

Veneta Park Board Meeting  
Minutes of February 2, 2005 Meeting  
4:30 PM, Veneta City Hall

Board members present: Earle Ellson, Ruth Germaine, and Robert Hladky  
Council members present: None  
Staff members present: Dennis Capps, Margaret Boutell, Ric Ingham

I. There were no Public Comments.

Park Board minutes from January 5, 2005 were approved.

II. Old Business:

- a. Update on Park Board Vacancies: Ric reported that four applications for new Park Board members came in. The Board recommends that the Mayor approve all four applicants. Once they are approved, their names should be added to the mailing list and a notification letter should be sent. Earle would like to add to the notification letter before it goes out.
- b. Skateboard Park Activities: Margaret provided an update on projects at the Skateboard Park. The parking plan is being drawn up by the City Engineer, but it appears that a couple of the trees that were planted last year as part of the arboretum may need to be moved. There was a question as to whether they would survive a move. The group decided to wait to see the parking plan before deciding to keep or remove the trees from their current location.

Margaret also reported that the neighbor to the west of the park was promised a fence to buffer the parking lot from his property. He has indicated that a chain link fence with slats that block the view would be sufficient.

- c. Review of Parks and Recreation Master Plan: Comments included the suggestion that the assessment of current conditions and needs seems to still be current and that the goals are still good ones.

The Board suggested that, with new members coming on, it might be advantageous to form a Review Committee to review and familiarize the Board with the Plan. If appropriate, the Review Committee might make suggestions to the Council for updating the Plan. However, because the Plan is a 20-year plan, and we are only six years into the plan, it might be best to concentrate on implementation issues. In order to do that, it might be helpful to re-evaluate the Parks Systems Development Charge (SDC), which is currently \$366 per equivalent residential unit.

The Board agreed that they would like to have larger binders in order to keep minutes, etc., in the same place as the Master Plan. They would like to have tabs for goals, minutes, by-laws, and miscellaneous.

- d. Revision of 2004 Veneta Park Board Goals: Board members reviewed the proposed goals from the last meeting on January 5. After some modification, the new goals adopted by the Parks Board are as follows:
  1. Maintenance and preservation of existing parks.
  2. Implementation of the City's Parks & Recreation Master Plan.
    - Acquisition of new park space for future development
    - Acquisition of the Territorial Sports Park complex
  3. Finish the remainder of Phase I Skateboard Park improvements.
  4. Support and enhance current City recreational activities (i.e., summer aquatics, Easter Egg Hunt).
  5. Provide assistance in the completion of "Welcome to Veneta" packet and for the development of semi-annual newsletter.
  6. Support of the Applegate Region Theatre to address needed youth activities in the community.
  7. Maintain awareness of Phase II Skateboard Park improvements.

Earle will be attending the City Council Goals Session on February 5.

### III. New Business

- a. Upcoming Events: Ruth volunteered to be lead on the annual Easter Egg Hunt and will call Bobby Cotter about it. She will report back at the March meeting.
- IV. Other: Denny suggested that tagging of the Skateboard Park is a problem that might be solved by having a graffiti artist mural.
- V. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.