

Friends of Corvallis Parks and Recreation
1310 SW Avery Park Dr.
Corvallis, OR 97333

Board Meeting Minutes November 15, 2016

Attendees:

Mary Buckman
Karen Emery
Charley Fisher
Ken Haines
Yuliya Dennis
Roberta Sperling

Absent:

Olga Loza
Jenny Meisel
Kent Daniels (on sabbatical)

Meeting called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from last meeting:

Corrections were made to minutes of last meeting They were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report:

Kristin was not at the meeting, however, she informed a board member that this year, because of increased money in the budget due to Senior Center Foundation funds, she had to fill out a 990 Tax Form. This is a 12 page form. The question was raised as to whether it's appropriate to ask a volunteer to handle this kind of a form. It was also mentioned the if we do a large fundraising project, as the Rothchilds are encouraging the Friends to take up, then there could be a considerably larger amount of money to account for. Kristin also mentioned to Charley that there was a question about bylaws changes on the 990 form. This might be something that would need to be handled in next year's tax form. It was suggested we keep good records on bylaw changes.

Projects report:

The Annual Appeal letter was discussed. A correction was made.

A question was asked about the **Majestic Theatre** and our merger with the Majestic Board. Karen said the Majestic folks are excited to be part of the Friends group. It makes sense for the Majestic to raise funds for some things and for the Friends to be involved with other fund-raising needs. As far as the merger goes, Karen has not heard any more about this. The ball is in their court at this time. **Notes:** The Majestic Theatre is one of the boxes on the Appeal Letter for earmarking donations sent to Friends. The Majestic will send out their own appeal letter, too. The names on their list are different from the ones on our lists.

MLK Park Fundraising. A couple of the board members will meet with the Rothschilds on Friday to discuss their vision for the park and fundraising for updates there. Karen noted four parts to the MLK Upgrade Plan: 1) Natural Area 2) Creek 3) Middle area with the abandoned youth baseball/softball diamonds that has become an off-leash dog park. 4) Trails

Once the landscape architect comes up with plans for improvements at the park, these will be brought to neighborhood residents for input. Karen said it will be a while before Friends would need to commit to a large fundraising plan, which is what the Rothschilds are proposing. Clearly, we all appreciate their interest in upgrading the park and their offer to donate substantially to the project. However, we may need to hold off a year or so to see if Friends can take something like this on. One reason is the Rothschilds are suggesting we hire a professional fundraiser. Yulila asked if this person could be hired on commission and Karen said that was a possibility.

Power Point Presentation Update. Board members working on this are aiming for more of a "Friends" focus. The original Power Point Presentation focused more on the Parks & Rec Department. Mary pointed out we do need to include some information on the Parks & Rec Department to lay groundwork. Charley mentioned that more photos were needed, perhaps "before and after ones" for Arnold and Franklin Parks.

Next meeting: December 13 at 5 p.m.

Things to be done by members:

Karen offered to find out if the Friends of the Library have a professional fundraiser, as they raised quite a bit of money to purchase a building on the library block.

Roberta will ask Eileen Anderton of A&S Accounting about the cost to fill out a 990 Tax Return in the future.

Some board members had not received an email about the current financial situation at the Majestic. Roberta will forward that email to all members.

Roberta will send Charley photos she collected for the Appeal Letter that might work for the Power Point Presentation.