

Friends of Corvallis Parks and Recreation

1310 SW Avery Park Dr.

Corvallis, OR 97333

Board Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2019 5:00 pm

Attendees

Audrey Hatch
Mary Buckman
Ken Haines
Roberta Sperling

Charley Fisher
Karen Emery
Jenny Meisel

Absent

Stephanie Mehlenbacher
Olga Loza

Guests

Meeting called to order: 5:03 pm

Approval of Minutes from last meeting:

Jenny moved to approve the March meeting minutes. Charley seconded. All were in favor. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Mary has an appointment with Ilene on April 23 to continue working on summarizing and formatting information for our monthly meetings.

Donations that have been received this month: \$10,000 for pickleball, \$1000 from Elk's Charity Trust-not earmarked for anything, \$500 for Rene Moye. Charley thinks we have exceeded the original estimate for Rene Moye.

Mary wrote each of the donors a thank you letter on letter head.

Charley made a motion to accept the treasure's report. Ken seconded. All were in favor. Report was accepted by unanimous vote.

Swag order:

Items that have been discussed in the past: magnets with park names/additional info/dog parks, tote bags, post it notes, and bike lights were some options. There is \$1000 in the budget to purchase items.

Ken suggested giving away brochures for regional parks/natural areas. Jenny suggested using a City Parks brochure. Karen said they are in the process of updating their park brochure and can put our logo in it. Karen stated that it could be ready in 3 weeks for us to use this summer. The brochure contains a large list of all the parks in the City. Ken suggested handing out a highlighter with our logo on it so they can mark where they want to go.

We also discussed creating a large map printed on foam core for people to put a pin on the map of their favorite park that can be used as an interactive activity at the Farmer's Market. Ken suggested northwest graphics for printing. Ken will follow up on printing and see if we can get a donation or discount for our logo/name on vinyl and a map on foam core.

We will ask Stephanie to look into purchasing highlighters, as she did the research on the original give away items.

Karen will ask her staff if they can create a large map that we can put on foam core

Mary will check with the Market organizers for open dates. Jenny suggested creating a schedule for people to sign up.

Individual support of local election topics

Olga checked the bylaws and it says nothing about expressing personal support or opposition to local elections and other voting topics by members of the board. Mary also found this in the articles of incorporation.

Karen stated that we can get yard signs for the local levy by signing up on the website.

Election date is May 21, the same day as the May meeting. Karen will not be at the meeting because she will be hosting a watch party for the election.

MLK Park Update

The master plan will be presented to City Council on May 9. If all goes well it will be adopted at the May 20 council meeting.

Mary and Don have all the letters written for the feasibility study, a list of people/names and the brochure ready to go. They have addresses for recipients but not phone numbers. Mary needs help getting phone numbers.

Karen will look at the list and see if she has any connections. She suggested sending the names to Bob and Sarah.

Mary will send the recipient list to everyone and would like us to look at the list and see if we have any connections to get phone numbers of names on the list.

There was further discussion explaining the feasibility process and the fund-raising process.

P & R Updates:

Karen stated that two of our projects were impacted by the flooding: Mary's river boardwalk and sidewalk were impacted and survived. The Nigel Weber memorial did not survive so well. The 2 canoes detached, but they were recovered. Park employees are evaluating to see if the canoes can be re-used or if they need to be replaced. The city is evaluating damage and may apply for FEMA funding.

The Rene Moye sign has been ordered. Karen doesn't know the timeline for when it will be ready. Charley has some friends that are willing to help install it. They are hoping that it will be in place by softball season.

Other business:

Charley called the Sec of State office regarding the change to the bylaws and they said unless it's urgent we will need to hold off on our changes. Charley has a meeting in Salem soon and will stop by the Sec of State office. He should have info by next meeting.

Charley presented a thank you letter that he received from a different organization and thought it could be used as a template for our thank you letter.

Action Items

Mary will check with the Market organizers for open dates.

Karen will look at the list of names for the MLK feasibility study and see if she has any connections. She suggested sending the list to Bob and Sarah.

Mary will send the recipient list to everyone and would like us to look at the list and see if we have any connections to get phone numbers of names on the list.

Ken will follow up on map printing for Saturday Market outreach and see if we can get a donation or discount for our logo/name on vinyl and a map on foam core

We will ask Stephanie to look into purchasing highlighters, as she did the research on the original give away items.

Karen will ask her staff if they can create a large map that we can put on foam core

Agenda items for next meeting:

Charley-update on bylaws changes

Mary-share results of meeting with Ilene

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05. Next Meeting: May 21, 2019

Minutes submitted by Jenny Meisel