

**Friends of Parks and Recreation
Minutes
November 17, 2020**

Attending

Doug Severs	Ken Haines
Charley Fisher	Audrey Hatch
Olga Loza	
Roberta Sperling	Stephanie Long
Mary Buckman	
Meredith Pettit	

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:35. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Roberta and was seconded by Doug. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mary went over the balances in the funds on the Treasurer's Report. There was a discussion about zeroing out some small fund balances of projects that have been completed.

Meredith's Report

Meredith introduced herself to the group. She is from southern California. She was previously recreation supervisor and then Director in El Segundo. She said there are lots of similarities between Corvallis and her previous job. She noted that this was a good time to move here because the current pace is slower than usual and it makes it easier to get to know things. Mary asked if Meredith dealt with a group like Friends before. Meredith replied that she had not, although she had worked to build an aquatic center. Meredith sees an untapped market in the business community here. It is obvious that the community values Parks and Rec. Olga asked if programs are surviving with the city closed. Meredith replied yes, and that C3 is going to take off after the pandemic is over. People are paying for online classes. C3 has requested a \$300 Fred Meyer gift card to purchase treats and supplies for a drive through caroling event in December. Charley made a motion to approve the expenditure and Audrey seconded. Consent was unanimous. Meredith mentioned that C3 has a monthly fitness membership for \$40 per month beginning soon. This might work better than a gym membership for some. Olga mentioned that we need to vote on the replacement of a drum at Avery Park. The amount needed is \$694.50. Roberta made a motion to use \$145 left in Avery Park fund and adding to it from the general fund to cover the expense. Doug seconded. Consent was unanimous. Meredith said that since the drum has already been replaced, payment will need to be made to Parks and Rec.

Youth Volunteer Corps Bottle Drop

Mary reported that this is already happening. Robert Thornberg requested this to support YVC. She moved to add a line item in Treasurer's Report for this and Olga seconded. Consent was unanimous.

Annual Appeal Letter

Roberta sent everyone a draft of the annual appeal letter. There was a discussion about minor changes. Roberta asked that further changes or suggestions be sent to her via email.

Prezi to Neighborhood Associations

Audrey presented her Prezi on Friends to her Neighborhood Association. She said it definitely raised awareness about who we are and what we do. Olga remarked that the Prezi was better than a Powerpoint. She also asked how long it took to present this? Audrey answered that it took about 10 minutes and that 10 to 15 minutes should be allowed for questions. Audrey also suggested linking the Friends website with the City website and that of the Sustainability Coalition. Olga said she would follow up with Meredith about linking these.

Beans for Bags

Olga reported that we did not get Beans for Bags this year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Long Mehlenbacher