

Veneta Parks Board
Minutes, October 3, 2007
4:30 P.M.
Veneta City Hall

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

Honorary Member: Ruth Germaine

Council Member: Sharon Hobart-Hardin

City Administrator: Ric Ingham

Guest: David Dougherty

I. Public Comment

None

II. New Business

Sharon invited the Parks Board to the dedication of the Bi Mart mural on Monday, October 22nd @ 5:30.

III. Approve Minutes From September 5, 2007

Approved

IV. David Dougherty and Plans for Ralph Johnson Park

Sperry Tree Service went to Ralph Johnson Park to look at the trees for us. Unfortunately, there wasn't a Parks Board member present when they were there so we didn't get all our concerns addressed. We were given a copy of their recommendations.

David Dougherty presented several conceptual drawings he made after our last get together.

Concept 1: Along the lines of the student design, oval walkway, grotto in the corner.

Concept 2: Uses a kidney shaped meandering path, more of a defined entrance area with benches and a place for a feature of some kind, entrance paths on south and west sides of park, grotto opposite main entrance.

Concept 3: Arbor is divided up into sections around a circular path, grotto is back in the SE corner.

We had a discussion about the trellis shape and placement. We all liked Concept 2 the best. We asked David to include the idea of a split trellis into the plan.

Details:

Lighting

Irrigation

Picnic tables

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David will take our suggestions and ideas and make another conceptual drawing for us. He will email the drawing so we can review it at our next meeting. We have planned to have a joint work session with the Urban Renewal Committee on November 12th @ 5:30 to present our preliminary concept with the costs estimates.

V. TSP Fundraising Report

The City and TSP did secure a sizeable grant to help with the TSP field acquisition. Ric hopes to make up the difference with some smaller grants. Most of the money hopefully will be available soon. Our Fern Ridgeopoly funds will still be applied, as needed, towards the TSP acquisition.

VI. . Reports From Subcommittees

A. Fern Ridgeopoly

Our deadline will be extended to October 16th. We have nine squares left to sell. Craig is optimistic we will sell them. He wants to have a table at Ray's Food Store on the weekend of October 12th and 13th to sell patron lines. We are in the process of acquiring drawings and pictures for the game.

B. Neighborhood Watch

We are putting the ideas of creating a Park Watch based on the Neighborhood Watch program on the back burner until we have wrapped up our fundraising efforts.

VII. Bio-Swale Clean Up

Moved to next month's agenda

VIII. Plan for Next Meeting Nov 7th

Fern Ridgeopoly follow up

Look at updated Ralph Johnson plans and prepare for joint session with the Urban Renewal Committee.

Meeting adjourned 6:00 PM

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