

City of Molalla
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

MINUTES
Meeting of June 28, 2010

6:10 PM Meeting Called to Order

Attendance: Jason Ritter, Chairperson
Scott Clarke, Vice Chairperson
Aimee Stomps
Dennis Wise
Amy Cain

Staff: Shane Potter, Planning Director

Absent: Tony Stacy, Secretary
Roger Peterson
Mitch Magenheimer, ex officio
Betty Martin, ex officio

MEETING MINUTES

Approved May 7, 2010 minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

OLD BUSINESS

- Creation / Brainstorm on Park Layout for Big Meadow
 - PD Potter requested that we take a different direction in the creation of the Big Meadows Park. PD Potter suggested that a questionnaire be sent out to all members in Big Meadow asking questions on what they want to see in the park. PD Potter did advise that this will be a little tricky because of the desires of the donor need to be met as well. The board discussed that they felt this would provide Big Meadows with the buyoff necessary to maintain the park and they would be more likely to take pride and be willing to share in the maintenance expense if they were a part of the improvements. PD Potter stated that he would put together a questionnaire to be sent in the water bill as well as individually to each address in Big Meadows in order for the City to

receive the most comments back. The group hopes to see approximately 100 returned questionnaires.

- Updates on Events Occurring this Year
 - PD Potter had no updates at this time other than the well attended Mexican Rodeo and festival that just occurred and will be holding three more shows this year.
- Update on Park Funds
 - PD Potter updated the group on funds available for land acquisition and capital improvements. In the SDC (System Development Charge) fund there is currently \$79,000. In the Park in Lieu of Fund there is \$25,000.
 - PD Potter informed the group that if the apartment complex currently under review in planning goes through that there will be approximately another \$360,000 to add to the funds. This money should be reserved for development of Big Meadows if it is to occur.
 - PD Potter informed the group that they will not have a budget for 2010-2011 but that we are currently tracking numbers and will be preparing a budget for the department in 2011-2012.
- Sheets Field Update
 - PD Potter informed the group that a meeting is suppose to take place this week with the Public Works Director, PD and the developer to inform him of the remaining work to be done on the property. All the parties have been waiting for the rain to quit in order to complete the changes.
- Future Meetings with Other Groups
 - Chair Ritter asked if a meeting had been set with the Buckeroo yet. PD Potter informed the group that he has not received responses to emails sent and phone calls made regarding this matter. PD Potter stated that he will try again after the 4th since he knows they are very busy currently.

NEW BUSINSS

- Development of new Middle School
 - The group discussed the desire to ensure adequate sports courts are available if a new Middle School is proposed. The group stated that they all would participate in watching what the proposals are and work with any parties creating such a new plan to ensure this occurs.

- Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan
 - PD Potter gave an in depth review of the strategic plan and encouraged all members to participate in the review. They need to understand the plan as well as begin to think how to implement the plan. Numerous questions and comments were made during the review.

APPROVALS

None

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Vice Chair Clarke requested that the group consider the possibility of requesting the dedication of upwards of \$50,000 of parks funds to fund tennis courts. There is currently a grant being proposed and if successful it would require some matching funds up to \$50,000. The group said they were interested and would want to make sure that the public would have use of the courts even though they are on school grounds. Vice Chair Clarke informed the group that is actually a requirement of the grant. The group requested Vice Chair Clarke continue attempting to obtain the grant.

TRAINING

Training was on the Strategic Plan which incorporates the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The board discussed returning to the 3rd Monday of the month for meeting dates however towards the end of the meeting the board discussed potential conflicts. Having a meeting on the 19th (3rd Monday) would mean that a quorum most likely would not be likely. The board discussed the possibility of making the next board meeting a work session on the Strategic Plan so they can get that implemented right away. Vice Chair Clarke will send out an email requesting when people are available for such a work session in July.

Meeting Adjourned at - 8:22pm

Amy Stomps, Secretary (filling in for Tony Stacey)