

City of Fairview  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes  
March 30, 2017

**PRESENT:**

Darren Riordan, Chair  
Hollie Holcombe  
Bob Dolphin  
Steven Marker  
Councilor Natalie Voruz

**ABSENT:**

Lauri Kreamier, Vice Chair  
Steve Kaufman

**STAFF:**

Peter Armans, Engineering Associate

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Brian Cooper (as member of the public)

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair Riordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**2. REVIEW AND ADOPT MINUTES – February 22, 2017**

The minutes from the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2017 meeting were tabled and reviewed. Dolphin moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Marker seconded it, and minutes were approved by consensus.

**3. STAFF UPDATE**

Armans updated on Lake Shore Park – the platforms and walking paths are completed. Footings have been poured for the first shelter, and 2<sup>nd</sup> shelter will be put up in the next couple of months. Council previously recommended installing 2<sup>nd</sup> shelter during the first year if the funds are sufficient. We cannot do bank stabilization due to softness of the soil restriction construction equipment access. Bob Dolphin facilitated a meeting with people from drainage district, visiting the site. They may be able to help us next year, working off a barge, since we cannot put equipment on the soil.

Multiple Parks – We signed the contract for the fabrication and design for park markers, so that is on the way.

Last meeting PRAC suggested to put graffiti proof benches in Salish Park. Our Public Works park staff is already doing that as part of their regular park maintenance. We also ordered the benches for the gazebos at Handy Park and Park Cleone. These were things that we had listed on our table from our previous meetings for CIP projects. The updating of the Park Master Plan is under way and will be completed by Katherine prior to her departure.

Riordan asked if there had been contact with ODFW in regards to stocking and a fishing derby. Armans responded that they had tried many times, and Allan Berry sent an email ODFW. They responded that they had been and will continue to be very busy for the next couple of weeks. In about 3 weeks we will meet with them. Marker expressed a concern to keep ODFW focused on fishing derby for kids, because they are an integral part of the event providing volunteers and equipment to assist. Really wants to make sure we keep the lines of communication open with them,

so we can make this happen. Armans responded that he will indeed keep the lines of communication with ODFW open as well as keeping the Cottages in the loop.

Council Voruz asked if ODFW have committed to the fishing Derby. Armans indicated that from ODFW's e-mail it appears that there is no clear commitment yet. Cooper indicated that ODFW committed to being involved but without an agreement on dates or discussion of details.

Council Voruz asked if Katherine Ashford will finish the Master Plan before the end of her contract. Armans confirmed.

#### **4. DISCUSSION ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Dolphin brought to the committee that the owner of piece of property, about a 2 acre L shaped parcel with Fairview Creek running through it, contacted the Drainage District and is wanting to sell the property. The parcel is located north of Heron Park, by the walking path, near railroad track, in the wetlands area. East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District may find the money to buy it. The challenge becomes that they don't manage the land, if they are willing to buy it, and then donate it to us, would the City be willing to manage it? The owner is the same guy that owns the corner lot. It was suggested that he would donate the land for a tax write off.

Riordan asked about the advantages of taking on the management of the property if it is purchased/donated, other than us owning the rights to the land. Dolphin answered that from conservation aspect, it may make sense. Cooper indicated that the property has a value of \$18,000, and pays \$390 yearly in taxes. Riordan added that it could be used to protect creek watershed, it is a sensitive area, in the wildlife corridor, connected to an area already being revamped. Cooper added that if the proposed trail, in the Transportation Plan, running on the north side of railroad tracks was ever built, there could be a bird watching point or nature site. Dolphin mentioned some concerns regarding transients using the property as a homeless camp. Cooper indicated that the property may not require extensive maintenance. Riordan mentioned that it is a good point for future discussion. Armans let the committee know that Allan Berry is aware of this property as well.

Marker asked about damage caused by the recent wet/windy weather. Armans let the committee know that the maintenance crew is using inmates to help with clean up during the past week. The Public Works Department is also working on a contract for clean up along Fairview Creek and are trying to get quotes from contractors for that. Armans let the committee know that he did stop by the area when the county was out there, and asked about the cleanup as he was concerned about the debris getting into the storm lines.

#### **5. 2017 PRAC WORK-PLAN**

Armans shared the adopted work plan for reference to the committee.

Councilor Voruz provided clarification about the Council direction regarding bathrooms at Salish. Voruz indicated that only design plans are requested at this time and not installation. Voruz also clarified that the Council is looking for PRAC's recommendation on the Heslin House and jail upgrades.

Holcombe -on the Heslin House Jail, were any drawings of the original construction found from the Historic Society? Cooper responded that we think they have the drawings, but the problem is that they can't find a guy that wants to work in the old style iron method on how they built it. The metal door needs to be restored, and there are some drainage issues and storm water issues, with water coming in from the county road. Armans clarified that a berm was built in the past and temporarily fixed the drainage issue, but it no longer holds and now water pools at the door and gets in the jail.

## 6. TWO CITIES RECREATION PLAN

Riordan explained that a Recreation Plan is being proposed for the cities of Wood Village and Fairview to work together with one full time person sharing the cost at 60/40 to implement a recreation plan which may include soccer camps, fishing derbies, outdoor movie nights, arts & music events, and possible field trips. There was a Two Cities meeting recently at Wood Village Baptist.

Cooper indicated that a lot of churches are interested in being involved. Riordan mentioned that the Friends of Fairview will lend hands, and there is a lot of community support. Councilor Voruz clarified that there is a gap for underprivileged school age kids and recreation opportunities, whereas most private opportunities are not available to them because of finances and also because of transportation problems. Grants will be looked at to provide these kinds of opportunities to the kids.

Cooper reported that the total budget for the Rec. Program is split at \$45,000 Wood Village and \$68,000 Fairview to include the cost of the program and an employee's salary. Councilor Voruz highlighted that the budget doesn't factor in enough money for supplies, but it mostly for the employee cost. The school district have said they will be willing to help but there can't be a direct expense to the school district's budget. Katherine Ashford is the candidate for the position and can she be paid to do that, once she is done with her current job for the City of Fairview.

Riordan mentioned that the assumption is to solicit corporate support. Councilor Voruz indicated that the current budget assumes at least \$10,000 of corporate sponsors. There is a committee to work on this plan. Cooper added that Katherine has been out meeting with the community to get support from county, etc. We can't actually ask for money until there is a program. Some churches already have some rec programs and may get involved after the two cities program starts. This is a 3 year pilot program.

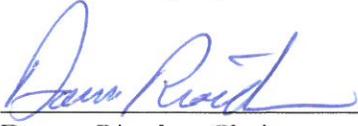
Dolphin asked about the committee update to Council. Riordan replied that there is a minor discussion about costs related to bathrooms and the report went well.

Riordan made a motion to recommend to Council to fully support the Two Cities Recreation Plan and Holcomb seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Councilor Voruz was asked to convey the motion to Council.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

Riordan moved to adjourn the meeting, Marker seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM by consensus.

  
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Peter Armans  
Engineering Associate

  
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Darren Riordan, Chair  
  
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Date 5/25/17

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