

Friends of Parks and Recreation
Minutes
April 26, 2022

Attending

Mary Buckman
Audrey Hatch
Roberta Sperling
Meredith Petit

Charley Fisher
Stephanie Long
Jenny Meisel

Absent

Olga Loza
Ken Haines
Doug Severs

Minutes

Roberta Sperling brought the meeting to order at 5pm. A motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting was made by Mary and seconded by Stephanie. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Mary reported that this is a fairly slow time of year. Friends' tax return is due May 15. Mary hopes to have a meeting with A & S about a few small things at some point. Mary suggested we all think about the best way to sort spending categories to make it clearer. There was a discussion about whether to extend our membership in NAPF. Consensus was that another group might be better for what we need. Charley made a motion to NOT renew our membership. Mary seconded it. Vote was unanimous.

Majestic Theatre Discussion

There was a discussion about the funding for the Majestic Theatre. When Parks and Rec took over running the Majestic Theatre, it was hoped the theatre would become self-supporting, but that has not been the case. In spite of innovation and creativity during the pandemic, growth of income has been small and the budget gap keeps coming back. The City Manager's goal is to not have to use general fund dollars to subsidize the theatre. Jimbo is the only full time employee. There is also an administrative assistant who is three quarter time and several part time employees. The theatre has asked for a full time technical director, but funds are not there to do it.

Saturday Market

There was a discussion about how many brochures, etc to get for the Saturday Market booth. Stephanie can do the later shift on July 9. Roberta will ask Doug about May 14. Stephanie will drop off easel at P&R office for display. Charley suggested getting some of the Bottle Drop bags to have at Saturday Market as well.

MLK Update

Audrey reported that thanks to Jenny, Meredith, and staff, they have a good candidate to work on marketing. The campaign will kickoff on Juneteenth. The project is moving forward. A major donor is in place with first pledge in hand. Roberta asked if the 4 million from the state will go directly to the city and not through Friends. Answer is yes. Meredith mentioned that they are engaging with the Corvallis Arts Center about creating a cohesive look and about art projects. Audrey mentioned that there will be a postcard mailing. Postcards will be printed through OSU Press which is much cheaper than Eagle Press. Mary made a motion to support the postcard project. Jenny seconded. Consent was unanimous.

Meredith's Report

Meredith reported that due to a shortage of lifeguards, Osborne will be cutting its daytime hours. They are trying to recruit lifeguards by offering free lifeguard training. Josh Hopkins, current supervisor at Osborne, is leaving, so that position will be open. Meredith mentioned that Matilda, the Musical will be live at the Majestic from 4/29 through 5/22.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm..

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Long Mehlenbacher