

## **Veneta Park Board**

Minutes of Wed. Sept. 6, 2006

4:30-5:45pm

Veneta City Hall

Board Members present: Judy Colvard, Ruth Germaine, Gail Wilkie, Lee Taylor-loewe, Cathy Coulson-Keegan and Robert Hladky

Council Present: Sharon Hobart-Hardin

Staff members present: Margaret Boutell

**I. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The August minutes were approved after the removal of Cathy Coulson-Keegan's name from the attendance record, She had been in California.

**III NEW BUSINESS:**

**A.** Wall-Ball. Citizen requests Skateboard Park's climbing wall also have a wall-ball component added for play. This will be tabled until next meeting. Announcement that the Territorial Skate Park is in progress of getting it's parking and lighting completed. Also, the Neighbors for Responsible Growth group would like to volunteer to take care of the "Welcome to Veneta" sign area.

**IV. Logan Loftis, A freshman at VHS and Eagle Scout,** made his presentation regarding his desire to perform some kind of public service of 100 man hours. He also introduced his father and scout leader, Tim Loftis, both of 20831 Hwy. 126, Noti, 97461. Mother's cell phone is 541-968-2165, and fathers cell # is 541-520-6477. Both numbers may be used to contact him. It was suggested to him that he take on the Annual Fern Ridge Easter Egg Hunt as our partner. A back up project suggested in case his supervising body preferred him to take on a different project was the formation of a Beautification effort for the revitalization of the Ralph Johnson Park. Ruth exchanged phone numbers and addresses with him and will be the contact person for any information he may need in these efforts.

## V. Election of permanent Chairperson and Co-chair.

A. The Group decided to nominate, vote, and elect these positions at this meeting. Quick nomination for Chair were unanimous for Gail Wilkie, and also for Robert Hladky for Vice-Chair.

## VI. Prioritize Goals:

The group had individually pre-prioritized their official Goals sheet and a flip chart vote of each ranking was achieved as such:

1. Acquire Territorial Sports Park in accordance with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. (noted, unanimous first priority).
2. Select and utilize a University of Oregon Landscape Architecture student design to revitalize the Ralph Johnson Park as a component of the downtown development plan. (City Council has asked us to focus on this park)
3. Complete the prioritization of available vacant lands suitable for parks and open spaces.
4. Form a Parks Beautification Subcommittee using citizen volunteers.(pos. Eagle Scout project).
5. Support and enhance recreational activities for all Veneta citizens through actively participating in expanding the Wings and Wine event as a signature community festival. (start in January).
6. Secure a partner organization to assist in producing a quality Easter Egg Hunt (pos. Eagle Scout project)
7. Initiate a feasibility assessment for the construction of a community pool.
8. Continue to support the Applegate Region theater.
9. Provide funds for the Explorers Club Summer Arts Program.
10. Subcommittees were formed:
  - A. Easter Egg Hunt....Ruth, Cathy, Lee (posters and donations), (and pos. Logan Loftis).

B. Ralph Johnson Park...Judy, and Cathy.

C. Wings and Wine Festival...Gail, Lee and Larry

### **VII Easter Egg Hunt:**

A subcommittee chaired by Ruth Germaine with Lee and Cathy, will examine the following issues and report back at the next meeting:

1. Who will partner with us? (possibly Logan Loftis, Eagle Scout)
2. Can we get a man in a Bunny Suit to attend?
3. Have a permanent announcement banner made to hang over Territorial Hwy. each year.
4. Generate flyers to spread around town and local areas.
5. Obtain corporate sponsors to provide "big" prizes and or money, i.e. banks could provide an educational bond. (Lee would like to see bicycles given)
6. Main emphasis is to make sure that no child goes without something, i.e.. have a table of items that a child unable to find eggs could obtain some eggs or small gifts. (The Country Fair people might donate for this).

### **VIII. Parks Safety Report:**

Margaret reported that Fern Park's play structure has been reinforced with steel brackets, and that the protruding and dangerous bolt heads have been sawed off and smoothed. Digital photo printouts were viewed by the group and pronounced adequate. The other parks in question were also looked at and ok'd.

### **IX. Parks SDC Update:**

Margaret reports that the approximately \$2,997.00 Systems Development Charge/fee was voted on by the Council and that "l.c.o.g." stated that if Urban Renewal funds were used, they could be "reimbursed" and further, that if that was done we can move forward with increasing the Parks SDC's.

## **X. Plan for Next Meeting of Oct. 4, 2006:**

1. Subcommittee reports
2. Beautification Committee formation (with R.A.R.E. in oct. (Resource Assisting Rural Economies).

### **Park Adoptive Member**

Oak Island Park Sharon Hobart-Harding & Gail Wilkie  
Ralph Johnson Park Judy Colvard/ Cathy Coulson-Keegan  
5th St. Park Larry Larson/ new member  
City Park (pool) Ruth Germaine  
Territorial (skate) Park Open for new member  
Fern Park Robert Hladky

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