

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

Board Meeting Minutes March 20, 2018

Attendees:

Mary Buckman
Charley Fisher
Karen Emery
Roberta Sperling
Audrey Hatch
Stephanie Mehlenbacher
Jenny Meisel and Saura
Kristin Shreeve
Ken Haines

Absent:

Olga Loza

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

Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m

Visitors from Benton County Skateboard Alliance (BCSA)
bcskateboardingalliance.org

Doug Glavich and Vaughn Balzer are board members of this group, which began in 2007. They spoke about their group's interest in improving skateboard park options in our area. Their long-term goal is to fund raise (with the help of Friends) to improve the downtown skate park and also build a world-class park. If we had a world-class park, expert skate boarders/pros would come through. the original skate park is not challenging, even for non-pros.

Karen reported that an improvement to the skate bowl is part of the capital improvement plan for Shawala Point. It would be involve a plaza expansion, as well. Doug and Vaughn explained that CAD Design work for an improvement to that skate park has already been done. The idea is that an expansion would provide areas for all levels of skate boarders. The larger park would be in a space that is currently empty. The idea is we would market the project together (BCSA and Friends). They are planning new and more fundraisers in the near future. Right now their best connections are made through Facebook. Perhaps in the future, city money might be able to be earmarked for a special project, like a world-class skate park.

Cost estimates: Small expansion: \$25-50,000. Large bowl (an old estimate) \$50-75-90,000. They would like to see a family-friendly spot, a place for the community to gather. THEY recognize that permits can be expensive. (The Master Plan to improve Shawala Point is set for work done next year.)

Mary commented that when the Master Plan comes out, we can better know how we can connect with BCSA to develop Shawala Point or have a skate park built in another location. We could share events with BCSA, raising money specifically for their plan.

It was suggested that we put a link on our website and Facebook page for BCSA. (This would be something Olga would do.)

Charley moved we approve the January minutes with one correction. Karen seconded. Approved.

The Conflict of Interest Policy was reviewed. Roberta moved the policy be accepted with changes. Audrey seconded. Motion passed. Board members will sign this policy at our next meeting.

Karen Report:

Peace Pole in Central Park: Karen explained that a limestone replacement for the one that was taken down would be installed. The word "peace" will be in 14 languages. Cost \$5,000

Signage for our projects: Mary reported that 20 signs would cost \$12 each and she showed a sample of the sign. Ken suggested adding a border. Ken moved that we approve the expenditure of up to \$250 for the signs. Audrey seconded. Motion passed.

Ramblin' Rex: Ken reported that fund raising should bring in enough money for a bench at Saturday market or an addition to the musical instrument park at Avery. Ken made a motion to accept the Ramblin' Rex Memorial as a project. Stephanie seconded the motion, which was approved.

Bookkeeping: Charley reported that he spoke with Illene Anderton of A&S Accounting in Corvallis about doing the bookkeeping for friends. Her firm does bookkeeping for a number of not-for-profit groups. They will meet again after tax season to firm up the connection

Raising the Local Profile Reports:

- Audrey reported that the **Whiteside Theatre** doesn't have ads before shows. However, there are ways to work with the Whiteside. For example we can sponsor School and Family Shows, which are well attended. The cost varies.
- Roberta reported on **Darkside** ads. The board liked the idea of ads at the Darkside and **Roberta will make up a slide for the Darkside and send to Board members to approve.** Charley suggested using a photo of the climbing wall or some other photo showing something the Friends have done in the slide.
- Stephanie reported on a Veterans Day program at the **Majestic**. Perhaps this would be something we could sponsor.

Project Report by Karen:

- The Mary's River Boardwalk Project is complete.
- The MLK Jr. park project is moving forward.
- The Rene Moye Memorial project is moving forward. Rene's brother will design an entrance for the sports complex at Sunset Park with Rene's name. Charley indicated he has people to appeal to for funds for this project.
- A suitable piece of equipment has been found for the Ron Nasko Memorial project. It will be a wood and rope climbing sphere and will be located at the south of the fountain at Waterfront Park. A dedication this summer is expected.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m

The next meeting will be **Tues, April 17 at 5 p.m. at the Parks & Rec building.**