

**Minutes of the Veneta Parks Board
September 2, 2009**

Board Members Present: Denise Hand, Savannah Church, Robert Hladky, Cathy Coulson-Keegan and Gail Wilkie

Others: Ric Ingham, City Administrator and Darci Henneman, Assistant City Recorder

Chairperson Denise Hand called the Veneta parks board to order at 4:10 p.m.

I. Public Comment
None

In response to a question from Denise, Ric explained that he will be the staff liaison temporarily, working with the Denise to draft and approve agendas. Staff will prepare and mail out the packets prior to the meetings. This will also include the civic calendar.

Denise said the minutes for June 3, 2009 will be approved at today's meeting. The May meeting was cancelled because there was no quorum and there was not a meeting in July or August. Gail said she would try to locate the April 1, 2009 and March 4, 2009 minutes for the minute book.

Report from last month: Status on meeting with Dennis from Kiwanis regarding hamburgers provided at Earth Day. It was decided to move forward regarding this issue and communicate with the Kiwanis about providing burgers for next year's Earth Day.

II. Approve Minutes from June 3, 2009
Robert moved to approve minutes. Gail seconded. All approved.

III. Committee Updates

a. Garden Club

Denise said the Garden Club is well on its way as a stand alone committee. They have appointed a secretary and Edie Moro as president. They have been touring all summer and their first meeting will be in September at the Fern Ridge Community Library. Denise said the Club's main goal is to educate school teachers and students on gardening practices.

In response to a question from Gail, Denise said she was a member of the Garden Club and the Club is interested in participating with Earth Day. Gail said she would attend the next meeting.

b. Bylaw Updates

Gail said Craig has been working on updating the bylaws and suggested Craig provide the draft changes at the next meeting. Ric said he would talk with Craig and get an update on what changes he's made.

IV. Old Business

a. Review of 2008-2009 Goals

Five goals were agreed upon for the 2009/10. They are as follows:

1. Update and finalize the bylaws
2. Create a mission statement for the Board
3. Assist the Pool Committee with fundraising by selling bricks, Fern-opoly games and hotdogs at the Holiday Bazaar in November (Denise will reserve two tables)
4. Continue with the Easter Egg Hunt and Earth Day
5. Work on establishing hiking/biking trails

b. Other

Gail suggested the Board inform the City Council of the 2008/09 goals that were accomplished and as well as the Board's 2009/10 goals.

Ric said Fern Ridge School District Board of Directors would like to be more involved with the City.

Gail and Denise will attend the Pool Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2009.

V. New Business

a. 2009-2010 Goals

Savannah said many high school students did not participate in Earth Day last year because it was the same day as the Senior Prom. Ric suggested holding Earth Day the Saturday prior or after National Earth Day.

Cathy suggested working with the library to have a story teller at the Easter Egg Hunt (Pony Gilbert to tell an American Indian or spring time story); creating an ageless special area for disabled children to participate in the Hunt; and have the Garden Club provide paper cup seedlings to the kids. Denise said she would run that by Edie Morrell.

Gail volunteered to draft the 2009/10 Goals and Ric will prepare a draft agenda for the October 7, 2009 meeting and review it with Denise.

VI. Next Meeting.

The next Parks Board meeting will be October 7, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

Chairperson Denise Hand adjourned the Veneta Parks Board at 5:30 p.m.