

Veneta Parks Board  
Minutes, September 5, 2007  
4:30 P.M.  
Ralph Johnson Park and Veneta City Hall

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

City Administrator: Ric Ingham

Guest: David Dougherty

### I. Ralph Johnson Walk Through with David Dougherty

David Dougherty had an overlay of the student plan we are hoping to implement as well as the actual site plan. We tried to visualize the best orientation for the new plan from both an aesthetic and practical point of view. It was decided that the trellis aspect be placed at the southwest corner of the park. After looking at the drawings and plans, we did a walk through of the park. We selected the various plants and trees we are interested in cutting or pruning. We noticed the many stumps left in place from previous tree removals and decided to have them chipped out.

We then did a walk around the park's property line. David suggested that a fence be placed on the east and north sides of the park to create a physical and visual boundary. Cathy suggested that berms and boulders be integrated with the new plan. We had a brief discussion about improvements (sidewalks, gutters, etc.) to 4<sup>th</sup> Street on the west side of the park.

Several of the trees are in questions. We need expert help to determine whether they are healthy or whether we should even keep them. Gail motioned that the City hire an arborist to look at the trees. Craig seconded it.

David will take our comments and desires for the park plan and work up a preliminary drawing and bring it back to us. We will schedule a special meeting with him so we won't be constrained by the time limit of our regular monthly meetings.

Board members felt excited and optimistic about how the park will look when our update plan is accomplished.

### III. New Business

Lee suggested that we set up a general donation fund for purchasing the TSP fields. During her contacts for ad space in our Fern Ridgeopoly she's had people wanting to just donate money for the TSP land acquisition. Several of the public have suggested donation jars. The idea needs to be run by Ric. (He had already left the meeting.) There's also a question of whether the general donation would be tax deductible and how to keep the monies for the TSP project accounted for since it goes to the general City account. Once again we will talk with Ric about it.

### V. Reports from Subcommittees

#### A. Fern Ridgeopoly

We've sold all four corners and thirteen of the general spaces as well as a few patron lines. The Parks Board members all agreed as to the importance of keeping each other informed of any sales each of us makes. We've had several "double sells" and it can be awkward.

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NOTE: Items II, IV, V-B and VI will be added to next month's meeting. The Ralph Johnson Park walk through took up most of the meeting time.

II. Public Comment

IV. Approve Minutes from August 1, 2007

V.- B. Neighborhood Watch

VI. Update on bioswales at Territorial Park

VII. Plan for Next Meeting

See above

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

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