

PARK ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

March 14, 2019

1. ROLL CALL

Dale Collins, Izzie Elliott, Mal Miner, Lindy Young, Caleb Unema

Staff: Chris Workman

Guest: Mayor Niemann, Michael Sprouse, and Laura Brown

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of March 2019 approved

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Finalize bands publicity for Music in the Park: Dale will take care of banner for Music in the Park. The dates will be printed larger on the banner. Chris mentioned the poster. Izzie and Lindy will hand out posters and Caleb will post in the South Town area. Chris suggested asking Philomath artists possibly the group from Open Studios if they would like to display art inside the shelter during the event. Dale has tried to contact them. Izzie will ask the High School Art teacher if she wants to participate with her students. Mal pointed out that the Corvallis Art Group would know about hanging art and the best way to do it.

3.2 Flossie Overman Park update: Chris reported that both bids were way over what they had anticipated. Our "all in" was \$250,000 and the low bids were over \$400,000. Lots of land moving has to be done, topsoil brought in, some dirt removed, storm water collection, water fountains, all the underneath work. So cutting has to be done somewhere. Chris has asked for donations of boulders from Knife River. He said they are "flexing," meaning cutting from the original sketch. An example would be to put in an 8 ft fence instead of a 12 ft fence or put in a fence later rather than right now. The question of volunteers to do some non-engineering projects was raised as a possible way to save money, for instance, helping with landscaping. SDC money of \$80,000 has been budgeted. We could allocate some funds in July if necessary.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Let's Pull Together: Laura Brown from the Benton Soil and Water Conservation District (Benton SWCD) would like to host a "Let's Pull Together" on Invasive Species Day, May 18, 2019 at Mary's River Park under the auspices of Sustaining Oregon's Legacy by Volunteering (SOLVE). The plan is to get ivy off the trees and work on the blackberries if we get enough people. Benton SWCD has some equipment. Lindy said that the Community Garden has tools. Mayor Niemann said we could also let the local Scout Troops be involved. Laura suggested that maybe a local food establishment could assist with refreshments. Chris will make sure it is in the newsletter that accompanies the water bill. The Parks Board enthusiastically approved support for the project.

Camus moving project in 2021: Collect seed this summer and make plans to move the plants from behind the City Hall later.

4.2 Mayor Niemann brought up the idea of new ball fields for use during the summer. There are 268 kids signed up to play in the City Park or various school fields. PYAC has access to two small fields at Philomath Middle School. Discussion was held about areas that might be available for additional ball fields, such as in the new Skirvin Park behind the Rodeo grandstands or Marys River Park. Chris has been in contact with Eddie about Skirvin Park. The fact that this area is in a flood plain is of concern. Funding for building and maintaining a ball park was discussed. PYAC and the city could possibly provide some of the funding. However, a ball park or parks are not yet on the Parks Board comprehensive plan, Dale commented. To be discussed further.

5. ADJOURNMENT

6:15 p.m. adjourned.