

North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District
Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board
Minutes of Friday, August 12, 2011 Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Siri Bernard, William Bersie, Kim Buchholz, John Gill, Ben Horner-Johnson, Eleanor Johnson, Chuck Petersen, Katie Rudolf, Gary Rutledge, Elizabeth Young

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Denise Anderson, Ben Tabler

STAFF PRESENT: Brandi Walters, Joan Young

GUESTS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Eleanor Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chuck Petersen moved that the minutes be approved. Ben Horner-Johnson seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS:

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD -- Bill Bersie stated the District board toured the parks facilities and were joined by two County Commissioners. Commissioner Paul Savas has been identified as a possible liaison to North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District. The City of Milwaukie recommended appointment of Siri Bernard to the Community Advisory Board and the District Board concurred with the recommendation. Her application will be submitted to the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners for final approval. The District passed an agreement supporting a memorandum of understanding with the City of Damascus to work cooperatively on development of a concept plan for the 7.5 acre Anderegg property. Tonia Burns gave a presentation outlining the Parks District's natural resources and inventory. The District board discussed the processes which have taken place regarding building the Trolley Trail.

N. CLACKAMAS PARK STEWARDSHIP – John Gill was unable to attend the last meeting. John stated he is resigning from the Stewardship Committee. Eleanor asked the board members to consider the open position. John gave a brief description of the Stewardship Committee, touching on priorities and difficulties. Siri Bernard volunteered to serve. Bill Bersie moved to nominate Siri and Elizabeth seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

NUTRITION/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Ben Tabler was unable to attend the Board meeting. Joan presented his report. Kathi Schroeder has been working as the Nutrition Program Coordinator and was recently hired as regular staff. The Nutrition Program just completed an annual satisfaction survey of Meals on Wheels recipients and congregate meal attendees. The results showed Meals on Wheels recipients are extremely grateful. Congregate meal patrons were slightly more critical. However, congregate meal approval improved dramatically over last year's results with most areas receiving a 90+% approval rating.

Marty Hanley, the Center's Transportation Coordinator, recently completed a bus rider survey. The survey, which took place following the recent fee increase, revealed a highly favorable rider opinion of the program. Ridership is up 17% for the year. As a result, staff are coordinating and prioritizing ride requests.

PROGRAM/SERVICES COMMITTEE – The next committee meeting is October 5.

FRIENDS OF THE MILWAUKIE CENTER, INC. – Ben Horner-Johnson reported Doug White, North Clackamas Chamber member, has joined the Friends Board. The endowment fund is up 30k. The Friends of Milwaukie Center Board members are considering staff proposals for the Bob's Red Mill yearly contribution. Recently, new dishware for the kitchen, a new entry mat and three more efficient refrigerators have been ordered.

CENTER REPORT:

Joan passed out AARP Public Policy Institute statistics regarding aging and Baby Boomers.

Joan stated Cascade Heights is in the process of negotiating to move into the old Clackamas Elementary School. The Center is interviewing for a part-time cook. Ed Drake will be leaving due to a move to California. Social Service staff has been participating in health fairs to increase community outreach. The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners has been encouraging volunteerism. A videographer from Clackamas County visited the Center recently to capture video footage and interview a few Meals on Wheels volunteers. The video will be shown on the county's cable channel.

The Center is hosting a "Beach Bum and Ice Cream Social" today, sponsored by Homewoods on the Willamette. The John Munger Memorial Jazz Band will be unable to play due to the memorial service for one of their longtime musicians planned for the same time as the event. The Center will be closed September 4-11 for maintenance and organizing.

Eleanor asked for an update on the accreditation process. Joan explained other centers that have been involved in the process have recommended starting with the strategic plan. A survey is being created to be distributed in September. The results will be used to help create a new Milwaukie Center Strategic Plan.

INFORMATION/ANNONCEMENTS: None

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETINGS: Milwaukie Center parking lot and pedestrian issue options for improvement. Katie Dunham has worked with the county transportation planner to put recommendations out to staff for feedback. She is hoping to bring a modified plan to the CCAB in September. Kim suggested the Board members tour the Milwaukie Center exterior prior to the meeting to become better acquainted with issues related to the North Side Plan.

ADJOURN:

Chair Eleanor adjourned the meeting at 10:17 am.

Respectfully approved by: Katie Rudfelt, Secretary

Milwaukie Center

Mission:

To be a link to resources for older adults and their families
– and a place for the community to gather, grow and contribute.

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