

# STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

For

## North Clackamas Park

April 25, 2007

### Milwaukie Center

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## MEETING SUMMARY

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### PRESENT

**Representatives** Sally Shook, Eric Shawn (chair), Eleanor Johnson, John Denny, Fr. Matthew Tate, JoAnn Herrigel

**Alternates** Jim Schuld, Susan Shawn, Rick Frank, Kathi Schroeder, Steve Berliner

**Guests** Dick Shook, Anne O'Donnell, Mary Laliberté, Lance Leland, Layton Leland, Dan Huld, Agnes Obritschkewitsch, Jim Newman, Liz Lawson-Weber

**Staff** Dan Zinzer, Michelle Healy

### ABSENT

**Representatives** Tony Clark, Lisa Gibson

**Alternates** Holly Denman, Beth Ragel

### Introductions and Minutes

Eric Shawn opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions. He then asked the committee to review the March meeting minutes. February minutes were not available for review. It was noted that the minutes should have the date the minutes were taken listed at the top of the printed document.

*Action: The March minutes were approved. The date of the minutes will henceforth be listed at the top of the document. February minutes were tabled until the next meeting.*

### Dog Park

Tony Clark was not present, so Eric Shawn introduced the idea of putting in a fenced area for small dogs.

#### Discussion:

- Jim-my Dalmatian was injured in the dog run
- Susan-called Dove Lewis, a nonprofit 24-hour dog hospital. I asked a staff person to come to our meeting, but they were not able to attend. However, they did suggest having a behavioral doctor from the OSU vet center come to our next meeting with solutions or ideas.

- Susan- We should try to get some experts to come in with suggestions. Portland Parks Department might have ideas. Some parks have different areas for not only size but temperament differences as well.
- Happy Valley divides their dog run for the following reasons: 1) they are having the same problems as NCPRD; 2) the area is muddy in winter and must be closed to heal. The runs are almost the same size and separated by a trail.
- There is a park in Normandale where dogs with different temperaments can be separated. There are two spaces where you can take your dog back and forth.
- Susan-The size of dogs isn't the only issue for dividing the park. It also has to do with temperament too. It's a good idea to split the dog run. Most dog owners are responsible, but some are not.
- Jim-Dividing the park won't change things. It's not the dogs, it's the owners. It would be good to make people more responsible, but there's no way to do it.
- Eric-how should we deal with aggressive animals? How should we divide the dog run? Maybe a workgroup would help to get ideas?
- Sally-we have two gates, just put in a fence between them.
- Dan-it seems a little premature to do this before we do the north side plan
- Rick-consider temporary orange fencing. Divide and experience before making permanent. Make the final decision on this issue part of the north side planning process.
- Steve-I second Rick's idea. This allows for trial and error. Don't relegate this issue to final plan.
- JoAnn-that seems okay, but just remember we can't make everyone happy
- Susan-make signs explaining what's happening maybe put a suggestion box in the dog run area to get people's feedback?
- Five-finger method: all 1's except 2 from Jim Schuld
- Steve-put fence diagonally so the dogs have a longer stretch

*Action: Consider putting up temporary fencing to divide the dog run to see how it works. Final decisions on the dog run would be part of the north side plan.*

### **Storm Drainage on Private Property**

Layton Leland, a park neighbor, discussed his concerns about storm drainage from the park. He explained that he was not involved in the planning of the park, but commented that it's nice to see the use and care going into it. Mr. Leland's concerns are that the runoff from the field goes directly to our property and he doesn't think it's legal to do it. Water comes out the pipe with no filtration. The areas in now flooded and it wasn't before. He's also concerned about garbage coming out of the pipe. Mr. Leland mentioned that he had a meeting with Grant McComie with Channel 2 news, regarding oil separator in parking lot. Water with oil will go into the creek. He noticed oil coagulating in the creek. Kids play in the creek, and it is dangerous and awful. He's also concerned about this on his property as well. Grant McComie seemed interested but wanted to see a video. Mr. Leland commented that he walked the area with Charlie Ciecko and Dennis Everson today. He's had lots of discussion with the District, but nothing has happened.

*Discussion:*

- Michelle explained that Charlie and Dennis have been talking with Mr. Layton. When he brought the topic to the District's attention in November, the District asked for an engineering analysis of the hydrology. The findings indicated that there is less runoff than before the fields were constructed. In addition, Dennis made adjustment to the swale during the construction to increase the holding capacity of the swale (banks were pulled back and rock was added). Lastly, Charlie and Dennis discussed the addition of adding more vegetation to the swale.
- JoAnn-the Milwaukie planning department is aware of your concerns.
- Layton- There is jurisdictional issues between Milwaukie and the County. The park is in the city, but we live in the county. Each agency points to the other as being responsible.
- Layton – I provided Charlie and Dennis with two possible options to solve the drainage proble1) dry well, 2) spread water out along the property boundary.
- Layton - I want the record to reflect my concerns.
- Eric-who needs to be at the table to have this discussion?
- JoAnn-City has to be at the table since they regulate what goes on in the park.
- Steve-a hydrologist needs to look at it; we need to be proactive, we need to make it right by you and make adjustments to make things more equitable
- Dan Huld commented that the oily sheen in the swale is not new. He's seen it out there for years. It is the byproduct of the decomposition of organic matter and is quite common in wetland areas.
- Newman-The problem is not just to the south. I'm concerned about the swale on the southwest side pouring out in the creek. The swales have no rip rap and when there's a strong current it will scour banks, raise water level, it's going to wash out chunks of creek, cedar trees, etc. The District should put in a drain field.
- Lance-I grew up in the place with cows and horses. I'm fearful they will get stuck if we decided to have them again.
- Ball fields are acting like a funnel and directing water to the south.
- Susan-For the record, when we fought the ball fields we hired a consultant who proved that the ball fields were in the flood plain. The County said they didn't agree. By law it's okay, but by ethics it's not. We told them this would be a problem.
- Fr. Tate-Water situation on his property is different now; more water flowing through streams in places where there wasn't much before the fields.
- Susan-We tried to warn them, but they didn't listen. I'm still outraged.

*Action: The District should continue to work with Mr. Layton to see if a solution can be reached.*

#### **Gates on South Side of Park**

Due to time constraints the committee elected to move this topic to the May agenda.

#### **Restoration Project**

Dan Huld presented information on the restoration project he's been doing in the park with students. The project has been ongoing for about 3 years and involved planting 1500 trees, including willows, alders and oaks. High school students help to maintain the plantings, which is hard to keep up without help. Students take water quality 4 times a year, along with monitoring temperature of the water. This data is available on-line.

#### *Discussion:*

- Susan-we had 2 speakers at Earth Day on how to get salmon back into the creek using Camas Creek as a refuge for high water. They suggested adding a channel in the in the northwest corner of the park.

- Dan Huld - need 15° to bring back salmon, Mt. Scott Creek is 17°
- Temperature is hard to control; anytime we mess with nature it gets difficult.
- Sally-I would like to clean up invasives and do some planting in Camas Creek.
- Dan-A spring clean-up event would be a good time for that. We need help with the on-going clean up and maintenance of the creeks.
- Michelle commented to Dan that Clea Ann has information about a group of middle school students who are interested in a volunteer project. She'll ask Clea Ann to call Dan.

*Action: None, informational only. However, Michelle will follow up with Clea Ann and Dan Huld regarding the volunteers.*

### **Committee Comments**

The Committee discussed a number of items including the horse arena, artwork and ball fields.

*Discussion:*

- Dan Zinzer, the horse arena replacement is in process, but it's very wet
- Sally-The field lights are direct into our window. Also, we'd like to see rules restricting access to creek because we saw kids playing and throwing rocks in the creek. On Sunday at about 4, we saw 2 boys and 2 girls in the creek.
- Steve-we need to stay out of the creek; fence off and keep people out
- Sally-Isn't there suppose to be a 50-ft buffer?
- Yes, but people can still go in there. The buffer is for development, not access.
- Susan-ideas from ODFW provide one spot for people and dogs to access creek rather than shutting off the whole thing.
- Fr. Tate-The artwork is horrible, can it be painted? He suggested adding a discussion about the color to the agenda
- Sally- The yellow fence topper is awful, why do we need it?
- Rick-it is for safety and to tell foul balls
- O'Donnell's-move the west fence posts to be less invasive to wildlife.

*Action: Dan and Michelle went outside after the meeting and walked the park boundary with the O'Donnell's and Mr. Newman.*

- Michelle asked the committee if the next stewardship meeting could be extended to 7 pm or so to allow for a discussion of the north side planning. The consultants are planning to attend to kick off the meeting with the committee.
- Committee seemed fine with this suggestion. Members who need to leave at 6 can and will be filled in later.

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**Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.**

**Next meeting will be held on May 23, from 4 to 7 pm at the Milwaukie Center.**