of funds to do improvements in the park.

Miscellaneous

Question is raised regarding the status of the \$600,000 from the Water Bureau earmarked for Willamette Park. Where is the money going?

Multnomah Blvd pocket park at the Capitol Hwy viaduct: Discussion takes place about getting city help for this pocket park. It's in the right-of-way, so it's not PPR's responsibility. We'll put this on hold.

Leonard asks for guidance on topics for articles for the upcoming spring community center guide. Consensus supports an article focusing on natural areas, in particular, the new River View NA, the acquisition of a lot abutting Woods Park, and the soft surface trails at Marquam Park.

End of meeting.