



NORTH CLACKAMAS PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT

Center/Community Advisory Board Minutes

DATE: November 14, 2014; 9:30 a.m.

Location: Milwaukie Center

Members Present: Siri Bernard, Louise Fisher, Virginia Seitz

Members Absent: Kim Buchholz, Bill Bersie, Lisa Ferguson, Teena Hall, Ben Horner-Johnson

Staff Present: Carl Switzer, Marty Hanley, Robin Bruce

Friends: Colleen Sinsel

Guests: Joel Bergman, Kristin Messing

Call to Order: Siri Bernard called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Introduction of guests: Joel Bergman and Kristin Messing are candidates for appointment to the board. Robin Bruce explained where we are in the process of appointing new members to the board. All information has been sent to the BCC for their approval and we should have an answer within the month.

Approval of Minutes from September, 2014: A quorum is not present, so the vote will be tabled until the next C/CAB meeting.

Board member information/announcements: Louise Fisher asked about use of the building and was told Rose Hunt was the person she wants to speak with.

District Update: Carl Switzer gave an update on the Measure 4-351 ballot to create an independent parks and recreation district. He said the ballot did not pass and it would have done two things: 1) make the district independent of the county with an elected board of five members, all residents of the district, and 2) raise the tax rate by 35 cents per \$1000 in assessed values to 89 cents per \$1000.

The ballot failed by about 3500 votes. Carl said this is not a dire situation even though costs are going up and the revenue will remain the same. We will continue to maintain our facilities, but over time we will have to make some tough decisions. Staff will continue to do a great job and provide the excellent services our patrons expect.

The ballot may be reformulated and tried again. Thanks to those who supported this effort.

Colleen said she heard there was a lack of understanding and heard the ballot “would add another layer of government.” Louise said she heard the ballot was too complicated.

There was no organized opposition and the ballot was not controversial. There were 4000 under votes, where people did not vote either way for the ballot.

Louise said she thinks this showed a lack of appreciation for our parks.

Committee Reports:

Nutrition/Transportation/Social Services: No report.

Recreation and Program: Louise said the new classes are full and doing well. At the end of May, recreation would like to hold a Senior Field Day with fun games, non-intimidating walks, talks, and adaptive activities and clinics. There is no budget for this project and would rely on volunteer and community support. The committee would also like to have a barbecue, gifts for preregistration, and outreach demos in the community.

Marty said a side effect of a failed ballot is increased participation due to publicity of our programs.

Facility and Rentals: Ben sent an email with the committee report. It will be sent to members.

District Advisory Board: No report.

Area Agency on Aging: Virginia said the advisory council met on Nov. 10.

- The focus of this group this year is emergency preparedness. New York and Los Angeles were sued in a crisis situation where seniors were not cared for.
- In the county, they are working on connecting a website with 911. This system was used during the Estacada fire for finding shelter for everyone.
- AAA held a candidates forum and will bring winners back on Dec. 1 to strategize for seniors.
- Focus groups are working on transportation services for seniors
- The Age Friendly Communities Project – AARP worldwide project. We will start with Oregon City and then other communities in Clackamas County.

Friends of the Milwaukie Center:

- Colleen announced that Kay Loeffl is no longer working with the Friends and Judy Wellington was hired to replace Kay.
- The Housing Fair was very successful. They had to turn eight vendors away. The Friends are considering moving to the weekend so they would have room for more vendors.

Center Report: Marty Hanley reported.

- The Center earned the Age Friendly designation from Elders in Action. They sent secret shoppers to find out how good our customer service was (highest marks), accessibility of the building, safety features, and other measures.

- In the fall we start the emergency firewood program to supplement heat for seniors and the disabled.
- The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) has started. The Center is given 150 applications to give out. Social Service staff meets with eligible people to help fill out the applications.
- The Famous Sunday Thanksgiving Dinner is on Nov. 23 from 4 to 6 p.m. This dinner supports the Nutrition Program.
- The Center has a new sponsor, Milwaukie Providence. They will donate one Meals on Wheels (MOW) meal per month (\$2500 a year), stickers will be placed on MOW packages, table tents will have information about Providence and they will be acknowledged on message boards.
- There has been some staff turnover. Todd Shetterly retired. Nolan Borntrager, one of our drivers, will take over the Transportation coordination and Robin Bruce will do the Travel Planning. Anita Carrillo will not be returning from medical leave and her position as a kitchen worker will be refilled. Paul Baker will be an on-call driver and Linda Whitmore will backup the drivers as well.
- Travel is a money maker for Transportation and charges 150% of the cost of the trips.
- Winter Fest will be held on Dec. 9 at 1:30 p.m.
- Siri commented on the newsletter. The paper quality has gone down and half of the newsletter is printed in black and white. The Friends support Center programs including the newsletter. The more the newsletter costs, the less money the Friends can contribute to programs and services.
- Siri announced that she is working part time and will still be able to participate on the C/CAB.
- The next C/CAB meeting will be on Dec. 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment:

Siri adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.