

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

Board Meeting Minutes May 23, 2017

Attendees:

Mary Buckman
Jenny Meisel
Karen Emery
Kristin Shreeve
Roberta Sperling

Absent:

Charley Fisher
Olga Loza
Ken Haines
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

Mary reported that Yulia asked to step down from the Board because her new job involves time away from home. She's not able to make our meetings. We hope she can return to the Board at another time.

Guests: Jim Martinez, Ann White, Deborah Correa, Jean Boniface

The Board unanimously approved the two documents for merging The Friends of the Majestic Theatre with Friends of Corvallis Parks and Recreation. One of the documents was signed by Deborah Correa (President of Friends of the Majestic Board) and Mary (President of our Board). Another document was signed by all Board members present. Olga and Charley will be asked to come in to the Parks & Rec building to add their signatures. The merger should become effective June 30, 2017, after documents are filed with the Secretary of State. The attorney for the Majestic Board will take care of that filing. We raised a glass of sparkling pear juice as a way of acknowledging the successful completion of this merger.

Jim Martinez explained his connection with the Majestic. He assists Jimbo (the Majestic's director) and has started up and has been shepherding a group called Majestic Ambassadors. Currently, there are about 9 people involved. The Ambassadors have two current goals:

- 1) Get city "entities" familiar with the Majestic and the need for support.
- 2) Broadening the Majestic's fund raising capacities.

Mary explained the Friends role in fundraising for Parks & Rec projects, as well as the administrative fee that is pulled out. She noted the importance of coordinating fundraising efforts.

Jean Boniface mentioned that the Majestic group hopes that someone connected with the Majestic on the Friends Board. Jim mentioned this isn't an option for him at this time, as he serves on other Boards. He though perhaps another Ambassador might take on this role. Mary offered to attend an Ambassadors meeting; Jim thought this would be a good idea to let them know about Friends and our mission. (Karen explained that the Majestic works in the same way as the Senior Citizens Center. Money earmarked for Senior Center projects is spent there. The same would be true for money sent in for the Majestic. It was suggested that Jimbo come to a Friends Board meeting in the future and give a presentation.

Karen noted that we should add Majestic to our brochure and also to the website. **Jenny said she would take care of that on the brochure.** Karen also mention that letting leaders of various groups under the Parks & Rec umbrella know about the process for donations coming to Friends would be helpful, for example, make contact with the director of Osborne Aquatic Center.

It was mentioned that the Majestic does a late Fall appeal for donations, as well as asks for donations when people buy tickets. Currently the Friends are planning a late Fall donation letter project, too. It might be helpful to coordinate these letters, so they don't come out at the same time or go to the same people. Mary mentioned coordinating mailing.

The Board approved the minutes of our April 25 meeting
There was no Treasurer's Report for this meeting.

A discussion on Beans & Bags took place, since the Co-op has a new flyer about this project. Language describing in just a few words the

mission of Friends of Parks & Rec was discussed. An email was circulated after the meeting, asking for additional input.

Following-up on "Recognition Signs," first discussed at the April meeting, Mary reported she's looked into pricing. We will continue to consider these signs at a future meeting.

Mary mentioned that Board member recruitment was something we all need to work on. **Karen will email Kent about returning to the Board from his sabbatical.**

Project updates:

We received a \$1,000 from Earl Boissonou for paint at Otter Beach. **Roberta will send a thank you.**

Karen reported that the cost to upgrade all the trails at Bald Hill (which was mentioned as needed by Carolyn Choquette, who was at the April meeting) would be \$72,000. She mentioned trails could be upgraded individually, rather than all at once.

The Mary's River Boardwalk project should be completed in August.

Pieces for the Musical Instrument Playground in Avery Park should be installed next week. Karen noted there is a Master Plan for Avery Park and playgrounds there.

Each Board member present received a neat tape measure with the Parks & Rec logo. (Thank you, Karen!)

Karen spoke about plans for Solar Eclipse events. One estimate is 200,000 people will coming to our Aug. 19-21. She suggested we make sure we have gas in our vehicles, as that could be an issue.

Karen mentioned there's a new, streamlined way to make Memorial Bench donations through Parks & Rec.

Meeting adjourned: 6:25 p.m.