

**Friends of Parks and Recreation  
Minutes  
January 18, 2022**

**Attending**

Doug Severs	Ken Haines	Mary Buckman
Olga Loza	Charley Fisher	Audrey Hatch
Roberta Sperling	Stephanie Long	Jenny Meisel
Meredith Petit		

**Minutes**

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Mary reported that Friends received \$9000-10000 in donations from the fundraising letter. Ending balances may change a bit because some checks came in after the report was done. To keep from disappointing donors, Mary suggested adding a line item for open space natural area and one for the dog park. Olga reported that a large 10K donation was made to the general fund by Wendy (Starker) Miller. The donation came through PayPal, which was unusual. Jenny suggested emailing her and see if she wants the money to go to a more specific item. Some changes will be made to PayPal to reflect more categories for donations and the ability to offset the PayPal fee. Move to accept Treasurer's report by Charley and seconded by Doug. Report was unanimously approved.

**MLK Update**

Audrey talked about the contract for marketing assistance. She said the city should do the contract since they have a process set up to do it. 15k is a good amount to get the RFP started. The other 15K will be for signs, flyers, etc. Meredith said they will use the standard city contract for a marketing firm or an individual. It will be easier to pay bills from the Friends account. Ken said that it is easier for Friends to write checks. Mary made a motion to ok the changes. Olga seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Charley reported that his son plays in a band with Dan Rayfield. In talking to Dan about MLK Park, Dan said the group should request money from the state as there is always leftover money from projects. And Dan Rayfield is buying a new house near MLK Park.

**Meredith's Report**

Meredith reported that the department is busy responding to changing weather, downed trees, illegal camping, etc. She reported that there is a new director at C3, Rob\_\_\_\_\_. Terry O'Malley is now the marketing specialist. Todd Wheeler (Osborn) is leaving Corvallis. They are looking to recruit a new person. Meredith is working on budget development for the City Manager's review. Regarding COVID protocols, OHA says all departments will make their own rules. Meredith said the Benton Co. Health Dept. goes into homeless camps 4 or 5 days before cleanups to see if there is any COVID. They are making good progress with vaccinations. Supply chain issues have caused work at Cloverland Park tennis courts to stall. Work will likely not be completed until May or June. Meredith said they should know in March whether Dan Rayfield can help get money for MLK Park.

The meeting adjourned at 6 pm..  
Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Long Mehlenbacher