

**AGENDA**  
**PARKS AND COMMUNITY CENTERS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, August 5, 2010**

Terwilliger Parkway

7:00-9:00 pm

**Note: For our August meeting, we'll be at the Terwilliger Parkway. You might want to bring a blanket or camp chair to sit in.**

7:00 Introductions, approve agenda

7:10 Conversations with PP&R guests:

1. Elizabeth Kennedy Wong
2. Astrid Dragoy
3. Terri Davis

8:10 Approve July minutes

8:15 Old business

- Spring Garden Park update
- Excess capacity at PCC Sylvania pool
- Graffiti

8:50 New Business

- Meeting place in September

8:55 Correspondence & Announcements

9:00 Adjourn

July 1, 2010 minutes

Custer Park rained out. Meeting held at Multnomah Center

Parks Committee Attendance:

Chair: Kirky Doblle

Arnold Creek:

Ashcreek: Ester McGinnis

Bridlemile: Steve Mullinax

Collins View:

Crestwood:

Far SW: April Fong

Hayhurst:

Hillsdale: Dan Jenkins

Homestead: Lenore Zenger

Maplewood: Jill Gaddis

Markham:

Marshall Park:  
Multnomah:  
S Burlingame:  
South Portland:  
WPP:  
Guests: Terri Davis  
Staff: Leonard Gard

### **Minutes and agenda**

June minutes and July agenda are approved.

### **Conversation with Terri Davis:**

Terri reports:

- PP&R budget is very tight.
- Willamette Park: BDS has two projects in the park. West Services and City Nature are working together on a collaborative plan for the park. The Water Bureau money—to mitigate for siting of the pump station in the park—will be spent, as promised, in Willamette Park.
- Caruthers Park: The fences area down. The grand opening is on August 19. Problems with dogs are area wide in South Waterfront, not just the park. There is a private pay-for-use off-leash area nearby.
- Summer park programs: The Custer program has ended but Pendleton is up and going. In other parts of the city some of the big programs with lunch programs started early and will end late so children have lunches for the entire summer break from school.
- Wilson pool is open. If the outside temperature doesn't reach a certain degree by a certain time each day, the pool will close early. That will save money. Few people come to the pools on cool days anyway.
- Summer outdoor movies are about to begin.
- The decision to not proceed now with a bond has had consequences: there are no major renovations or new projects taking place. Things are deteriorating. They're doing the best they can.

Terri reports on City Nature in Astrid's stead: environmental stewardship activities this June in SW Portland which were done in collaboration with City Nature West include the following:

- Volunteers from PEC removed ivy in Terwilliger Wildlands Nature Park in collaboration with West Willamette Restoration Partnership and Friends of Terwilliger. Later in the month, WWRP and Friends of Terwilliger held their monthly work party in the nature park.
- Middle school students worked in Hoyt Arboretum to repair a trail and remove ivy
- Dickinson Park Stewards held a work party in Dickinson Park and the adjacent Ash Creek Natural Area and removed garlic mustard.
- A guided greenwalk in Marshall Park.

- A monthly work party at Woods Park in collaboration with Friends of Woods Park.
- A Birds in our Backyard event at Gabriel Park in collaboration with Friends of Vermont Creek.
- A work party in Marquam Park in collaboration with the WWRP and Friends of Marquam Park.

### **Old business**

#### *Spring Garden Park update*

Kirky reports: Posters for the August 14 Playdate in the Park event are done and being distributed. The Friends of Spring Garden Park will also start doing fundraising, and will have a table at Multnomah Days where they will sell snow cones. They will also raffle an original print. Leonard reports on need for willow branches or similar branches for use by children to make forts, baskets, etc. at the August 14 event. Ester recommends calling Asplundh. They might have cuttings from their landscaping work that we could use.

Posters are distributed to committee members.

#### *Smoking at PCC Sylvania*

April reports: PCC's ban on smoking on campus has pushed smokers into natural areas and private properties. It's a huge problem. Luckily it's been a wet year. Otherwise, there would be a fire hazard. Neighbors are building a fence. There has been violence against the environment. Signs have been torn down, and branches broken. Trash cans have been bashed and kicked. Someone has even been picking apart a rhododendron bush.

Kirky recommends formation of a work group to develop a plan. Steve proposes recruiting smokers to walk the areas smokers are using. Jill recommends they get mediation training.

#### *SW Community Center update*

Kirky notes that the SWCC is now eleven years old, and that according our conversation last month, programming is now at capacity. The center has a burden of an eighty percent cost recovery goal. Kirky asks about what our expectations should be and how we can support MaryAnn Takashima. Jill expresses concern that staff will burn out with the heavy demands on them and the heavy level of programming.

Ester moves that we communicate with Terri and MaryAnn as to whether a citizens' advisory committee would be appropriated for the SWCC. April seconds, and **motion is approved.**

Steve moves that we ask the PP&R aquatics director to investigate whether the PCC Sylvania swimming pool has excess capacity to alleviate the usage load on the SWCC pool. Ester seconds, and the **motion is approved.**

Miscellaneous: April reports that she and Keturah Pennington went to tree steward class that was very interesting. Neighborhoods use data collected by stewards to make decisions regarding planting of street trees. The program is mainly for neighborhoods

with sidewalks. Discussion takes place regarding the efficacy of the program in SW Portland.

### **New business**

#### *SWNI community grants and graffiti grants*

Kirky and Leonard report: the next community grant process begins in September. \$10,000 total is available for grants. Applications are due in November. In the past, other SWNI committees got community grants and Kirky thinks we should consider doing it. We should look at the criteria.

For graffiti grants, applications are due on August 6. There's an informational meeting on July 21. \$2,100 total is available. Our committee could partner with a neighborhood association or the Public Safety/Crime Prevention committee. Kirky will get in touch with Nancy Hand. We'll try to get an electronic copy of the application and criteria and send them to committee members.

#### *Fall West Portland community center guide*

Committee members discuss ideas for content for our committee article in the guides. Ideas include mention of activities in local parks, such as the model restoration program at Albert Kelly Park and examples of nature-based play.

### **Correspondence and announcements**

- Note from Nick Fish.
- Kirky recites statistics from the SWNI clean-up, including collection of 13 tons of yard debris and 19 tons of bulky waste, 270 cars travel through, 107 volunteers, and \$3,385 in donations collected.
- Summer concerts in Willamette Park will be on July 7, 14, 21, 28, and August 3.
- August 3 is National Night Out. August 14 is Playdate in the Park at Spring Garden Park. Caruthers Park grand opening is on August 19. Multnomah Days is on August 21. Riverfest event is on August 22.

End of meeting.