

# The City of Columbia City

*In Columbia County on the Columbia River*



## **PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES APRIL 19, 2011- 5:00 P.M. CITY HALL, 1840 SECOND STREET COLUMBIA CITY, OR 97018**

### **Present:**

Shannon Fitzgibbons, Chair  
Sheila Bauer  
Marian Calnon  
Nell Harrison  
Jack Hruska  
Leahnette Rivers

**ODOT Right-of-Way Area - Entrance Sign:** Nell said Bob and Peggy Sharp have purchased a purple locust tree to plant to the west of the sign at the base of the bank. Sheila suggested we check with ODOT to see if they have any solar lights in their salvage yard.

**Jim Bundy Memorial Park:** Chair Fitzgibbons said Don and Marcia Parrett have volunteered to help maintain Bundy Park. Leahnette said Thomas Nash has also started volunteering in Bundy Park. Committee Members noted that the park is really looking better as a result of Mr. Nash's recent efforts. Leahnette said another citizen, Mark Ebert, has expressed an interest in working in the parks and he plans to start helping soon. Members expressed concern about people picking the trillium. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to have a large informational plaque created to fill one side of the kiosk providing information about trillium, including a warning that they are protected and fines could be imposed against people that pick them. Marian will create several small "Don't pick the trillium!" signs to place in various spots throughout the park. Leahnette said Mark Ebert may be interested in special project work - members discussed special projects consisting of the retaining wall, adding another path that is planned for the park, and building and installing barbecues.

**Harvard Park:** Leahnette said ODOT is still considering whether or not they can move the rock Jack found along the Highway. She said if they can't move that particular rock,

they said they have access to other smaller rocks that they could move for us. Leahnette noted we have one volunteer mowing the park and three volunteers weeding it on a regular basis.

**Datis Park:** Leahnette said we have a volunteer that has agreed to begin weeding the park, and another volunteer routinely mows it. Leahnette said an 11" x 17" plaque depicting the history of The Datis will cost \$137. Committee Members agreed to continue to move forward. Leahnette will try to have a proof available for members to review at the next meeting.

**Ruth Rose Richardson (RRR) and Pixie Parks:** Chair Fitzgibbons said she's been working with a Scout named Jonathan who is putting together a plan for an Eagle Scout project he'd like to complete in Ruth Rose Richardson Park. Leahnette said she spoke with Jonathan yesterday, and he's planning to add new mulch and plant perennials, trim shrubs, clean up leaves, add a trash can, mow the lawns, replace the metal legs on the benches with new wooden legs, and repaint the park sign. She said he is also looking into asking the Boy Scouts to continue routine maintenance tasks in the park after his project is completed. Chair Fitzgibbons said Jonathan may also include Pixie Park in his project. Leahnette said Jonathan hopes to have a formal proposal ready for the next meeting. Jack suggested Jonathan include the addition of a walking path into the park from First Street. Leahnette suggested he also consider power washing the cement within the park area. Leahnette said Public Works continues to provide basic mowing services in the DAR parks.

**Public Works Wall:** Members asked if there are any live roses left that can be planted on the wall. Leahnette said she wasn't sure, but she didn't think so. Members suggested we ask ODOT if they have any extra roses they can give to us. Leahnette said possibly Mark Ebert would like to take that project on - planting the pots and finishing the drip system.

**Other Business:** Nell suggested the Committee invite all of the park volunteers to the September meeting to thank them for their excellent service to the City. She suggested refreshments be served. Members agreed that would be a great thing to do.

Meeting adjourned 6:03 p.m.