

Veneta Park Board

Minutes of Wed. Nov. 1, 2006

4:30-6:00pm

Veneta City Hall

Board Members present: Judy Colvard, Ruth Germaine, Gail Wilkie, Lee Taylor-Loewe, Cathy Coulson-Keegan, Robert Hladky, Larry Larson, and Craig Soderberg

Council Present: None

Staff members present: Margaret Boutell and Ric Ingham

I. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

II NEW BUSINESS:

A. Public concerns regarding the Heritage trees removed from Key Bank lot this week. Refer to the enclosed Portland Tree Code at <WWW.portlandonline.com/shared/cfm/image.cfm?id=72545> submitted by Brian Issa, Associate Planner , City of Veneta, 541-935-2191 ext. 314 or <bissa@ci.veneta.or.us> .

B. Update of "Wings and Wine" project.

C. Territorial Park.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The October 4, 2006 minutes were approved.

IV. Trails Project by Taunya Jones: (TJ) is a new "intern" at City Hall. She will help get volunteers for

1. Trails Project...bike and pedestrian trails connecting the wet lands, Country Fair, and County Parks.

2. Write Grants.

3. City's Plastic Recycling Program with feasibility study to use recycled plastic parts to be used on trails program needs.

4. Volunteers in Community Projects support to recruit, train one or more initial volunteers for City Parks and other projects, ie. Beautification projects. What do we want the volunteer application to look like? How to make it easier and pleasant

for people to volunteer? She has looked at the Eugene, Long Tom, and West Eugene Departments for how they do it.

V. Reports of Subcommittees:

A. Easter Egg Hunt: Will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2007. Cathy will ask the Country Fair organization for \$520.00 and for volunteers to help supervise children (Norma Saks). Please refer to the in depth "White Pages" a copy of a four-page email Cathy sent to everyone. This was generated by Logan Loftis the Eagle Scout from Tr. 54

B. Ralph Johnson Park: Seattle has grass covered berms as stages and elevated areas of seating. See the photo sheet hand out and master plan page of the R.J Park for Goals and email it to the group so our individual visits to this park could be documented regarding our thoughts on it for the next meeting. (homework).

C. Wings and Wine Festival: The next meeting is Wed, Nov. 29 at 4pm. Ric said this project is going to be combined with the "International Bird Migration Day". Because of this, we will have higher level of lecturers at the library and other centers like the City Park Bldg., Markets, vendors, registration in kid activities, and accounting. The City started this event and tourism. The Park Board might want to play a bigger role to keep it as a VENETA activity. Other roles that City/Park Board can increase efforts are: fundraising, marketing, Bird Habitat/nesting . There will be another painting of the Fern Ridge Lake by Larry to raffle off. We can have bird feeder kits for sale. Also bird and bat houses for the parks to increase varieties of birds in the area. Perhaps we can have the schools get children and parents to make them? Ric asks, what role does the Park Board wish to take to keep the venue as a Veneta event?

D. Fundraising: Ric says that the Kiwanis are good at fundraising. We should go to a Tues. luncheon and give a talk about Goals and Needs. Craig Soderberg submitted an orange sheet with four ideas:

1. Veneta Parks Golf Tournament at Diamond Woods., possibly grossing \$2,000 annually, but will need advertising and a co-coordinator.
2. Local restaurant food day, progressive dinners for a week with facilities donating 10% of guest checks.

3. Adopt a park program, solicit donations from businesses and individuals and publicize names.

4. Auctions and Sales, two or three per year with donated items.

VI. Territorial Park: "Swales" are depression ditches that take water away from parking lot. We will look at these Flood Water management swales in Territorial Park and have a "planting" party? Loraine Nursery has wetland and native plants, may give us a deal...Robert Hladky's mother is a "watershed steward" and can possibly give us a list of plants to ask the public to donate from their yards and plant for us...

VII. Plan for next meeting on November 1st:

1. Report from Ralph Johnson visits.

2. Taunya Jones updates on her 3 projects.

New addresses:

Scout leader, Tim Lofts, both of 20831 Hwy. 126, Noti, 97461. Mother's cell phone is 541-968-2165, and fathers cell # is 541-520-6477. Logan Loftis).

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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