

## Veneta Park Board

Minutes of Wed. Mar. 1, 2006

4:30-5:45pm

Veneta City Hall

Board Members present: Earle Ellson, Judy Colvard (10 min. late, early notes by Margaret), Ruth Germaine, Sharon Hobart-Hardin, Gail Wilkie, Larry Larson,

Council Present: Marion Esty,

Staff members present: Margaret Boutell, and Ric Ingham

**I. PUBLIC COMMENT:** 1. Dennis Broome and Kathy Colson present. Comments offered were that Parks not developed on city owned land.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approved with correction of 1 error.

### **III NEW BUSINESS:**

**A.** Easter Egg Hunt: it is questioned "Why Park Board"? We should work with the ecumenical council to have them join/work on this. Ruth will call Mr. Jerry Bowling, Pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church and will report back to the group next meeting.

**B. Wings and Wine Event:** Ric reported to group that this would be a "signature event" as we are a "significant site" second only to the Mahlur Bird Preserve in Oregon. The City Council came up with this project and is handing it off to the Chamber of Commerce to produce. Grants were obtained when the Dam was closed for construction to help this area's commerce continue and an additional grant was received. The Army Corp of Engineers will assist in a study to prepare Bird Watching opportunities in this area. It was seen that the Wine industry in this area has been neglected and will form a full partnership in this endeavor congruent with the National Bird Migration Day of May13th. Projected activities will start on May 13th at the Secret Garden Winery with a tour of 7-8 other local wineries, notably, Lavelle, and Sweet Cheeks. Also visiting several Bird Watching stations in the area intermittently and then finishing back at the Secret Garden for a Dinner. Hopefully this will lead into an annual event each year with one special weekend per month of April, May, and June and culminating in a 3-day event in June. This is expected to progress for the next 1-3 years. Patty Chappel will be Program Chairperson and the Lane County Parks and the Raptor Center will partner for this. The next meeting of the "Wings and Wine" committee will be emailed to each of us

by Margaret, and Larry was nominated and accepted to be our point person and delegate to these meetings. Ric also told us of a truffle selling in France recently for \$40k and suggests that this area might well develop a special Truffle Day Event.

**IV. PARK DEDICATION ORDINANCE:** It was successfully adopted on Feb. 27, 2006.

**V. Review of By-Laws:** Copies of by-laws were given to all members. It was decided that 5 adult and 1 student advisor should expand to be 7 adult members for more creativity and manpower on projects, retaining also the worthy student advisor. April elections will continue and Earl will continue in his role of Chairman until a new one is voted on next month. Our April meeting will fall a day before the April City Council and we will finalize what report we will make to them at their meeting. We will table until next month the Reevaluation of our Goals and 2005 Park Board Objectives. We will also peruse a finalized Park Budget for the City Council.

**.VI. Communication with the U of O students:** Margaret and Sharon will meet with Ron Levensen on Friday to go over everything. The Final Presentation for Updating of our Parks by the U of O students will be held at a public invited meeting at the City's Community Center Building on Broadway St. on May 15th between 2pm and 5pm. The newspapers will be notified by Judy to run Public Announcements and to attend to cover the story. Margaret will also publish leaflets and Dennis Broome will pass them out around town.

**VII. Report of Progress:** For the Park location prioritization a white sheet, General Park Standards (see attached) was handed out to each member and asked to mark their priority for each item 1-10+; one being the most desirable, and then return to Margaret a copy as soon as possible so that she may compile all the data for our next meeting.

**VIII.** Next Regular meeting: we will meet on Wed., April 5, 2006 at 4:30pm

**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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