



Parks & Recreation Commission
7:00 P.M.
April 25, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: Brent Erickson, Chair, presided.

Present: Juli Bradley, Walt Eby, David Gast, Scott Jonason,
Mark Nickerson, and Melissa Smith.

Excused: Steve Lorenz

Staff Present: Jerry Acheson and Ronda Syverson.

A motion was made by Eby, seconded by Bradley, and carried that minutes of the general meeting of March 28, 2007, be approved as written.

PARKS FOUNDATION - PRESENTATION:

Acheson introduced Phyllis Goldhammer, Executive Director of the Parks Foundation. Goldhammer distributed material regarding upcoming events and other fundraising programs sponsored by the Parks Foundation. She highlighted the following activities:

- **Dozer Days:** A family event to be held on Saturday, May 19, at Columbia Tech Center. They are in need of volunteers to help with this event.
- **Golf Tournament:** Monday, August 27.
- **Walk-A-Mile, Build-A-Trail:** The Parks Foundation is asking companies to encourage their staff to participate and raise money for the trail system.
 - For example, they have received a grant to build a section of trail in the Washougal River Greenway near the proposed pedestrian/utility crossing. These funds will build approximately ¼ mile of trail.
- **River Walk:** A fundraising activity to be held on June 23.

Goldhammer announced that she will be retiring on June 30, 2007. She announced that Cheri Cole will become the new Executive Director to the Parks Foundation. Ms. Cole has worked with the Clark College Alumni Group and has good connections throughout the community.

Goldhammer mentioned that the annual Parks Foundation meeting will be held at the Firstenburg Center on June 27, 2007.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Acheson distributed CDs of the draft Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Comprehensive Plan. He mentioned a couple of changes to the document since this project was last discussed: sports field in conjunction with the school district on the south side of Doc

Harris Stadium and the committee has identified an overlook on top of Green Mountain with walking trails.

Acheson stated that with Parks Commission approval this project can be discussed by the Planning Commission at a public hearing on May 15, 2007, with Planning Commission's approval the project will proceed to City Council in June.

A motion was made by Gast, seconded by Jonason, and carried that the Draft Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Comprehensive Plan update be forwarded to the Planning Commission for review during a public hearing.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Legislature: Acheson reported that grant approval for funding to assist with construction of the Washougal River Crossing Pedestrian/Utility Bridge looks promising.

Forest Home Park: A utility trench and STEP tank was installed at the park.

Lacamas Creek Trailhead: Eby questioned the status on demolition of the house at Lacamas Creek Trailhead. Acheson stated that staff is still working on possibly burning the home in May.

Cemetery: Erickson mentioned that Memorial Weekend is quickly approaching and he would like to see the cemetery looking its best.

Swimming Pool Rates: Eby questioned the status of the revised swimming pool rates that were set during a previous Parks Commission meeting. Acheson responded that staff agrees with the rate adjustment.

Pool Painting project: Acheson reported that the pool was painted last week and that the heater is on order.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.