

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

Board Meeting Minutes January 24, 2017

Attendees:

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

Absent:

Olga Loza
Jenny Meisel
Kent Daniels (on sabbatical)

Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m
Approval of minutes of Dec 13 meeting
Approval of Treasurer's Report

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

Mary will change the photo for the Friends' ad in the upcoming Parks & Rec Booklet

Kristin will send Karen an email from Petersons in Maine who donated to the **Currie Family** Bench. This will allow Karen to send a photo of the completed project to the Petersons. (Not sure about the family name for the bench. RS.)

Visitor: Sharon Bogdanovic, Senior Center Supervisor, asked permission to apply for a grant from the OSU Folk Club Gift Shop through the Friends. This grant would be for an improved sound system for the Senior Center. Even though the Friends Board has money specified for the Senior Center, Sharon thought it would be a good idea to ask for the grant. This keeps keeps the OSU Folk Club in contact with both the Friends and the Senior Center. If the grant doesn't come through, Sharon may come back to Friends and ask for money to purchase this item. Charley and Ken moved to apply for the grant. The motion passed. **Kristin will get needed information to Sharon to complete the grant application process.**

Discussion of the Hydoflask grant was postponed. **Olga will report on this at a future meeting.**

A request has been made by the Central Park Neighborhood Association that

donations to "spruce up" the area around the Art Center be made through Friends. Karen reported that the plan for this project has already been approved. She said it compliments efforts to upgrade Central Park. Kristin suggested we donate funds from our General Fund to the fund raiser, perhaps \$1000 seed money. (The project is expected to run about \$6,000.) Ken said this is a "high profile" project and would be a good one for us to support.

Kristin made a motion that we support the Central Park Association project with a \$1,000 donation and we waive our usual 3% administrative fee. We would ask that the Friends logo be used on the group's fund raising efforts. The motion passed.

Roberta will send the Friends logo to Courtney Cloyd to use in their promotions.

A request came in via email from Audrey Hatch asking for Friends support for the People for Parks initiative prohibiting the City Council from selling parks. The outreach on this will be starting in February. **Mary will invite Audrey to our next meeting to talk about this.**

Karen mentioned she is working with the group and a lawyer on the initiative's language. At this point it's quite vague. Charley mentioned that according to our bylaws, we can't take substantial part of an activity to influence legislation or candidates.

2017 Priorities:

Yulia asked about progress on the **MLK Park Project**. It was reported that there will be another meeting with the Rothschilds Feb. 4. **Charley will go to this meeting.** This will be a big project, a high priority for the Friends.

Board Member Recruitment: Karen suggested Jim Schupp as a Board member. **Charley will call Jim.**

Project Updates: (Bold here, just points out the various projects.)

The Younger instrument is on site at the "**Musical Playground**" in Avery Park, across from the Parks & Rec building. A recognition plaque will be ordered and it might go on a sealed conductor stand at the site. Plaques would be placed on the edges of the stand. Karen mentioned a name for this park is needed. She expects one will come up down the line.

Marys River Boardwalk project is fully funded and should take about 3 months to complete. The pre-construction meeting was set to take place next Monday.

MLK Playground has been funded through a grant and construction will take place in the spring.

Majestic Theatre merger papers have been signed by the Majestic group and have been sent back to us to sign and complete.

Ken commented that the **Franklin Park Playground** upgrade has been very successful. He's never seen so many people in the park before. "Kids came out of the woodwork" to play, he said.

Karen reported that there will be a Master Plan next year that may include the option to "re-envision" **Washington Park**. This may include upgrading the play structure there.

There will be a public meeting January 25, about upgrades to **Starker Arts Park**. In 2017 the plan is to upgrade the duck pond and the walkway around the pond. In 2018 the plan is to upgrade the amphitheater. This is being funded by a donation from the Starker family.

Mary mentioned she'll be out of town for the next meeting. **Charley will chair the meeting, which will take place Tues, Feb. 28 at 5 p.m.**

Adjourned: 6:15 p.m.