

The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 21, 2012 - 5:00 P.M. CITY HALL, 1840 SECOND STREET COLUMBIA CITY, OR 97018

Present:

Shannon Fitzgibbons, Chair
Nell Harrison
Sheila Bauer
Jack Hruska (departed at 5:30 p.m.)
Sally Ann Marson
Alta Lynch
Paulette Lichatowich
Joyce Heller
Leahnette Rivers

National Guard: Shannon introduced Alta Lynch, representative of the local National Guard Armory. Alta said a unit consisting of 70 National Guard Members plans to jog from St. Helens to Columbia City via Rutherford path on April 14, 2012. She said they will jog to Harvard Park, where they will stop and workout, and then head back to St. Helens. Leahnette provided Alta with a map of the city showing the recommended pedestrian path route - north on Fourth Street to "L" Street, east on "L" Street to Second Street, north on Second Street to "I" Street, east on "I" Street to The Strand, north on The Strand to "E" Street, west on "E" Street to Sixth Street, north on Sixth Street to Harvard Park. Leahnette said the National Guard will need City Council approval for a park permit because their group exceeds 50 persons, and noted that the park hours are dawn to dusk. Alta will send in a park permit request.

Shannon said the National Guard will hold their annual picnic at the DAR's Caples House site on August 12, 2012.

Carolyn King Memorial Park: Paulette Lichatowich requested permission to plan three "Stairway to Heaven" climbing roses along the fence in Carolyn King Memorial

Park in memory of Brandon Kuedell. Moved (Jack), seconded (Sheila) and carried unanimously to approve the request to plant three climbing roses in Carolyn King Memorial Park. Paulette will plant the roses, and Leahnette will ask Public Works to make sure they get watered until they are established.

Entrance Sign Site: Leahnette said the electrician will charge \$3,317 to install a 100-amp service, two 70-watt lights for the sign, one 70-watt light for the flagpole, and obtain the electrical permit at the entrance sign site, which includes all of the material costs. She said an anonymous citizen has donated \$1000 towards the project, and the Columbia River PUD will provide the electrical service at no charge. In addition, the City will not be billed for a separate electrical service because the PUD will allow the power to come from the existing street light connection. She said Josh Fromm will donate his time to complete the concrete work associated with the flagpole. The flagpole was donated by the St. Helens Senior Center. Moved (Harrison), seconded (Hruska) and carried unanimously to approve the purchase and installation of the lighting fixtures for the site.

Nell said Peggy Sharpe has requested permission to plant flowers underneath the sign. Committee Members discussed the request, and declined the offer due to the maintenance that would be required to keep them looking good. Members agreed that Peggy could plant flowers along the bank area, or in the landscaping area around the playground in Harvard Park.

Nell said it would be nice to have a ring of concrete installed around the new tree at the site to keep the weeds from creeping into the bark around the bottom of the tree and taking over the bulbs that were recently planted. Leahnette will check with Josh to see if he'd be willing to install a concrete curb around the edge of the bark at the base of the tree.

Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan: It was the consensus of the Committee that the projects outlined in the Five-Year Plan be moved out another year to avoid capital spending under the current financial conditions.

Meeting adjourned 6:00 p.m.