

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, Gail Wilkie

Staff members present: Margaret Boutell, Ric Ingham

- I. Public comment: None
- II. Approval of 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 troups efforts on our citys behalf. Dennis Capps is on Vaction 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 Earl and Margaret for proofing.
- 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.
- V. Schools: Gail reports that 40hrs. of volunteer work is required to achieve and "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 has a report of his Park "Assessments" done and will outline specific projects that are appropriate. Gail will follow up after that.
- VI. 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 Master Plan.
- VII. 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 will be approached. Judy...Would like a formal Rose Garden developed, could use half length cement pipes to plant "potted roses" in in

various sites or develop the "purple" undeveloped land on Bolton Road. This area is also scheduled to be a "detention" pond and partly a pic nic area also. 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. Earl...wants to start writing grants that are heavy on "sustainability". Also, wants to develop the "Welcome to Veneta" packet highlighting city council country club, horse back riding trails etc.

VIII. Plan for next meeting: next meeting will be on June 1st at 4:30pm (Earl will also attend the May 23rd Council Meeting and make a presentation about our meeting and will call Tom Cotter.

Identified headings for next Agenda are:

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

Respectfully submitted by Judy Colvard, Sec.

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