

Veneta Parks Board
Minutes, March 5, 2008
4:30 P.M.
Veneta City Hall

Board Members in Attendance: Gail Wilkie, Lee Taylor-Loewe, Denise Hand, Maggie Tallmadge, Robert Hladky, Cathy Coulson-Keegan and Craig Soderberg.
Community Services Director: Brian Issa

I. Public Comment

None

II. New Business

Brian asked that Lee no longer includes the member contact list at the end of the minutes.

III. Approve Minutes From February 6 & 20, 2008

Approved

IV. Reports from Sub-Committees:

1. Fern Ridgeopoly

We will have a sale table at Ray's on Sunday, March 16th from 3-6 P.M. Lee, Gail and Craig will man (or woman :-)) the table. Members should turn any game sales revenue to City bookkeeper, Jerri Moore, but keep receipts for own files. She wants the money turned in during our regular Parks Board meetings.

2. Fern Park house walk through

Will present at a later meeting.

3. Egg Hunt (March 22)

Gail and Lee have bought candy and rented a great bunny suit. Gail faxed a donation letter to Bi-Mart corporate, but we aren't holding our breath for any response. We will meet on Saturday, March 15th from 12-4 P.M. at the Community Center to stuff the plastic Easter eggs. Key Club and the local Boy Scout troop have offered to help.

This Friday at 10 A.M. we will have a walk through of City Park, (the event venue) with Public Works director, Kyle Schauer. We want to make sure we have our age designation areas clearly delineated and address any concerns that Kyle may have.

Event day is March 22nd at 10 A.M. We would like to have the volunteers arrive at 7:30 a.m. for a meeting in the Community Center to get area assignments.

4. Earth Day (April 19)

The Oregon Department of Forestry is waiting to see if they will have any trees available for us. Brian mentioned that sometimes the BLM Watershed Council might have some left over trees we could have. Gail will make that call. Craig will check with a contact to see about getting baby rhododendrons donated. Lee will contact Territorial Seed Co to see if they would be interested in setting up a booth or donating seeds for our event. All of these are to be used as the volunteer giveaway during the event. Lee is still waiting to meet with Kyle, Ric and/or Brian to determine which park, and subsequently which activities we will use for this year's event.

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V. Weeding Bio-Swale

Lee to ask N4RG members to help with bio-swale weeding.

VI. Goals for 2008-2009

We looked at a proposed list of goals. We changed priority level on some and tweaked the wording on others. Gail will email out the finalized version. We need to decide which projects we would like to see completed this next fiscal year so we can present them to the Budget Committee, which meets on April 1st. Gail will email out a list of parks and corresponding projects so we can all start thinking about what we would like to see accomplished. We can vote on them at our next meeting.

Lee asked Brian to please educate Parks Board members on the difference between Park SDC's and Park Dedication Fees. She asked if he could have printed information on both along with the current funds associated with each and what the funds can be used for. It would help us to make more realistic project goals, something that Craig would like to see. He feels it's futile to work on a project only to find out down the road that we have no funding to complete it.

VII. Plan for next meeting

Adopt goals, set projects for Budget Committee, sub-committee updates

Meeting Adjourned: 5:20

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 19th at 4 P.M.