

Veneta Park Board
Minutes of Wed. January 4, 2006
4:30-5:30pm
Veneta City Hall

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

Council Present: Marian Esty

Staff members present: Margaret Boutell, and Brian Issa,

I. Public Comment: None offered, none attending.

II. Approval of Minutes: Approved with correction of paragraph III line 10 should have a comma after "either" and not capitalize Separate to make sentence flow as it should to mean that we all like an option of the combined two choices..

III Park Dedication Ordinance: Brian Issa was here with Margaret and discussed the project timeline again. There was a Planning Commission Meeting on Jan. 3rd (Margaret and Brian attended and presented all our information to the Planning Commission and did an excellent job of the presentation. Mr. Dean was concerned about it possibly making the city accept too small a lot sizes, or population density too intense. It was clarified for him that this ordinance would give the city the flexibility to say what size lot they wanted each project to be. There was much good discussion with clear communication. The meeting culminated in a positive vote for the ordinance, including the support of "Neighbors 4 Responsible Growth". It passed unanimously and now will go to the Public Notification phase and then to the Feb. City Council Meeting for Public discussion. (There is also a Strategic Planning Group from Rural Developer Initiatives who will have a Feb. City council meeting on the 2nd week of Feb. ..Strategic Planning Meeting will be Feb. 10th at 5PM)

IV. Future park prioritization: A yellow paper 4 page Parkland Acquisition Matrix was passed out to each member and discussed. The Matrix has 20 different criteria to make a good park in Veneta. Our "homework" for next meeting is to "Rank" these 20 criteria in order of their importance to us each individually and then the group will discuss and finalize their "Ranking" for the Matrix to be used on all potential parklands in future consideration. Our individual ranking checkmarks will be tallied and quantified by Margaret and Brian. There was much discussion in "how to use the tool" for prioritizing or listing attributes we find desirable in future parks acquisitions. It was suggested by Ruth to prioritize the

"reasons" on the Matrix to give weight to different vacant parcels and could be used by the Planning Commission to guide it in an objective tone.

V. The Landscape architects of the Allied Arts and Architecture School at the U of O and its 5th yr. students headed by Ron Levensen will be looking at all of our parks on January 13, 2006 from 1:30 to 4:30pm, to plan how to maximize their potential use. The U of O team will bring their own super Van and we will survey four of the parks, Fern, Ralph Johnson, city, and Oak Island parks, and end up at the "Window Box cafe as guests of the U of O team. This will be their semester project to work on and will be completed at the end of March. We will then do the finishing costs projection of the project for the Grant. We, the entire Park Board are invited to the University of Oregon on Feb. 6th (mon.) for their Public Presentation of the project. Further report of that trip will be voiced next meeting.

VI. Next Regular meeting: we will meet on Wed., Feb. 1, 2006 at 4:30pm

Topics:

I. Review minutes of Jan. 4th Meeting.

II. Continue with Yellow paper Matrix discussions (go over our "homework" prioritizing the 1-20 reasons in order of importance.

III. Continue Future Park Location Prioritizing. We agree that the timeline places TSP as #1 and #2 would be the Teepee burner parcel (with 2 developers looking at it now).

IV. Sale of Ralph Johnson Park or trade for lands behind City Hall.

Park Adoptive Member

Oak Island Park Sharon Hobart-Harding & Gail Wilkie

Ralph Johnson Park Judy Colvard

5th St. Park Larry Larson

City Park (pool) Ruth Germaine

Territorial (skate) Park Earle Ellson

Fern Park Robert Hladky

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