

## **Parks Advisory Board Meeting Minutes June 25, 2014**

Present- Norma Hernandez , Brad Johnston, Kim Williams, Councilor Karen Mellin, Tammy Loughran and Howard Rub

Absent- Grace Laman and Jay Flint

Guest- Sheila Beveridge

Staff- Terra Patterson, Randy Boar and Phil Elkins

Meeting was called to Order at 6:51am by chairperson Norma Hernandez.

### **Chair Person Section**

1. What do you hear- Brad talked about the positive article in the Daily Astorian yesterday, June 24th.
2. Karen Mellin discussed the positive feedback about the proposed dog park. She also talked about a new volunteer for the McClure Park.

### **Employee Recognition**

1. Angela recognized Randy Boar who is working for the parks maintenance department. Angela discussed his dedication with the department. Phil talked about the numerous tasks Randy has taken on.

### **Presentation**

1. Terra gave a presentation on progress for the Ocean View Cemetery data entry.

### **Old Business**

- A. Tammy gave an update on the Parks foundation reviewing what the foundation has been working on. She talked about progress with the Lindstrom bathroom project and working with the MOMS club and reviewed their fundraiser. Additionally, they have provided administrative support for the dog park group.
- B. Angela discussed the way finding signage and the grant recently applied for, for the project. Staff continue to work with GreenWorks on designs for signage.
- C. The Ford Family Foundation project to revamp the teen center at the new recreation center was reviewed. The group will be putting on an event at the new location. The group working with the foundation will be doing fund raising to raise the necessary matching funds for the project.
- D. The ARC relocation plan was reviewed. Angela discussed renovations at the Yacht Club and target dates to have the building remodeled.
- E. Angela reviewed the progress on the Dog Park project. Staff recently met with the dog park group and the baseball foundation. Norma asked about considering other locations. Sheila discussed some other possibilities but did say that it would be hard to find another location for the park as good as the spot at Tapiola. Sheila discussed the necessary items to put in a dog park. An ideal location would need to have shade, fencing and water. Bathrooms are a plus

but not necessary. Norma asked about holding a “town hall” type meeting. Sheila mentioned this is on their agenda in the near future.

### **New Business**

1. Angela handed out the summer program guide. She discussed making the change in seasons covered in the program guide.
2. The HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) Campaign was reviewed. This is a campaign going on in cities across Oregon. The state has received a grant for the program. Angela met with the representative, Beth and other community members. A resolution will go to city council in July to become a HEAL city. Staff are suggesting that city council appoint a task force to implement the program.
3. There will be a group coming in to work in Astoria for two weeks in July. The Northwest Youth Core Projects will be a group of about 10 students. Additionally, Phil will be working with a group of 15 kids on Saturday to haul in wood chips to the playground at Shively Park and then also will be working with the Cathedral Tree Trail in the afternoon.
4. Department reports were reviewed for Parks Maintenance, CHIP-In, Recreation and Aquatics.
5. Angela discussed upcoming events in July.

**Next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:45am**