

Veneta Parks Board
Minutes, April 4, 2007
4:30 P.M.
Veneta City Hall

Board Members in Attendance: Cathy Coulson-Keegan, Gail Wilkie, Robert Hladky, Lee Taylor-Loewe and Craig Soderberg.

Honorary Member: Ruth Germaine

Council Member: Sharon Hobart-Hardin

Community Services Director: Margaret Boutell

R.A.R.E. Intern: Taunya Jones

City Administrator: Ric Ingham

I. Public Comment

None

II. New Business

Jim Bruvold, Planning Commission Member, told us about a strip of land off Perkins that is going on the market. He thought it would make a great community garden and wanted to make the Parks Board aware of it.

III. Approval of minutes from March 7, 2007

All in favor.

IV. Reports from Subcommittees

A. Easter Egg Hunt

Logan Loftis, who is the Eagle Scout in charge of organizing the event, did not come to the meeting. Cathy and Lee, who are on the subcommittee, asked that Parks Board members attend the event next Saturday, April 7th at City Park. We also asked volunteers to wear tie dyed t-shirts.

B. SOLV Project for Earth Day

Taunya Jones, R.A.R.E. Intern, is project manager for the upcoming Earth Day Event and BBQ, planned for April 21st at Territorial Park. She gave us an update.

The event has received cash donations from Country Transfer and Recycling for \$200 and N4RG for \$100. We're hoping to have a fire truck on display for both water and drawing attention to the event. We're also talking about the possibility of a children's jumping tent. Student at both the middle and high schools have been spoken to about volunteering for the event. This event kicks off our permanent volunteer program for the Parks Board.

C: Wings and Wine

Ric Ingham gave a quick update on the Wings and Wind festival planned for May 12th. The Parks Board will have a booth at the site (Secret House Winery) and we will sell baked goods and coffee. In addition we will have our raffle items on display and have tickets available for purchase.

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D: Fundraising

Craig gave a brief report on the Monopoly game fundraising idea. Margaret suggested we wait until our three main events are over before we move forward with it.

V. Nominations and Election of Officers for 2007/2008

Chair: Cathy nominated Gail, Craig second, all voted in favor
Vice-Chair: Cathy nominated Robert, Craig second, all voted in favor
Secretary: Gail nominated Lee, Craig second, all voted in favor

VI. Parks Board Accomplishments for Submittal to City Council

Sharon, Gail and Margaret will meet to draft a report

VII. Parks Board Goals for 2007/2008 to be submitted to City Council

Sharon, Gail and Margaret will meet to draft a report

VIII. Parks Board Budget Recommendations for FY07/08

Margaret will email budget recommendations to board members

IX. Report on land acquisition and pool

Margaret talked about the TSP land acquisition. The City has purchased one piece. We are applying for a grant to purchase the second piece. The grant deadline is April 13th. If we are awarded the grant we have to have matching money, approximately \$80,000. The Parks Board will have to be very proactive in fundraising to meet that goal.

Margaret also talked with us about the damaged city pool. The insurance will only replace the pool as is. We want to replace it with a larger pool. The City contracted for some conceptual preliminary designs for a new pool. We need to engage the community to find out what they want and what they will pay for. Even though the idea of a year round indoor pool is very attractive, it is too expensive. Meanwhile, the City is trying to figure out some types of summer recreation to replace swimming.

The City is acquiring a parcel of land adjacent to Fern Park. It will enlarge the park to the north.

X. Plans for next meeting.

The idea of having bi-monthly meetings
Easter Egg Hunt and Earth Day Event wrap-ups
Wine and Wings

Other Business

No other business

Meeting adjourned. 6:00 P.M.
Minutes taken by Lee Taylor-Loewe

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