

Veneta Parks Board  
Minutes, July 10, 2007  
4:30 P.M.  
Veneta City Hall

Board Members in Attendance: Gail Wilkie, Lee Taylor-Loewe, Denise Hand, Judy Colvard and Craig Soderberg.

Council Member: Sharon Hobart-Hardin

Community Services Director: Margaret Boutell

Guest: Sergeant Harold from Lane County Sheriff's Office

#### I. Public Comment

Tony Garcia (affiliated with the Mid Lane Community Chest) is interested in helping to develop a Parks and Rec district in Veneta. He wants it to be coordinated with TSP. He gave us the name and number of a person who is skilled in fundraising. (Meg Gray 935-3615) Margaret suggested that Meg become involved with our Monopoly fundraiser.

#### II. New Business

Denise asked when the "Porta-Pottie" contract is going to come due. She knows a local person who is interested in providing the service for Veneta. Margaret said the contract is awarded on a bidding basis.

#### III. Approve Minutes from June 6, 2007

Approved

#### IV. Fundraising

Craig and Denise talked about the Monopoly fundraiser again. We are tentatively calling it Fern Ridgeopoly. Lee suggested Fernopoly Ridge. Craig and Denise have already had businesses interested in purchasing spots on the game. Craig would like members to e-mail him a list of businesses each person would like to contact so we are all in the loop and don't "double hit" businesses. Once we have some spots sold it will be easier to make other sales.

We discussed how to control the funds from sales of the game. Margaret will speak to Jeri Moore about how to set up an account. We discussed how best to distribute the funds. We decided that all the funds will go for the matching funds to purchase TSP and the rest to the Parks Board general fund.

#### V. Bids on Ralph Johnson Park

We voted on which landscaping architect to select for the Ralph Johnson Park design. The majority chose David Dougherty and Associates. Gail made a formal motion to accept David Dougherty and Judy seconded. All voted for Dougherty. Gail will present our decision to the Urban Renewal Committee.

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#### VI. Neighborhood Watch

We invited Sgt. Harold from the Sheriff's office to speak to us about the feasibility of setting up a Park Watch modeled after the Neighborhood Watch program. He said there's a downloadable brochure on the sheriff's office website about the program. There's a Fern Ridge Neighborhood Watch run by Ron Currin.

Sgt. Harold said that a Neighborhood Watch (or Parks Watch in our case) is an eyes and ears only organization. We can make it as simple or involved as we like. Denise wants signs as a deterrent to parks vandalism. It was suggested that when we get organized we could run an ad asking for volunteers.

We formed a subcommittee of Denise, Lee and Judy to look into the Parks Watch idea further. Lee to contact the Currins and Judy to look at sheriff's website.

#### VII. Plan for Next Meeting

Wednesday August 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Actions

Lee contact Neighborhood Watch

Judy check on sheriff's website

Members send potential business contacts for board game to Craig

Meeting adjourned. 6:00 P.M.

Minutes taken by Lee Taylor-Loewe

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