

Friends of Corvallis Parks and Recreation
1310 SW Avery Park Dr.
Corvallis, OR 97333

Board Meeting Minutes October 23, 2017

Attendees:

Mary Buckman

Charley Fisher

Jenny Meisel

Karen Emery

Roberta Sperling

Kristin Shreeve

Visitor: Jenny's daughter Saura

Absent:

Ken Haines

Olga Loza

(Note items in **bold** indicate an action to be taken by a Board member.)

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m

Mary reported Kent Daniels sent in his resignation from the Board. He'll be missed.

A new Board members was voted into the Board (Kristin moved the motion, Jenny seconded, vote unanimous): The new member is Stephanie Long Mehlenbacher. She lives next to Garfield Park and is a long-time Majestic volunteer. She is co-owner of Earthsongs, a company that publishes multinational choral music.

The Board also approved Audrey Hatch as a member, with the motion made by Charley (not sure who seconded the motion), vote unanimous. Audrey is grounded in natural resources and open space issues. She was involved in the "Protect our Parks" vote this past spring.

The current Board members had their terms updated (see attached list with names and dates terms expire). Stephanie moved this motion, Charlie seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous.

The following board members were elected as officers for one-year terms. Stephanie moved the motion, Kristin seconded, vote unanimous:

President—Mary, Vice President—Charley, Treasurer—Kristin, Secretary—Roberta and Jenny.

Treasurer Kristin Shreeve asked that someone else step in as treasurer before the end of a year. She suggested this take place before October, so she can provide training. It was briefly discussed that it's possible a bookkeeper could be hired to do much of the treasurer's work.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved with corrections. (Stephanie moved the motion, Charley seconded, vote unanimous).

REPORTS:

Bulb Sale: Ruby asked about having a way to take credit cards for bulb sales. Steph said you can get a "Square" quite easily and there's no fee. Karen mentioned this was used at the Eclipse event and was easy to do. It can be connected to an Ipad or smart phone. Seems like something worth looking into.

Martin Luther King Jr Park update: The Rothschilds have offered to pay for the site plan, which will cost about \$9800. The plan is "in the works." The Rothschilds have also contacted a fund raiser (professional). This person will be paid by the Rothschilds. The goal is to see if this kind of large-scale fund raising project is feasible.

Beans for Bags netted Friends \$158.26 this year.

An anonymous donor would like to give Friends **\$5000 in stock**. Kristin said the best thing to do would be to sell the stock when it gets donated. **Mary will check into this, trying to determine the simplest way to manage the transaction. When this is done, Mary or Kristin will let Roberta know the name/address of the donor, so a personal thank you can be sent out (in addition to the receipt from Kristin).**

Mary reported that we have been approved by the **Cultural Trust**. This provides added incentives for tax credits when people donate to Friends. **Mary will put send our logo to be placed on their website. Mary will also get clear language for us to use on our website, explaining benefits for state taxes when donation is made.**

The decision was made to work with Eagle Mail Service in Salem for our fund raising letter campaign. The letter was approved with a couple of additions to the list of donation options. **Jenny will coordinate this project with Eagle.**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 28 at 5 p.m. in the Parks & Rec building.

Mary graciously provided pizza for hungry board members. Yum!

Adjourned: 6:30 p.m.