

Minutes of the Veneta Park Board

August 7, 2013

Board Members

Present: Cal Beach, Penny Lacky, Elmira Louie, and Craig Soderberg

Others: Ric Ingham, City Administrator; Brittany Boothe, City Council Liaison; and Darci Henneman, Assistant City Recorder

Because there was no quorum, the meeting could not be called to order. The attending board members decided to review the agenda and work through the items.

I. Public Comment
None

II. Approve Minutes for June 5, 2013
The minutes could not be approved because there was not a quorum.

III. Event Planning

1. Flick N Float Family Movie Night August 17th at Veneta Community Pool

Ric said Cathy was going to form a subcommittee to assist staff with the family movie night. He said staff has done quite a bit of work and the event infrastructure is in place; staff purchased an inflatable screen and a sound system that will hook up to our power point projector. He said last week the Park Board agreed to pay the rental fee for the movie.

Ric said people will be able to sit in the grass and concrete area to watch the movie. He said the teen night event at the pool was very successful with over 100 kids attending. He said many attendees said they were looking forward to bringing the whole family to the Flick and Float. Park Board members are being asked to assist at the pool during this event. He will ask Kyle about people being able to bring chairs.

Cal and Brittany cannot attend the Flick N Float. Penny and Elmira will be there.

Darci will send an email reminder and a flyer and she will send Craig a volunteer signup sheet for the Harvest Festival.

Ric suggested arriving at the pool at 7:30 p.m. He said Stacy is organizing the event along with Kyle and Chris Workman. He said Dennis and Cathy will also be attending the event. He also suggested getting a poster published in the Fern Ridge Review.

2. Harvest Festival – September 14th

Penny said she cannot attend this event but she can help with the booth setup. She said she and Elmira will work on coming up with some new activities for this year's booth.

Cal said he can put a few hours in at the booth.

Craig said he will send out a volunteer sign-up sheet for two hour segments. He said the Festival runs from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Elmira said she can talk to Key Club members but the Key Club will have their own booth this year. She's not sure how many volunteers she can get but she's sure she can get a few.

Ric said the booth set up and tear down will also require assistance from several Board members.

Penny said the event notebooks are at the community center and she will try to get the map from Marie. She will also complete the equipment check off list and take an inventory of what she has for the basket raffle as well as soda and water.

Craig said he will help to make the booth different from last year and he, Penny and Elmira will work together. The subcommittee will provide an update at the next meeting.

Cal said he will talk to some of his vendors about donating some soda.

Penny would like the Park Board booth to be on W. Broadway. She said last year's booth brought in 73 people.

Darci said she will email the City's tax identification number to Cal.

3. Arbor Day/Tree City USA Opportunity

In response to a question from Craig, Ric said the City started celebrating Arbor Day in conjunction with Earth Day but it became difficult to do that when we started celebrating Earth Day at Veneta Elementary. He said the landscaping at the service center could have provided an opportunity but now it looks like there will be enough funds in the budget to get the landscaping done professionally. Staff would like to corroborate with Veneta Elementary for a Tree City/water pipeline dedication event by having 3 and 4th graders participate with the program. He said Veneta started the pipeline discussion 50 years ago and what better way to move forward with the future than to involve area youth.

Ric suggested using tree funds to buy a substantial tree for planting which would be our Tree City function. He said Kay and Kyle have zeroed in on a spot in Broadway Park to plant a cedar tree. The challenge for the Park Board/Tree Board is that this will be a weekday function and not a weekend function.

In response to a question from Craig, Ric said the tree planting has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 17th. He said staff will work with the school for a morning event.

Craig said he could talk to a logging company about the possibility of getting a large tree out of the woods.

Ric said we also need to make sure we have a large enough truck to deliver the tree.

Cal said he could attend a morning event.

Penny wants to make sure everyone's email hasn't changed. Darci said she will email the updated contact list.

In response to a question from Craig, Ric said Barb Nelson's position on the Park Board is still vacant. He said it's difficult to recruit a volunteer position during the summer. He said the position will be re-advertised in the fall.

The meeting ended at 5:07 p.m.

VI. Next Meeting – September 4, 2013