

**Friends of Parks and Recreation**  
**Minutes**  
**July 16, 2024**

**Attending**

Lynne Dimmick  
Doug Severs  
Jean Scott

Laurie Mason  
Olga Loza  
Stephanie Long

Charley Fisher  
Mary Buckman  
Ken Haines

**Absent**

Tom

**Minutes**

The meeting was brought to order at 4:30. Mary made a motion to approve the minutes. Doug seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**Guest – Ruby Moon**

Ruby Moon, formerly affiliated with CBUF, reported that CBUF has sunsetted. As of August, it will no longer exist. Ruby would like to adopt the corner of Central Park at 8<sup>th</sup> and Monroe as a native plant garden, offering an opportunity for beautification and education, as well as raising awareness about native plants and trees. Parks and Rec is willing to supply native trees. There was a discussion about funding the project. Meredith said there are funds available to do this. Laurie asked if donations would come through Friends or go directly to Parks and Rec. Meredith said perhaps donations could go through Friends. Ruby added funds could also come from Adopt a Park. Laurie asked if the funds would be available for anyone who wants to adopt a park. Ruby suggested funds be raised and used for the NW corner of Madison Avenue/Central Park only. The funds from bulb sales (CBUF) could be used for this purpose. Ruby is also interested in becoming a Friends Board member. Olga will send her a Board application.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Laurie reported that the account with Wells Fargo set up to sell donated stock is now ready to use. Meredith said that MLK Park’s primary donor is ready to set up the next portion of his donation. Laurie said it can be sold immediately. Laurie thanked Mary for doing the research on this. Mary suggested that now, perhaps, more people will donate stock. Ruby pointed out that this is how Jackson Street Youth Shelter started. Olga made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Stephanie seconded the motion. Acceptance of the report was unanimous.

**Saturday Market**

Charley reported that a new banner with the new logo has been made. The big map of all Corvallis parks could not be found. People really like that map. Mary said people want a map the size of the bike trail map showing playgrounds in Corvallis. Charlie said there was one with the playground address and amenities at each location. He will talk to Julia Jacobs at Parks and Rec. Mary said folks at the booth need name tags.

### **C3 Programming**

Lynne reported about a popular C3 program: Game Day on Thursdays. There are two pinochle groups. People from the Elks come to teach pinochle not only about the game, but about the friendships that develop when playing. Pinochle is thriving!

Olga asked if there are other games folks can play. Lynne said there is bridge in the fall, also cribbage, and board games. The program is free. Contact Meghan to make sure there is space for anything new.

### **Parks and Rec Update**

Activity guide goes out 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August. Olga said it would be nice to add some color to our ad next time around. Ken suggested that the logo should be larger as well.

Meredith reported that the Majestic was featured on cover of the National Parks and Recreation magazine, using a photo from the Tempest taken by photographer Sabrina Dedek. The article is a great read and helps make connections to other Parks and Rec groups. It is summer and Otter Beach is packed. There is a lot going on including Movie in the Park, Concerts in the Park, Picnic in the Park, and Open Streets.

The department is dealing with tree failure at Riverfront Park. The new Parks and Rec advisory committee is forming. There have been 16 applicants for 7 spots.

**Our next meeting will be held on August 20 at 4:30.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Long Mehlenbacher