



City of Tigard Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - Minutes

MEETING DATE: September 20, 2010

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 7:00 p.m. the meeting is called to order by Chair Jason Rogers.

Members Present: Jason Rogers, Troy Mears, Holly Polivka, Marshall Henry

Audience: Valerie Grey, Marc Woodard, Bob Betcone

Staff Present: Steve Martin, Martin McKnight

2. Introduction of new PRAB Member: Marshall Henry

3. Approval of minutes: July 19, 2010: Troy Mears moves to approve the minutes and Holly Polivka seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

4. Comments from the audience: Valerie Grey, a resident of Tigard, proposes that the PRAB consider purchasing an undeveloped property to be preserved as a bird sanctuary. She has noticed many species of birds and says that the overgrown area is good habitat and that birding is becoming more popular nationally. Jason Rogers thanks Valerie Grey for her input and mentions that the PRAB appreciates input from residents regarding potential parks properties.

Marc Woodard has two questions. *The first question is, if the bond measure passes, what purchases would the 80% of the money be allocated to? The next question is what are the cost projections for maintenance and operations of lands that may be purchased with bond measure funds?*

Jason Rogers says that the PRAB will be talking about particular pieces of land in executive session. Jason Rogers also says that the public will soon see literature and documentation regarding different areas of the City where there is a vision of coming parks or greenspaces. Jason refers to the Parks System Master Plan and points out that there are areas identified where certain types of parks are planned.

Steve Martin answers the second question regarding maintenance and operations costs. He says that with the passage of the bond measure the City may be able to acquire approximately 100 acres. Steve estimates that the cost of maintenance for 100 acres would be close to \$250,000 based on estimates from the bond measure last year. Steve also says that the maintenance costs could be less if more of the lands purchased with the upcoming bond measure would have a smaller percentage of developed land than estimated.

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Mr. Woodard asks Steve Martin if he has concerns about maintenance of the acquired lands. Mr. Martin answered that undeveloped acreage would require much less maintenance but if the City added a substantial amount of developed parks the amount estimated would be at the higher end and include the cost of added staff. Mr. Woodard then asks the PRAB what a realistic timeline is for accomplishing the goals of the Parks System Master Plan – how much could actually be used in five years? Steve says that a lot of the property may not be developed but remain open space. Jason Rogers mentions the Parks System Master plan as a resource. Troy Mears and Steve Martin mention leveraging grant money with bond measure dollars. Bob Betcone from TPL mentions his role with the PRAB and the City and says that he believes the Fowler Property is a great example of what the City is trying to accomplish. Mr. Betcone also emphasizes the importance of negotiating privately with land owners.

5. Bond Measure Discussion

a. Bond measure as approved by Council on July 27, 2010

- i. Steve says that the 80% acquisition, 20% or less for improvements and 10% or no more than \$1.7 million for downtown model was adopted by Council.

b. Recommendations for Improvements using bond funds.

- i. The PRAB discusses improvements such as a Summerlake to Fowler trail connection, the rail trail adjacent to Tigard Street, Jack Park improvements, etc. Jason Rogers urges the Board to review the Master Plan and to come to the next meeting with additional improvement needs.

c. Recommendation for land acquisition – Summer Creek property evaluation

6. Executive Session

7. Adjourn 8:40 P.M.