

**Friends of Corvallis Parks and Recreation
1310 SW Avery Park Drive
Corvallis, OR 97333**

**Board Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2019**

Attendees	Absent	Guests
Mary Buckman		
Roberta Sperling	Ken Haines	none
Jenny Meisel	Olga Loza	
Audrey Hatch		
Charley Fisher		
Stephanie Mehlenbacher		
James Mellein		

Meeting called to order: 5:00pm by Roberta Sperling.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

With the exception of correcting the spelling of September, the minutes were approved unanimously. **Mary made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jenny.**

Treasurer's Report

Mary reported that the board liability insurance has been paid and that the Majestic Theatre has received its new fridge for the concessions area. Net donations for the month were \$2000.

Mary reported that she is checking into different bookkeepers to work with. She also reported that we need to make and approve a new budget, but that should not be too difficult.

Renewal of Membership on board

Mary, Charley, and Roberta need to be approved for renewal as board members. All agreed to continue. **Jenny moved to accept their renewal, Stephanie seconded. Approval was unanimous.**

Beans for Bags

Jenny reported that our application is in at the Co-Op. There are 23 applicants for 16 spots. Person needs to be a co-op member to vote. Last year, we did not get chosen. Voting can be done at both co-ops.

Farmer's Market Review/New Board Members

Jenny reported that it was a good experience. People asked questions. About 25 people dropped by. We have names and addresses of interested people. Roberta suggested thanking them via email and inviting them to be on the board. Jenny suggested that we might send this year's appeal letter via email as well as through the mail. Charley said he had a potential new board member who has a big interest in the community. Mary will take the Farmer's Market emails and add them to the list. James said edits had been finished on the big map. Waiting for the Senior Center to be renamed before printing new map. Changes were made to what used to be Sunset Park. James said real estate people really like the maps. Mary asked if we can get our logo on the map somewhere. James said he would check with marketing about it.

MLK Park Update

Mary reported that there is a games plan. Audrey has agreed to help and will co-chair with Bob Rothschild. Audrey said they will put together a timeline. Mary said that Bob and Sara are willing to sign a loan against pledges. Mary said that the feasibility study is good, but we need to raise our profile so people will be comfortable writing checks. Charley asked how Bob felt the study went. Mary responded that some people are very motivated, but he lamented about whether enough people were involved.

Donation Letter Timeline

Roberta will write the letter and send it on to Audrey. The letter will be sent both by mail and email. Roberta and Audrey will have a meeting before Halloween to discuss it. Mary said she has the list of people to send to and will check to see how many emails she has. There was a discussion about who would print and send the letter. Charley mentioned that Packaging Plus doesn't do the printing, just the mailing. Mary remarked that we would rather use someone in Corvallis, but if we can't, so be it.

P & R Update

James reported that Sunset Park has been absorbed into Starker Arts Park. He reported that they have received a grant for Caldwell Farms. There is a schoolhouse on the property as well as a farmhouse. This is currently not open to the public but will be soon. There is a kiosk that the public can visit but people cannot walk up to the house.

The meeting was adjourned at 6pm. Next meeting will be November 19.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Mehlenbacher