

# Minutes of the Veneta Park Board

## January 6, 2016

### Board Members

**Present:** Stephanie Fuller; Matt Horowitz; Cathy Coulson-Keegan; Jody Kenney; Brad Renfro; and Craig Soderberg

**Others:** Ric Ingham, City Administrator; Kay Bork, Community Development Director; Victoria Hedenstrom, City Council; Darci Henneman, City Recorder

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- I. Chair Craig Soderberg reviewed the agenda and called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.
- II. Public Comments  
None
- III. Approve Minutes for December 2, 2015  
Cathy motioned to approve the minutes. Matt seconded, all approved.
- IV. Old Business/Status of:
  1. Recap of Tree Lighting  
Ric said the event went well and there was a great turn out. He said hopefully next year, we can have the Tree Lighting at Veneta Elementary in the new courtyard area.
  2. Recap of Light Parade  
Ric said the storm that moved through the night of the parade made it questionable whether or not the event should continue but we had a break in the weather and the parade went very well. He said fewer spectators attended but that made traffic control a little easier.  
  
Matt said the volunteer orientation prior to the event was very helpful.  
  
Ric said many floats were still stopping along the route to refill candy buckets to hand out to spectators. He suggested next year the candy should be stored in wagons and not on the floats.  
  
Cathy said she was impressed with the number of floats and the displays.  
  
There was a discussion about the Park Board coordinating a rain gear fashion show.  
  
Jody said her husband, Calvin walked with the Santa fire truck and that he basically trotted for 2.5 miles.  
  
Ric said he thinks the fire engine's transmission doesn't allow it to go any slower.
  3. Update on Committee Assignments  
Craig suggested they think about next year's Tree City event and if anyone wants to be involved, please let him know.  
  
Matt said he will do a presentation at the event.  
  
Craig said regarding the Earth Day event at Veneta Elementary, he will give Stephanie's contact information to Olivia Johnson, principal at Veneta Elementary.  
  
Matt suggested printing bumper stickers for the event and he provided a sample.  
  
Kay said she will help with design for the bumper stickers if needed.

Darci will update the committee matrix and email it to Craig.

#### IV. Event Planning

##### 1. Easter Egg Hunt

Cathy said the subcommittee has met three times. She said originally Desiree volunteered to co-chair the Easter Egg Hunt with her but since we haven't seen her for a few months, Robert will co-chair the event.

Ric said staff will contact Desiree.

Cathy said she contacted the company that produces the eco eggs. She said they are a little more expensive but she felt its good public relations that the Park Board is going green; plus the eggs are made in the USA. She said total cost for 5000 eggs is \$621.20 - \$400 for the eggs and \$221.20 in shipping. She said total event costs are estimated at \$1083.20 but she would like to round that up to \$1100. This includes \$312 for candy and \$150 for advertising in the Fern Ridge Review.

Ric said the Kiwanis pay for the thank you ad published in the Fern Ridge Review.

Matt motioned to approve the Easter Egg Hunt budget of \$1083.20, Brad seconded, all approved.

In response to a question from Cathy, Ric said he would see if Kyle can attend the subcommittee meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> along with representatives from the other organizations. He said that would be a good time to talk with Kyle about an area for the 11 to 12 year olds.

Darci will complete the Facilities Rental permit for the use of Veneta Elementary.

##### 2. Earth Day

Stephanie will meet with Olivia and she will talk with the other Sanipac rep who worked on their booth

Craig said he has yet to hear from Carol after many calls to her.

#### V. Other

Matt suggested when meeting packets are sent via email, members should respond whether or not they would like a copy of the complete packet or just an agenda printed for reference at the meeting.

Ric said City Park lost 18 trees from the December wind storm. He said the remaining trees may be an issue for future high winds. He said City staff would like to look at all the options for the park and whether or not the remaining trees should be removed to create a large open space.

Matt said he surveyed the park after the storm and said the large "lightening rod tree" went down due to wet roots and not from root decay. He said the trees did not go down at the same time. He said if we want to replant the park, he suggested grafts from heritage civil war plantings can be purchased which are very popular in Veterans' memorials. He said he felt City Park is really the gem of all our parks and whatever is done, it should be well thought through.

Cathy said could we have themed park like Hendricks Park in Eugene.

Ric said ornamental parks take a lot of work and many volunteers.

There was a thorough discussion about sprucing up the fountain at the skate park and/or contracting with a local artist to retile the fountain base.

#### VI. Next Meeting – February 3, 2016

Cathy motioned to adjourn the meeting, Stephanie seconded, all approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.