



Keizer RIVERR
(Regional Intergovernmental Visions Enhancing River Resources)
Task Force Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 26, 2004 at 5:30 p.m.
Keizer City Hall ~ Conference Room B

1. Call to Order:

Chair Richard Walsh called the meeting to order at 5:43 pm.

2. Roll Call:

Roll call was taken as follows:

Present:

Richard Walsh, Chair (Left @ 6:30)
Mark Brown, Willamette Navigator
Kasia Quillinan, Salem City Councilor
Christine Dieker, Keizer Chamber of Commerce
Janet Carlson, Marion County (Arrived 6:15)
Ron Campbell, Oregon State Parks
Tanya Beard, Marion County Public Works

Absent:

David Loudon, Citizen-at-large
Clark Williams, Parks Board
Hersch Sangster, Bikeways
Mike Kirby, Citizen

Staff:

Nate Brown, Community Development Director
Debbie Lockhart, Recording Secretary

3. Approval of Minutes ~ Kasia Quillinan moved to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2004, meeting. Tanya Beard seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Walsh, Brown, Campbell, Quillinan, Dieker and Beard (6)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Williams and Carlson (2)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

4. Appearance of Interested Citizens ~ Carol Doerfler, 5367 Burbank Street N, Keizer, 503-390-0079, coordinator for KARES (Keizer Animal Rescue Emergency Shelter) Cindy Hunt, 1194 Moneda Avenue N, Keizer, 503-390-9383, and Diane Johnson, 809 Moneda Court N, Keizer, 503-304-3812, attended the meeting to offer support of an "off-leash area doggy park" in the new Keizer Rapids Community Park explaining that 40% of the households in Keizer own dogs and describing the benefits of a dog park. Discussion followed regarding clean-up assistance from a structured organization and providing water for the dogs. Ms. Johnson explained that they are hoping to have 5 acres set aside for the dog park but they are aware that the planning process has not begun. This visit

was undertaken so that they could make the Task Force aware of their interest. Ms. Doerfler noted that portlandpooch.com is a good website for dog park ideas.

5. Old Business/New Business

- ❖ **Old Business** ~ Kasia Quillinan gave a status report stating that she had talked to Jeff Hamm, the head of Cherriots Transit District along with Glen Hadley who indicated there were supportive of initiating bus service to the park as long as it is done in the early stages and they are willing to write a letter to that effect. Janet Carlson reported that the Title 3 letter was in process. Mark Brown reminded members to follow-up on finding printing donations.
- ❖ **Outreach Workgroup Report** ~ Christine Dieker reported that Alex Vo is a Leadership Youth member on the board at the Chamber, and he is willing to help create a Lewis & Clark connection to the 2005 Iris Festival (May 21 & 22). He is a member of FBLA and offered to talk to them about putting a business plan together and include some youth volunteers to form a committee. Her hope is to include the three objectives (1) connection to the river, (2) a Lewis & Clark event in connection with the 2005 Iris Festival, and (3) bringing in groups outside the area. Several ideas have been considered such as a two-day event where a Lewis & Clark watercraft would be created and displayed in a parade one day and the second day the crafts would be launched on the river. A meeting to begin planning this event with the students will be held November 1 and 11:45 at the school. Discussion followed on take-out, advertising, the sternwheeler, parking, registration, a possible Native American tribal connection (Eric Scott), having some sort of re-enactment at the rapids with take-out further downstream, combining with "Operation SOLVE", inviting state officials and creation of a one-paragraph summary for circulation.

Additionally, Ms. Dieker reported that November 10 is the Chamber luncheon and it is open as a venue for a presentation about the Keizer Rapids Park. Chair Walsh noted that he would try to present something at the luncheon. Members agreed to put together something for that event.

- ❖ **Budget Workgroup Report** ~ Janet Carlson reviewed the budget which was developed in August. She noted that it was the responsibility of everyone to provide current figures on a regular basis. Nate Brown volunteered to update the budget numbers and forward to Tanya for posting on the new website.
- ❖ **Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant** ~ Mark Brown reported that the grant application is due December 1 adding that it is much more rigid than any grant done before. He admonished members that it is imperative that anyone contacted respond punctually and professionally. He explained that response time on this grant would be longer than on the other grants but TPL has agreed to "bridge the grants". That is, if necessary, they will come through with the money so that we will be able to maximize the percentage and spend the full amount, in lieu of the other grants coming in.
- ❖ **National Park Service Grant** has been given to Keizer for technical assistance. This is basically a grant to get other grants. Mark encouraged everyone to begin thinking

about master park planning and to identify the appropriate person from their agency to be part of the master park planning process. Additional thought needs to be given to procedure: will master park planning be a separate entity, a subgroup of the task force, etc.

- ❖ **Keizer Rapids Internet Site** ~ Mark Brown reported that the Keizer Rapids Internet site was up adding that every project on the site will have a sort of spread sheet showing contact person. He encouraged everyone to provide input for the website by forwarding documents to Tanya Beard, the Internet "Gatekeeper". It was agreed that when she puts something new on the site, she will notify Debbie Lockhart who will inform Task Force members. Tanya explained that this is strictly for information sharing. Janet Carlson clarified that the gatekeeper would watch the project timeline and develop a reminder which would include the website address; this reminder would be forwarded to Debbie Lockhart, who would then forward it on to the appropriate recipients. Tanya added that elements are already in place on the website, but there is still work to be done. She encouraged send requests for documents which they would like published on the site to her and to provide any other input.

Mark pointed out that from this point forward, everyone will be responsible for forwarding new information and data to Tanya for publication on the site instead of transmitting it to individuals on the task force.

- ❖ **Watershed Council** ~ Mark reported that on November 23 a formal presentation would be given to the South Santiam-Keizer Watershed Council regarding Keizer Rapids. He added that Monte Graham, who runs the Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District, is very interested in this project and would probably be attending meetings when he can. Mark continued that he felt it was important to get more people with more diverse backgrounds involved in the master planning process.

6. Adjourn ~ Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting ~ Scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2004, 5:30 pm.