

**MINUTES**  
**FAIRVIEW CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**FAIRVIEW CITY HALL**  
**1300 NE VILLAGE STREET**  
**FAIRVIEW, OREGON 97024**

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**APRIL 4, 2001 -- 7:30pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/  
ROLL CALL**

Mayor Vonderharr called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Roger Vonderharr  
Councilor Ken Quinby  
Councilor Sherry Lillard (arrived 7:40pm)  
Councilor Steve Owen  
Councilor Len Edwards  
Councilor James Raze  
Councilor Barbara Jones

STAFF PRESENT: Marilyn Holstrom, City Administrator  
John Andersen, Community Development  
Director  
Caren Huson, City Recorder

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilor Edwards moved and Councilor Quinby seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of a Liquor License Application for Fairview's Little Red Store and the Minutes of March 21, 2001.

AYES: 6  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

**III. CITIZENS WISHING TO  
SPEAK ON NON-AGENDA  
ITEMS**

Mayor Vonderharr called for persons wishing to speak on non-agenda items. As there was no response, the session continued.

**IV. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**A. FAIRVIEW PARKS &  
RECREATION/OPEN  
SPACES MASTER  
PLAN**

Mayor Vonderharr introduced the Parks Committee and Planning Commission, and Bob Paine of County Commissioner Roberts' office. John Andersen, Community Development Director, provided a brief synopsis of the City's current Parks Master Plan which was adopted in 1994. Director Andersen described potential recreational sites throughout the City, including a possible public/private sports park. Director Andersen reported that the Action Plan included in the Parks Master Plan Update, dated February 2000, depicted what the City needed to do to better serve the recreational needs of the community; the old plan focussed on open space and a more passive approach, whereas the new plan calls for more parks as growth has dictated recreational facilities. Director Andersen stated that the new plan includes more children's playgrounds, more active involvement activities, learning activities, more active bicycle/pedestrian improvements, working with school districts for community centers, taking

advantage of City historical structures, looking at cost savings for parks maintenance, and developing corporate sponsorships. Director Andersen distributed the "Implementation" portion of the Master Plan Update which contained information on how the City would pay for all of its parks. Director Andersen commented that the new Parks Plan was proposing a Parks System Development Charge increase from \$981 to \$1,313.

Will Herrington of the Parks Committee mentioned that Gresham had performed a study and had determined that it would cost \$300,000 a year to maintain a sports parks. Director Andersen stated that that was correct and added that sports parks were very expensive to maintain; however, they also generate a lot of money, which is how the City of Bend parks system financed itself - their sports park made enough money from athletic tournaments to pay for park maintenance. Mr. Herrington suggested that it would be a good idea to approach a private/public partnership for a sports park in Fairview.

Councilor Raze stated that children's recreational activities were more important to him than creating additional walking trails; the City needs to focus dollars on active projects. Mayor Vonderharr mentioned that the City must think about how to place facilities before user fees start coming in. Councilor Raze commented that when you raise SDC fees to develop parks, the end cost goes to the person buying the house and lot; he would be interested in discussing a Parks Levy as the City can not put the entire burden of park costs on new residents.

Councilor Edwards stated that the City really needed parks which were large enough for families and kids to use, but he would hate to take industrial land off the City's tax roll to build a park. Director Andersen commented that the land proposed for the sports park was not useable for industrial development.

Councilor Lillard questioned why the City's Crestwood Shop site was not depicted as a potential park site. Director Andersen responded that he was not aware that a discussion had occurred regarding that site, but that staff would research the viability of such a plan.

Director Andersen explained that parks planning and construction is paid for out of Community Development and Parks SDCs; park maintenance is handled by Public Works and the money comes out of the General Fund. Councilor Edwards commented that the City needed to look at updating some of its current parks, such as Park Cleone.

Councilor Owen asked if there was any information available about the City Parks Levy which failed. Marilyn Holstrom, City Administrator, responded that the levy was totally for maintenance of parks. Councilor Owen stated that the comments he heard from residents was that there were so many little parks in the City which they termed "insignificant" and not worth the maintenance costs and that is why that Parks Levy had failed. Councilor Owen commented that as the City moves forward and develops more park sites, the question was could we afford to maintain them. Director Andersen responded that the Action Plan calls for community support of the parks. Councilor Owen asked what the status was for the improvements at Blue Lake Park. Director Andersen responded that he thought a meeting would occur soon to finalize the plans, and that the

recommended draft plan called for closure of the old swim center, expansion of meeting facilities, expansion of recreational resources in terms of water-related activities, a cultural and natural resource center, and converting the current large open area into a golf learning center.

Director Andersen asked those around the table to provide their comments and suggestions on the proposed Parks Master Plan Update. Comments included: the need for citizen involvement, partnering with other cities for recreational activities, the use of historical resources, providing more pathways to our parks, making our parks a "destination", additional bicycle paths, holding after school programs, using more crews from the Sheriff's Department for maintenance, providing something for each age group, and the possibility of creating an "Adopt-a-Park" program. Director Andersen thanked everyone for their participation and feedback.

At 9:30pm, Mayor Vonderharr called for a ten minute break.

**V. CITY ADMINISTRATOR  
REPORT**

Administrator Holstrom stated that Council had been given a Tourism Report from the Committee which was formed to review tourism in East County; Fairview's representative on the Committee is Bill Wean of the Portland/Fairview RV Park. The Committee will present their findings at the next East County Cities Regional Issues Forum, which has been scheduled for May 17, 2001. Administrator Holstrom reported that the closing for the Target store would occur the following day. Administrator Holstrom commented that the Council had received a letter from Interim Multnomah County Chair Bill Farver in regards to roads and the Sheriff Department. Mr. Farver was suggesting turning over the roads in East County to Gresham, along with part of the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Noelle was not part of this idea or supportive of it, and in fact heard of the idea from the three cities. Mr. Farver will be meeting with the four Mayors of East County the following morning to discuss his plan. The Mayors of Fairview, Troutdale and Wood Village had already sent a letter to Mr. Farver opposing his proposal.

**VI. MAYOR/COMMITTEE  
REPORTS AND COUNCIL  
CONCERNS**

Councilor Jones thanked all of the law enforcement officers who came to the aid of the old City Hall last week when someone had tried to burn it down. Councilor Lillard stated that she was disgusted to hear about the arson and tagging spree and that she hoped whoever did it was caught and had to pay for what they did.

Councilors Raze, Edwards, Quinby, and Owen had no reports or concerns.

Mayor Vonderharr reported that he had been attending quite a few meetings, and that he would be in Salem the following day for the League of Oregon Cities Day at the Capital.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilor Quinby moved and Councilor Lillard seconded the motion to adjourn. Mayor Vonderharr adjourned the meeting at 9:55pm.

AYES: 7  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

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Mayor Roger Vonderharr

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Dated:

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Caren C. Huson Quiniones  
City Recorder