

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

Board Meeting Minutes April 25 2017

Attendees:

Mary Buckman
Charley Fisher
Karen Emery
Ken Haines
Roberta Sperling
Kristin Shreeve

Absent:

Yuliya Dennis
Olga Loza
Jenny Meisel
Kent Daniels (on sabbatical)

(Note items in **bold** indicate an action to be taken by a Board member.)

Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m
Approval of minutes of Mar 25 meeting
Approval of Treasurer's Report

Mary suggested the names of Board members be removed from the stationery. This would make it easier to use. **Roberta will do this and send to all Board members.**

The Senior Center did not receive a grant from Council of Government to help pay for the new kitchen equipment. The friends voted to supply the full amount. **Kristin will send a check.**

The merger with the Majestic Board is moving forward. Mary and Karen met with the Majestic group. The group's attorney will write a "merger document" that will be send to the Friends. Mary will look over this document. Hopefully, it will be a simple enough document so that Friends will not need to contact a lawyer about revisions. Ken knows two lawyers who thought would be able to look over the document "pro boon" if needed. They would be able to see if any "red flags" pop up. At a future joint meeting with the Majestic group, the final version will be signed.

It was suggested that Jimbo Ivy (director of the Majestic) be invited to a Friends meeting. Jimbo suggested Jim Martinez as a Friends Board members. Jim is involved in Majestic productions and activities.

Mary has invited three prospective Board members to meeting.

A new prospective member Carolyn Choquette, joined the Board meeting at 5:30. **Roberta will let Olga know that the time for Board meeting is still 5:30 on the website. Needs to change to 5.** Carolyn's lived in Corvallis since 1976 and loves to hike. Her special interest is in park trails, especially those at Bald Hill Park. She noted they are in need of repair. She explained residents are less likely to use the in their current state—quite muddy. The Board welcomed her comments. Mary mentioned it's hard to get people excited about maintenance projects. The Board agreed this could be a Friends project. **Mary will send Carolyn information about becoming a Board member.** Karen said that there will be a new trail on Bald Hill this summer and trail maintenance and some upgrades should be coming up aksi. **Karen will give a project description at a future meeting.**

Ken suggested asking Helen Hogen from the Boys & Girls Club to come to a meeting to talk about connecting to donors. The Boys & Girls Club have a number of generous donors/board members, as does the Green Belt. They also are able to attract volunteers.

Charley and Karen returned from a meeting with members of the King Legacy Board about MLK Park. The Rothschilds were present also. Bob Rothschild spoke about our vision, the idea of working together. He said that there are older people who know about what the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. accomplished. He wants to make sure young people know about this, too. Karen and Charley said the response from King Legacy Board members was positive/supportive. The next step will be to bring the landscape architects vision to them to see. Mary said it would be good to include Mark Page at that meeting, too, as he's a member of the MLK Advisory Board.

Recognition signs. Mary suggested that we have a plaque designed that can be placed on projects that the Friends support (not necessarily benches, but other, larger projects). Ken mentioned that R&G Engraving can make these. Everyone thought this was a good idea. Final language for the plaques will be determined at another time. **Mary said she'd get price quotes for this.** Karen said there is a standard size for this type of plaque.

Karen reported on graffiti vandalism at MLK Park that took place twice. She mentioned a security camera that would enable the police to determine who was doing this. The camera would be portable, so it could be moved to other locations

as needed. Approximate cost would be \$6,000 and the police department might chip in, too. NOTE: Board members took an email vote later in the week on providing \$2,000 towards the purchase of the camera. The vote passed.

Adjourned: 6:40 p.m.