

Friends of Parks and Recreation
Minutes
October 20, 2020

Attending

Doug Severs	Ken Haines
Charley Fisher	Audrey Hatch
Olga Loza	Jenny Meisel
Roberta Sperling	Stephanie Long
Mary Buckman	
Karen Emery	

Annual Donation Letter

Roberta mentioned that now is when we usually start writing the annual donation letter. Audrey suggested making small changes to last year's letter to reflect 2020. Audrey, Roberta, and Ken are the writing committee. Mary said we would have to gather all names and addresses. She also suggested that mailing the letter to people might get more attention. Jenny agreed, saying that more people are home and mail may be a better way to send the letter.

Treasurer's Report

Based on the 6-2 vote to sell the donated stock in September, Mary has sold the stock. There is a cash balance with Edward Jones of \$133,902, all of it in cash. Olga asked if we have a local consultant? Ken suggested waiting until after the election to decide what to do with the money. Mary said it would take a while to set the account. Mary reported that we have assets totaling \$362,308. The only expense in the past month was \$38,000 for the new bowl at the skate park. This money was donated by one donor. Also, the sun shade for the bleachers at the pickleball courts was installed. We paid the state \$193 and our fiscal year has been changed to the calendar year. Also, a letter from the Feds says our tax return was not filed. Mary is looking into that. There was a discussion about donor management software. Choices are Little Green Light, Donor Perfect, and Sales Force. Sales Force seems like it is too much for us.

Karen's Report

Karen said flags has been replaced at the Corvallis Arts Center, the shade structure is complete, and the new skate bowl is awaiting greenway permits. Karen's replacement is being trained to replace her at the end of October. Mary asked what the status is of the unhomed population in parks. Karen answered that the city staff is concerned about fires and toxic waste and plans to work on cleaning up riparian areas first. The City Council gave the go ahead to post the camps during the first week of November. There are eleven sites. The county is providing services and would like to set up a managed camp. Karen said that if given trash bags, some unhomed people will clean up after themselves. Mary noted that the Friends sign is up at Riverfront Park and some other places.

Elections of Officers

Mary nominated Olga as president, Charley seconded. Olga nominated Roberta as VP. Jenny seconded. Charley nominated Mary for Treasurer. Jenny seconded. Charley nominate Stephanie for Secretary. Mary seconded. All votes were unanimous. Audrey, Jenny, and Stephanie all re-upped to remain on board for another three years.

Outreach to Neighborhood Associations

Audrey has prepared a presentation. She will do the presentation first and then the city will share the

information so any neighborhood association can offer it. City might be able to help associations come up with ideas for Neighborhood Empowerment Projects. Charley mentioned that the graphics in the presentation are great.

MLK Park

Audrey reported that the fundraising will be launched in early 2021. Other than that, not much is happening now. Mary asked about Jimbo's group. Karen said she received an update to look at. Olga suggested making a calendar of community parks and places in Corvallis or having a virtual auction to raise funds.

Beans for Bags

Jenny reported that voting is open at the Co-op. You can vote only for Friends. You need to be a member to vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28pm.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Long Mehlenbacher