

Veneta Park Board
Minutes of Wed. Dec. 6, 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, and Craig Soderberg

Council Present: Sharon Hobart-Hardin

Staff members present: Margaret Boutell

I. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

II NEW BUSINESS:

A. Neighbors for Responsible Growth notes given by Lee regarding the landscaping of the 4-corners signal area. . It was stated that 11 volunteers showed up from the combined group of NRG and the Park Board. They spent 2 hrs. weeding and cleaning and are in need of more bark. Also, they will be planting flower bulbs in the spring. Lee said that they possibly could start a Park Board Scrapbook to highlight our various projects of public displays.

B. Gail gave the group a refresher talk on correct etiquette for meetings, i.e.. that we should raise our hands when we wish to speak (not all at once), etc. She also believes that there should be more than two people on any given committee. She also announced that Darcy Henneman is the new City Recorder.

C. Other: There is homework assessment of the Ralph Johnson Park to review.

D. TSP: Just a note to keep it in the minutes...the TSP park grant will be open in February.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The October minutes were approved after the corrections of 5C to change “and” to “for“.

IV. Report on the City swimming pool: Margaret reported that the pool is damaged by groundwater lifting it out of the

V. Reports of Subcommittees:

A. Easter Egg Hunt: Lee and Cathy gave a brief update. Logan needs our approval; it was given with the stipulation that he will check with us at each level of completion. Lee and Cathy also contacted the “Country Fair” people.

B. Ralph Johnson Park: There was lengthy discussion on the proposed RJP redesign culminating in the group’s unanimous selection of the “OVAL” design. The Prioritized Plans were:

A. Find out from City if there is a water problem, i.e. standing water.

B. Put in a water system (Craig volunteered to see what the priorities of this project would be from a landscaper's view point (has one for a friend) and will email the list to us at home to review before next meeting. (SEE ATTACHMENT of 9 items).

C. Wings and Wine Festival: Some discussion by the Board and general feeling that perhaps the Park Board should not be the point group on this but assuredly another City Council group should take a command position in this event with the park board only assisting or highlighting one of our parks during the event (maybe get one of the schools to make bird houses to put in a park to draw special birds to it?).

D. Fundraising: Craig showed the group a privately printed game styled like Monopoly for another city and suggests that we could do one for the Veneta/Eugene /Fern Ridge area. Utilizing the major business of these areas for the advertising/fundraising cost to cover the manufacture of the game sets and we could realize a goodly amount per game in profit.

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