

Veneta Parks Board  
Minutes, May 7, 2008  
4:00 P.M.  
Veneta City Hall

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

City Council Member: Sharon Hobart-Hardin

Community Services Director: Brian Issa

#### I. Public Comment

None

#### II. .New Business

This is Maggie's last meeting. We gave her a card, roses and a balloon bouquet as a farewell and good luck present. She brought a girl from EHS, Savannah Church, who is interested in taking Maggie's spot as the student representative.

#### III. Approve Minutes From April 16, 2008

Cathy made a motion to approve minutes. Craig seconded. All approved.

#### IV. Earth Day Report

Our event this year was visited by lots of people and lots of sunshine. We had 72 registered volunteers. Many participated who didn't sign the log. Our information booths were a great new addition but didn't get much visiting by attendees. We will work on a way to increase their traffic next year. The mud pie booth was wildly successful; lots of dirty kids in evidence.

Brian Issa had some ideas for next year, namely plant the remaining bio-swale and work around the trees we planted last year. Sharon said they had five new residents of Veneta participate in Earth Day and they gave feedback that as a great way to meet people from this area. She would like to further that concept for next year's event.

All told, it was a successful event and we're looking forward to a bigger and better Earth Day 3.

#### V. Wings and Wine May 10

Our responsibility this year is pastry, baked goodies, bottled water and coffee. Denise will be in charge of coffee. Board members will bring baked items. We will meet at 6:30 to decorate the booth. The first birding tours go out at 7 and we would like to have coffee and pastry ready for the early crowd. Gail, Lee, Denise and Maggie have volunteered to sit the booth.

#### VI. Evaluate Park Needs

Sharon reminded us that the budget this fiscal year is skimpy, mainly due to the City's pool and legal issues. Sharon thinks that there really isn't a need to do the evaluation because we wouldn't have the funding to act on any issues anyway. Brian suggested that we could do an esthetics inspection and use our results for volunteer projects.

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VII. Volunteer Discussion

We discussed our desire to create a garden club. All members want to be on our Garden Club Start-up Committee.

The new committee will hold a meeting on Wed May 28<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

VIII Plan for Next Meeting

See VII.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:10

Next Meeting: June 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:00