

The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES APRIL 17, 2012 - 5:00 P.M. CITY HALL, 1840 SECOND STREET COLUMBIA CITY, OR 97018

Present:

Marian Calnon

Sheila Bauer

Jack Hruska (departed at 5:30 p.m.)

Leahnette Rivers

Kathleen Devlin, citizen

Harvard Park: Kathleen Devlin said she lives next to Harvard Park, and the port-a-potty is situated just 20 yards from her front door. She said she would like to get permission from the Parks Committee to add some plantings to the site to help screen the port-a-potty from view. She provided the Committee with a site map showing the proposed planting areas, as well as a "Green Screen" proposal which suggested two planting phases - one this spring and one this fall. The spring planting proposal involves the addition of evergreen or flowering climbing vines that do not attract bees and will not become invasive or destructive. These would be added to all three side of the port-a-potty screen fencing. The fall phase would involve a wall of shrubs and/or low growing trees across the front of the port-a-potty - at least 15 feet from the structure. Kathleen will solicit volunteers and donations to help with the project.

MOVED (HRUSKA), SECONDED (CALNON) AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE KATHLEEN TO MOVE FOWARD WITH THE PROJECT.

Kathleen will complete the required volunteer program application materials, and present the specific vine species to Leahnette, who will request approval from Nel and Marian. Kathleen will also talk with her neighbors about the project. Kathleen will bring back a plan showing a specific planting proposal for the fall phase for approval by the Committee. Leahnette will check with Hudson Portable Toilet Service to verify the amount of space they need to service the potty.

Entrance Sign Site: Leahnette said the Public Works crew has installed the conduit for the electricity, and the electrician has installed the service box. She said she has asked the PUD to connect the service, and once that is in place the electrician will return to install the lighting fixtures. She said the Public Works crew is in the process of installing a water meter for the site, and they will also install a frost-free hydrant. It was noted that Sally Ann Marson has been busy removing weeds from the hillside around the roses.

Meeting adjourned 5:37 p.m.