



City of Tigard Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - Minutes

MEETING DATE: June 21, 2010 7:00 PM
MEETING LOCATION: Public Works Building, 8777 SW Burnham, Tigard, OR 97223

The purpose of the Parks and Recreation Advisory is to advise and advocate for park and recreation opportunities for a growing Tigard.

- 1. Roll Call:** At 7:01 P.M. the meeting is called to order by Chair Jason Rogers.
Members Present: Holly Polivka, Hong Dao, Brian Davies, Kim Leinberger, Jason Rogers, Troy Mears
Council: Marland Henderson
Audience: Alexander Craghead
Staff Present: Steve Martin, Martin McKnight
- 2. Approval of Minutes – May 17, 2010 Meeting and June 1, 2010 Workshop**
Holly Polivka notes that the meeting location listed on the June 1, 2010 minutes should be the Tigard Library, not Tigard Public Works. Troy Mears makes a motion to approve the minutes, including the change in the listed location. Hong Dao seconds the motion. The minutes are approved with Kim Leinberger and Brian Davies abstaining.

Brian Davies makes a motion to approve the May 17, 2010 minutes. Troy Mears seconds the motion. The motion passes. Kim Leinberger abstains.
- 3. Comments from the audience: none**
- 4. Bond Measure Discussion:** The board discusses the Council Meeting June 15, 2010. Various PRAB members agree that the Council emphasized its desire for land acquisition to be the largest emphasis of any parks bond proposal. The PRAB discusses concerns that acquiring land without money to develop parks, trails, etc. on the purchased land may not be in the best interest of the City. Holly Polivka says that Mayor Dirksen discussed using a \$20 million figure and subtracting \$3 million to represent grants already attained by the City, leaving \$17 million as the figure to be pursued in a bond measure. Steve Martin mentions that there are \$2 million in SDC's available that could be used depending on the percentage of money used for purchasing land. Steve says that smaller grants for things such as playgrounds and restrooms are easier to attain; larger grants continue to be much harder to receive.

Jason Rogers initiates discussion about who the “gatekeeper” of bond funds would be. The PRAB talks about advantages of getting TPL to secure options on certain properties.

The Board debates merging the “Development” and “Improvement” portions of its proposal to account for 20% of the bond. 80% would be left for land acquisition.

There is more discussion about an overall goal of getting something substantial passed, establishing a track record, marketing success, avoiding land acquisition minus development, creating momentum and possible pitfalls of successive failed bond measures.

Councilor Henderson tells PRAB members to come up with a proposal that they are comfortable with.

Troy Mears would like verbiage about the pursuit of grants and leveraging of funds needs to be included in bond measure language.

The PRAB moves into dialogue about dividing money throughout the City. Troy Mears proposes a simple dividing line of Pacific Highway. The PRAB notes that the Master Plan language calls for Tigard citizens to be within ½ mile of a park.

The Board talks about a \$17 million bond with 10% or \$1.7 million going to downtown park acquisition, \$2.5 million set aside for Fowler acquisition and 20% or \$3.4 million for development and improvements leaving \$9.4 million for more acquisition. The Board then asks Steve Martin for rough cost estimates per acre of developable and non-developable lands. Steve Martin and Troy Mears believe that developable land may run from \$250,000 - \$400,000 per acre while non-developable land per acre may be \$125,000 per acre.

There is a motion by Holly Polivka to approve the following: A parks bond of \$17 million should be referred to voters. If approved, 80% of the \$17 million will be used to acquire land which shall include \$2.5 million for acquiring the Fowler Property and \$1.7 million or 10% for acquiring park land in the Tigard Downtown District. \$3.4 million or 20% of \$17 million will be used to develop or improve existing or new parks. The goal of passing the bond shall be to work toward the Tigard Parks Master Plan guideline of having parks within ½ mile of Tigard citizens and to leverage more money for land acquisition and development through grants.

Troy Mears seconds the motion.

Motion passes.

Marland Henderson proposes a second bond measure for \$5 million dollars to be dedicated to acquiring park properties in unincorporated areas adjacent to Tigard. The areas would include Durham, Metzger, West Bull Mountain, and various unincorporated islands. The passage of the second (\$5 mill.) bond measure would be contingent upon the passage of the first (\$17 mill.)

Kim Leinberger makes a motion to support Councilor Henderson’s proposal. Troy Mears seconds the motion. The PRAB debates the \$5 million proposal and passes support of the proposal with 4 yes votes, 1 no vote and abstention.

It is noted that the PRAB will be attending the Council Study Session on July 13, 2010.

Adjourn 8:22 P.M.