

CITY OF CORVALLIS

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

NOVEMBER 18, 1999

Attendance

Jo Anne Trow, Chair
John Griesmeyer
Tom Kirch
Reenie Sumner
Charlie Fisher

Absent

Pete Bober (excused)
Ellen Hooven (excused)
John Kwait (excused)
Margaret Puckette (excused)

Staff

Réne Moye, Parks and Recreation
Director
Jackie Rochefort, Parks Planner
Terry Nix, Recording Secretary

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Information Only	Held for Further Review	Action/Recommendations
Staff Report: Park and Facilities Plan Findings and Policies			Forward for review with suggested modifications.
SDC Consultant Report			Forward to Council along with comments.
Recreation Committee	X		
Park Committee	X		
December Meetings			The December Board meeting was canceled. The Subcommittees will meet as scheduled.

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Trow called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 21, 1999 meeting.

III. VISITORS' PROPOSITIONS: There were no visitors.

IV. STAFF REPORT

Parks and Recreation Director Moye introduced Park Planner Rochefort and briefly reviewed her upcoming work schedule.

Mr. Moye distributed a memorandum from himself to Community Development Director Gibb regarding Park and Facilities Plan Findings and Policies. In response to inquiry, Mr. Moye and

Ms. Rochefort provided additional information regarding the difference of opinion between City Departments related to the use of drainage way corridors for trails. Brief discussion followed.

Mr. Kirch suggested the following modifications to the memorandum:

- Policy 5.6.20: Stipulate that not less than 2/3 of the park should be available for recreational use.
- Policy 5.6.23: Stipulate that not less than 50% of the site be usable for recreational uses.
- Policy 5.6.6: Clarify that the reason that park acreage may be reduced where contiguous to a school site is because amenities are provided by the school.
- Policy 5.6.31: Replace the term “a community center” with broader language such as “indoor facilities” in order to provide flexibility to meet long term needs.

Following brief discussion, Mr. Moye agreed to incorporate the above changes into the documentation. He noted that, following staff review, this will be folded into the Comprehensive Plan process and will ultimately require Council approval.

V. SDC CONSULTANT REPORT

Mr. Moye advised that the consultant is scheduled to present his report on Park SDCs to the Human Services Committee on December 13, and that it will then be incorporated into a comprehensive Council review of the City’s SDCs.

Ms. Trow initiated discussion about the option of basing Park SDCs on a population base rather than on the number of bedrooms. Mr. Griesmeyer noted that the recommended fees are a drastic increase over current fees and he inquired whether it might be more desirable to increase them over time. Discussion followed regarding alternate funding sources. Mr. Moye affirmed that SDCs may be used to expand and enhance the existing system but not for operating or maintenance costs.

There was general agreement to recommend that Council explore the concept of basing Park SDCs on population rather than on number of bedrooms and that consideration be given to increasing fees over a specific number of years.

VI. RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Trow briefly reviewed the minutes of the November 4, 1999 meeting. She requested the following change to the minutes: Page 3, paragraph 8, reword to say “Jo Anne Trow and Margaret Puckette requested that the next City survey include a question about types of classes the public would like to have.”

Mr. Moye referred to previous discussions regarding opportunities for the Board to interact with other staff members. He suggested that the Committees continue to meet as usual and that staff members be scheduled to give presentations on particular activities or subjects at the monthly

Board meetings. Following brief discussion, Mr. Moyer agreed to ask Margaret Hower to provide an informational report at the next regular meeting.

Brief discussion followed regarding the possibility of scheduling a retreat. At Ms. Trow's request, this issue will be held for discussion when additional Board members are present.

VII. PARK COMMITTEE REPORT

In response to inquiry, Mr. Moyer reviewed progress at the Crystal Lake Sports Fields. Brief discussion followed.

In discussion, Ms. Rochefort provided additional information about unacceptable work at the Grand Oaks development, noting that the developer has agreed to redo the work next spring.

VIII. OTHER

Chair Trow called attention to a brochure outlining the Parks and Recreation Director opening. She said City Manager Nelson has indicated that the Board will have the opportunity to interact with final candidates and provide feedback to the interview committee. In response to inquiry, Mr. Moyer said his last day will be June 30, 2000.

IX. DECEMBER MEETINGS

Following brief discussion regarding December meetings, it was determined that the Subcommittees will meet as usual but the full Board will not meet again until January. Mr. Moyer suggested that a joint meeting be scheduled with the Open Space Advisory Commission in January to discuss various projects that might be forwarded to Council for consideration for a possible bond issue. Following brief discussion, Mr. Moyer agreed to schedule that meeting and advise. Ms. Trow advised that the regular January meeting is scheduled for the same evening as the Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Corvallis award program.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into an executive session from 6:12 p.m. to 6:23 p.m. for discussion related to land acquisition.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.