

**Friends of Parks and Recreation**  
**Minutes**  
**July 20, 2021**

**Attending**

Doug Severs  
Audrey Hatch  
Jenny Meisel  
Roberta Sperling  
Mary Buckman  
Meredith Petit

Ken Haines  
Olga Loza  
  
Stephanie Long

**Absent**

Charley Fisher

**Guest**

Ashley Chavez

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Roberta and was seconded by Doug. Minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Comments**

Mary reported that Meredith was raising funds for the movie in the park event (3 \$500 donations). We spent a little money on bookkeeping and made the final payment on the Rene Moye signs. Meredith reported that the movie in the park has changed. Now they will show How to Train Your Dragon.

**Director of the Library – Ashley Chavez**

Ashley was invited to the meeting to discuss the non-profits that support the library and what their functions are. The library has a Foundation as well as a Friends of the Library group. The Foundation raises money for large projects. The Friends of the Library does the annual book sale, membership drive, and day to day smaller projects. Money raised is in two different accounts. Audrey asked which group works with the Monroe Library? Ashley said that would be the Foundation. Roberta asked what kind of projects would the Foundation support? Ashley answered that they raised funds for the complete the block campaign (600K) as well as one million dollars for the current expansion. Ashley said the Foundation has assets of about three million dollars right now. Meredith added that for MLK we need to lock in the lead donor and the amount. We need things laid out before we can accept donation. Ashley mentioned that there are no MOUs with their two non-profits. They have good staff support. They use Donor Perfect software to track donors, send thank you notes, and make sure donors are recognized.

**MLK Update**

Audrey asked the board's opinions on the updated roles and responsibilities statement. Olga said simple is good. We need to hold MLK donations in a separate account. Mary said she liked the simplified version. She asked what the 30K that Friends is providing pays for: is it staff or is it marketing materials? Audrey said it really doesn't matter. The 30K is basically startup funds. Meredith said Friends will not be asked for more money. Mary pointed out that there will be more expenses and more work. Meredith pointed out that this should be a net profit for Friends. Audrey offered that we need to be more strategic, that we should have an annual retreat and an annual strategy process. Jenny asked if we need a motion to accept the revised document. Audrey asked if some other things need to be added. Roberta said it looks good, we are committed to the project, but it is a lot of money. Stephanie agreed that it is a lot of money and hopes smaller non-profits in Corvallis do not lose money because it is all going to this project. Ken said it is pretty straightforward. Doug said the structure is good. Audrey asked if we were ready to vote on this. Mary said she is not prepared to vote

tonight. Roberta suggested making small tweaks, if necessary and vote via email in a week. Olga said send comments or adjustments to her and to Audrey.

### **Meredith's Report**

Meredith reported that the Rene Moyer signs are up. August 19 is the movie in the park. It will start about 8:45 (dusk). They will have a bike valet. Summer camps are in full swing. There is a lot of pent-up energy in the kids. Otter Beach is open. They have a shortage of lifeguards. The Rose Garden currently has no organized group, landscaping staff is doing the work, there is money available.

Jenny offered to do Beans for Bags again. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21pm.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Long Mehlenbacher