

# The City of Columbia City

*In Columbia County on the Columbia River*



## **PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JULY 24, 2012 - 6:00 P.M. CITY HALL, 1840 SECOND STREET COLUMBIA CITY, OR 97018**

### **Present:**

Shannon Fitzgibbons, Chair  
Marian Calnon  
Stan Hopkins  
Nell Harrison  
Leahnette Rivers

**Entrance Sign Site:** Leahnette said there's been no change in the status of the lighting fixtures since the last meeting. Committee Members said Sally Ann Marson has done an incredible job of keeping the weeds out of the roses. At the request of the Committee, Leahnette will contact ODOT and request more roses for the hillside and some replacement shrubs and trees for planting this fall. She will also get their recommendations on weed control, and find out if they have the equipment for spraying bark dust. Leahnette said she's not sure if the Public Works crew has spread Caseron along the hillside yet or not.

**Pixie Park:** Stan said he has made progress with removing the blackberries. He said he has created a large debris pile that is ready for pickup by the Public Works crew.

**Dog Park:** Chair Fitzgibbons expressed an interest in pursuing the development of a dog park. Committee Members considered possible locations, including Harvard Park, vacant ODF property at the corner of "E" and Sixth Streets, along the bike path, or within the Chimes Crest area. Shannon will talk with Kelly Niles about the ODF property.

**Park Mowing:** Leahnette said John Thibeau, the volunteer that has been taking care of mowing activities at the entrance sign site, along the bike path and in Harvard Park, will be unable to mow for the next 6 to 8 weeks due to an injury. Committee Members commended John for his outstanding service. Leahnette said she is seeking some volunteer assistance to fill in for John. Leahnette said she is also still looking for a volunteer to mow Datis, Ruth Rose Richardson and Pixie Parks. Stan said he may be able to help out with mowing.

**Carolyn King Park:** Leahnette said the Stairway to Heaven memorial roses are beautiful and doing well. She noted that a small bench and two palm-tree type shrubs recently appeared in the park.

**Flower and Plants Available:** Leahnette said two residents have come forward to offer the Parks Committee Shasta daisies, calla lilies, irises, and hostas from their yards. Committee Members said they would be willing to plant the Shasta daisies along the highway, but not within the parks because they tend to take over. They would also be interested in the calla lillies and hostas, but probably not the irises.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 p.m.