

The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JUNE 20, 2011- 5:00 P.M. CITY HALL, 1840 SECOND STREET COLUMBIA CITY, OR 97018

Present:

Shannon Fitzgibbons, Chair
Stan Hopkins
Leahnette Rivers

McBride Creek Trail: Stan has cut in a very rough trail along the full length of the creek property to the north of the Sophie Park, McBride Meadows, and Forest Park Subdivisions. Stan suggested we use concrete pyramid blocks as stepping-stones for a creek crossing rather than building a bridge. The August 16th Parks Committee Meeting will consist of a field trip along the trail site.

Ruth Rose Richardson (RRR) and Pixie Parks: Leahnette said the Eagle Scout project appears to have gone very well - the park looks great. She noted that they missed weeding one small area along the fence, and they planted a lot of azaleas that will need to be watered until they get established.

Pixie Park: Stan Hopkins said he continues to remove blackberry bushes from Pixie Park - he has one small patch remaining. He said he is removing the bulbs where he can in an effort to prevent their return. He said he would still like to see sand added to the park for a beach. Leahnette plans to check with the Port of St. Helens and/or Corp of Engineers to inquire about possibly obtaining some sand spoils.

ODOT Right-of-Way Area - Entrance Sign: Leahnette said she's further researched solar lighting for the entrance sign/flag pole. She said the lighting she's found on-line consists of very inexpensive, mostly plastic fixtures that may or may not work, and could be easily stolen from the site. She said an electrical engineer has located some commercial grade fixtures, but the solar panel will run about \$1300, plus the cost of the battery, pole and fixtures. She noted that the large solar panel would not be very aesthetically pleasing. Stan said he'll purchase an inexpensive solar light at Harbor Freight and test it out.

Next Meetings: The Parks Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 19th at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, and on Tuesday, August 16th at 5:00 at the north end of the bike path along Highway 30 for a field trip of the McBride Creek trail area.

Meeting adjourned 5:50 p.m.