

Veneta Parks Board
Minutes, November 7, 2007
4:30 P.M.
Veneta City Hall

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

Honorary Member: Ruth Germaine

Council Member: Sharon Hobart-Hardin

Community Services Director: Brian Issa

City Administrator: Ric Ingham

I. Public Comment

None

II. .New Business

-We were introduced to Brian Issa who is now the new Community Services Director. He will be sitting in on all our meetings. Welcome! He wrote the Park Dedication Ordinance so he will be a knowledgeable asset for us.

-Brian reported that the Fern Park sign has been destroyed.

-Pool demolition: The Chamber wants to break up and take away the old City pool and is looking for a partner with the endeavor. Lee asked if the Parks Board would be interested. It was declined.

-Ric wanted to bring the results for the citizen's pool survey but it wasn't quite done yet. The survey overlays the library district. Several people have expressed interest in forming a pool committee. When the survey is ready the Parks Board and the pool committee can review them.

-Marie Bailey will give the end of the year report on the Farmers' Market to the City Council next Tuesday.

III. Approve Minutes From October 3, 2007

Approved

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IV. Plans for Ralph Johnson Park, Revisions emailed by David Dougherty

We looked at the revised drawing for Ralph Johnson Park. David sent some alternative arbor designs. We were especially interested in the metal arbors. It was suggested that the benches could be made out of aggregate concrete instead of wood. Both the metal and concrete concepts are attractive from the standpoint of durability and maintenance even if the upfront costs are higher.

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IV. continued

Sharon and Brian want us to make sure that we are still operating within our budget and to find out how much we have left.

Craig wants to make sure that whatever design we chose David will supply a cost estimate for implementing that design. We need to look forward to getting the actual construction costs approved from the Urban Renewal Agency. If what we choose is too expensive, then we probably won't get it funded.

Cathy suggested that we do the investigation ourselves into the costs of different arbor and bench materials and designs. That would save some hours that David would bill us if he did that research.

We are all in agreement with the design.

V. Reports from Subcommittees

a. Fern Ridgeopoly

Craig reported that we have one space left. We have two weeks to turn everything in to the company that is making the game.

Craig read off the list of space buyers for Ric Ingham. Ric said that the City would buy the last space on behalf of the Farmer's Market.

Several of us will get together before the deadline to finalize the copy and design for the game.

VI Bio-Swale Clean Up.

Denny has been weeding. Some of it has been cut back on purpose as appropriate for the particular plants. We don't need to weed after all.

VII. Plan for Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned 6:00 PM

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