

Veneta Park Board
Minutes of May 4, 2005
4:30pm
Veneta City Hall

Board members present: Earle Ellson, Judy Colvard, Ruth Germaine,
Sharon Hobart-Hardin, Robert Hladky

Staff members present: Margaret Boutell

I. Public comment: None

II. Approval of April 27 Minutes : Approved without correction

III. Veterans Remembrance in Parks: The 82nd Battalion and 102nd Infantry Reservist are returning home at this time. It was brought to this committee to commemorate this event and recognize our troops efforts on our city's behalf. Dennis Capps is on Vacation until May 12th so his comments are not available at this time. It was suggested that we use the Linden tree to plant on May 30th as a "Welcome Back" tree with yellow ribbons, to be placed somewhere visible in Territorial Park so that the yellow ribbons will be seen by all driving by. Also, that a "yard sale" type sign be placed by the tree to let the public know why the yellow ribbons. Further, that a news blurb be put in the three newspapers to tell the public what and why this was being done. Judy Colvard will make the sign (also has ribbon) and will draft a note for the newspapers to be emailed to Earle and Margaret for proofing. Earle will announce this plan to the City Council on May 23.

IV. Report on Boy Scouts/High School Volunteer Opportunities: It was reported by Ruth Germaine that Lauri Yonkin and Max Mengelli of the Eagle Scouts and Troop #54 are very young and not preparing for Eagles yet. It is suggested that we prepare a packet of tasks/projects for him to get out to the Lane County Scouts for future work so they know what projects are available to adopt.

Schools: Gail reported that 40hrs. of volunteer work is required to achieve an "Honors" degree. When Denny gets back he will be asked what work or projects he suggests be made available to this program and what if any supervision it would require? Denny is expected to be back on the 12th and, from his Park "Assessments" may be able to outline specific projects that are appropriate. Gail will set up a meeting with Denny, Ruth, and Margaret to discuss possible projects. The high school suggested a flyer be submitted to them by the end of the school year.

V. Report on the SDC meeting with Ric: Sharon reports that Ric needs to gather information (he is interested). Further, that he will come to our June meeting and report on what is standard for the state and inflation mark-up. Also to direct us to the Master Plan.

VI. Work Program...bring ideas: Brainstorming session resulted in: Sharon...wants to get the local garden clubs to develop the floral display at the Ralph Johnson Park. The "Weed and Read" group at the library would be approached. Judy...Would like a formal Rose Garden developed, could use half length cement pipes to plant "potted roses" in various sites or develop the "purple" undeveloped land on Bolton

Road. This area may serve as a "detention" pond in the future, but that hasn't been decided. Gail...Would like to see a large Music Gazebo with weekly music nights during the summer with performances by local and "guested" groups. Wednesdays are suggested. Also, a permanent cement stage for plays at the City Park. Ruth... wants "kool" programs for kids and other programs such as "rustic trail walks". Robert ..wants to follow the Master Plan. Earle...wants to start writing grants that are heavy on "sustainability". Also, wants to develop the "Welcome to Veneta" packet, a country club, horse back riding trails etc.

Judy suggested a newspaper article highlighting all the things the Park Board is working on.

Vii. Plan for next meeting: next meeting will be on June 1st at 4:30pm

Identified headings for next Agenda are:

Work Plan/Master Plan, SDC report, Denny's Assessments, Volunteer report follow ups, Summer schedules of meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Colvard, Sec.

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