

City of Molalla
Parks & Recreation Work Session

No Quorum / General Discussion with Rotary and Buckeroo

WORK SESSION
Work Session of April 19, 2010

Attendance: Scott Clarke, Vice Chairperson
Dennis Wise
Roger Peterson, Ex Officio

Staff: Shane Potter, Planning Director

Absent: Jason Ritter, Chairperson
Tony Stacy, Secretary
Aimee Stomps
Mitch Magenheimer, ex officio

Discussion Notes

Vice Chairperson Scott Clarke led the conversation with the Rotary regarding the thought the Parks & Recreation Board had to raise funds for maintenance of Parks. Mr. Clarke continued by stating that the group had discussed a \$2 fee per car which would raise a substantial amount of money for the parks department.

Rotary members expressed their concerns with this fee by stating that \$5 is an easy number to get which moves cars in and out faster. The Rotary also provided documents for the group showing how many other groups they helped with the monies made. Rotary members also expressed that they currently pay the 4-H club to take care of the park in the sum of \$3,000 to \$4,000 annually.

Buckeroo members also discussed that they were concerned with raising the fee because they felt that this would cause them to lose revenues that people spend inside of their venue.

Both the Buckeroo and Rotary were frustrated that there was no documentation set up to express why \$2 was an adequate number to go after. Many comments were raised that the Parks Board was not prepared nor were they ready to charge anyone a fee without having a plan in place.

There were a lot of unexcused absences from the Parks board that night and parks members present were not prepared to discuss this in depth since other members that did not make the meeting were scheduled to address certain issues.

Both the Rotary and Buckeroo felt that more information needed to exist in order to any future discussion of fees is to take place.

Rotary members expressed frustration with previous concepts such as a sports complex which would have stifled parking. PD Potter expressed that we are not going to get into a discussion regarding the playing fields. He further stated that this is in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and will come up at a later date but not at this current time. Rotary members expressed their frustration with a lack of a contract that would protect them.

Rotary members expressed that they would be willing to offer the parks board some type of funding, sponsorship, or caretaking of parks, however in return they wanted a new contract for parking at Bohlander Field and they wanted the sports complex removed from the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. PD Potter expressed that first the parks board cannot enter into these types of agreements and second that they could not remove Bohlander from the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This plan was a community plan which was adopted by the citizens and it would be inappropriate at this time to adjust the plan without the full involvement of the citizens.

The Rotary and Buckeroo provided a lot of good information to the Parks Board regarding how they could get help with parks such as adopt a park programs, sponsorship programs, partnerships and more. As a note these are all items previously discussed by the Parks Board but it was good to hear other groups coming up with similar ideas and in some cases different ways to approach those ideas.

The Parks Board remained relatively silent during the evening due to the overwhelming number of people in attendance and their lack of attendance. It was not known that the Buckeroo would be there in fact the Rotary had invited the Buckeroo board without even notifying the PD or Parks Board in advance.

