

The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



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

Present:

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

ODOT Right-of-Way Area - Entrance Sign: Committee Members expressed appreciation for the weeding the community service worker recently did at the site. Leahnette said Marian has donated a flag for the site, but the anticipated installation date for the flagpole is unknown at this time. Leahnette said the Public Works crew has been watering the new tree, but the new water service has not yet been installed. She said even if the water service was installed, we would not be running the sprinklers until we get a really hot spell because we are trying to keep costs to a minimum.

Harvard Park: Jack inquired about the status of the rock. Leahnette said she needs to check back with ODOT to find out what they have decided.

Datis Park: Leahnette showed Committee Members the new Datis information plaque, which is finished and ready to install. Committee Members said the volunteers are doing a very nice job mowing and weeding the park.

Bike Path: Jack said the blackberries are taking over the bike path along McBride Creek. Leahnette said she recently advertised for a volunteer to take on that project, but has not received a response. She said she'll ask Public Works to cut back the blackberries. Jack noted that the weeds around the plants between the Highway and the bike path need to be cut. Leahnette said she will check with ODOT to see if the work crew might be able to clean up the area.

McBride Creek Trail System: The Parks Committee will meet at the north end of the bike path at 5:00 p.m. on August 16, 2011 to take a tour of the rough trail recently cut in by Stan.

Pixie Park: In response to Stan's recent inquiries about adding sand to the beach in Pixie Park, Leahnette said she's unable to secure any free sand. She said we need about 300 to 350 yards of sand, and Craig Smith of BCX Incorporated said they won't set up a dredging site unless you need at least 1/2 million yards of sand. She said if we pick up the sand, it will cost us about \$1200 (not including our trucking expense), and we'd pay about \$4000 or more to have it delivered. Jack noted that the beach at Pixie Park used to be solid rocks, but sand has been migrating to the site over the years.

Ruth Rose Richardson (RRR) Park: Leahnette said five maple trees planted by the Eagle Scout were finally watered, but the leaves were shriveled and dry and she is not sure if they will survive. She said most of the other plants look good, with the exception of two larger shrubs that also suffered damage from lack of water. Leahnette said one of the volunteers that weeds Harvard and Datis has also taken on weeding in RRR Park.

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

Meeting adjourned 5:20 p.m.