

Veneta Park Board

Minutes of July 6, 2005

4:30pm, Veneta City Hall

Board Members present: Earle Ellson, Judy Colvard, Ruth Germaine, Sharon Hobart-Hardin, Larry Larson, Gail Wilkie

Staff members present: Margaret Boutell, and Rick Ingham

I. Public Comment: Mrs. Robbie Main (935-3561) attended at the invitation of Sharon. She talked about willingness to help propagate plants from her large private garden and transplant to several of the public park gardens, especially the Ralph Johnson/5th St. Park.

II. Approval of Minutes: Approved and Earl decreed 10-minute time spaces for each of the topics today.

III. Work Program/Master Plan...(major topic) we all took a "park" to adopt i.e. Sharon the Oak Island Park, Judy the Ralph Johnson Park will report next month, with Denny's assessments being used to set priorities.

A. Land Acquisition (TSP): This topic was listed as a Priority and the question was does this board want to get into doing a \$700,000 fundraising effort. It was agreed that Margaret would invite the TSP Board to our next meeting. Also that she would personally ask Mr. Sterling Pew and Ruth would ask Mr. Jim Petty.

B. Grant Writing...Earl will take that on as Chairman and we agreed to begin the process of information gathering and culling from the Capital Improvements Plan and time limit set to start the process/plan this Fall. Also assessed needs as: Youth Center Obtain manpower/management by Boys & Girls Club needing \$500,000 and a program co-ordinator and \$48,000/year to run. A survey of 400 high and middle school kids for request of services.

IV. Park assessments. The group agreed to have the Boy Scouts to move ahead with Paint/Repair Projects with Denny that were identified after approval by Margaret, and Larry says he can get "work Party" volunteers to work park. Margaret will check on "insurance". We will work on the so far completed assessments, and in Sept start the remaining 3-4 parks. Also, the U of O will be contacted for Landscape Architecture Students for ideas in October.

Sharon took Denny's submitted assessments and condensed and summarized them (see attachment) and they were discussed and accepted as a structure to work off of and fill out

A. Existing Facilities: four items completed or in progress and four items "to do" with discussion on #4 acquire funding for new playground equip: Was decided to suggest to Board the reinvigorating of the existing Parks

B. New facilities: four items on the "to do" list with our agreement to suggest to Board the development of a Volunteers Program i.e. to "Adopt a park program", they would encouraged to be involved with time and skill to help make repairs and improvements and we would need to work on fundraising

C. Potential resources for implementation of Master Plan:

1. Fiscal: Sharon and Earl will check with State for Policies on Fiscal policies involving wealthy land owners being able to donate land with our "need" to developed a policy and the "how to", start with State Parks Dept. for a model on how to go about getting people to donate land and have legal "incentives". (Sharon and Earl will report in Aug. on possible 501C organization "non-profit" designation as 170C2 city and tax constituent.

2. Non-Fiscal:

A. Volunteerism: A "Volunteer Sub-Committee" to investigate policy and procedures will be composed of Larry Larson, Robert Hladke, and Ruth Germain. They will meet on tues/wed or email each other for a date to meet before next meeting. Also, will possibly use "Adopt a Highway" model from State.

B. Fundraising: Probably incorporates into the CIP

IV. Park Assessments Cont: C.: Greenway Acquisition: Margaret will go over this and update this paper and the possibility of the greenway overlay zone along the drainage areas to a 50 foot buffer by the railroad.

D. Collaboration: We will work with TSP and need to acquire \$115,000 in matching Grant money.

D. Oak Island Assessment: Five items for renovations and three items for replacement.

E. 5th St. Park: Two items for renovations and three needed for replacement. Also, reminder that Mrs. Robbie Main will donate plants from her garden and Judy (also possibly Sharon) will go to her home and look at her one-acre garden.

IV-B. Review Letter for feedback about neighborhood parks from Judy and Ruth: letter not available at this time. They will try to generate one for next meeting perusal.

V. Parks SDC's: It was agreed to suggest to

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VI. Election of Officers: Earl has been "acting chair" and was nominated and confirmed as Park Advisory Board Chair. Also nominated and confirmed were Sharon for Vice Chair, and Judy as Secretary.

VII. Plan for next meeting of Wed, Aug 3rd at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Colvard, Sec.

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