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~~FORT WALLACE~~ ^{HOUSE} TASK FORCE
MINUTES

Wednesday, August 2, 2006
6:00 p.m. Keizer City Hall
Conference Room A

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Moir called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present

Councilor Jacque Moir, Chair
Darrell Monk
Kathie Beach
Councilor David McKane
Jeanne Bond-Esser

Staff Present

Absent:

Vickie Hilgemann, Vice Chair
Terry Witham, Parks Staff

3. OLD BUSINESS

- **Follow-up discussion of tour of park land** ~ Because portions of the park are so overgrown with berries and brush, it was not possible to view large sections. Consequently, it is difficult to make a complete recommendation about possible uses or designs until we can see what the all of the area looks like. Also, we don't know the extent of the dumped debris which will have to be removed. Removing the brush and debris should be the first step. Darrell said an inmate crew costs about \$400 per day.
 - Jacque will talk to Parks next week about the possibility of using inmate labor to clear the brush and dumped debris from the park.
- **Getting State and Federal historical status; name for park** ~ It was decided to postpone this discussion until Vickie Hilgemann can lead the discussion.
 - Vickie will try again to contact Dr. Brauner of OSU, who hasn't returned her calls so far.
 - Jacque will talk to the Parks next week about money to pay Dr. Brauner for the proposed archaeological dig.
 - Professor Tassa is Dr. Brauner's equivalent at University of Oregon. We may want to contact him if we can't get a return call from Dr. Brauner.
- **How to get neighbors involved in the development of the park**
 - It was agreed to get initial preferences from neighbors with a written survey instead of an on-site meeting and to wait until we had some ideas for people to respond to. It was suggested that we present the "givens" and the options, then have people give their opinions, positive or negative.
 - David McKane suggested that the historical aspect of the location could create some neighborhood pride and support for the development of the park. He also

suggested investigating the feasibility of having neighbors participate in the dig in some capacity.

- In planning the park, it will be important to find out what the neighbors' concerns are, what they are comfortable with, how they use the park now, what features and kinds of recreation they would like.
- We will want to assure neighbors that we aren't talking about a highly developed park; we will be maintaining the natural aspect; and we will work on parking so that it doesn't impinge on the neighbors.

➤ **Ideas for development of the park**

- Members agreed that the park will include an interpretive feature that denotes the historical aspect of the Wallace House; otherwise, it will be a neighborhood park that has the features that the neighbors want.
- It was decided to leave the question of how to symbolically represent and explain the historical character of the Wallace House site (e.g., with a "ghost structure" as at Mission Park, interpretive kiosk, etc.) until we have further verification and/or discussion with Vickie.
- Parking – Jacque suggested that the northern parcel would be a logical place for a parking lot because of its proximity to ^{GLYNBROOK} Glenbrook Street. The question remains how the parking lot will be connected to the main park and river access. Darrell noted the importance of disability/accessibility issues. Neighbors may be consulted to see what kind of a screen from the parking they would prefer.
- Street access – David questioned whether the street access in the immediate area is adequate. He will talk to Rob or Bill about whether there are specific street requirements associated with developing the park.

➤ **Recommendations –**

- Get the park cleaned up as soon as possible: clear the blackberries; pick up trash, removed dumped debris, clear a few trails.
- No concrete recommendations on development until it is cleaned up.
- General thinking at this point: Seating to overlook the river, picnic table(s), whatever kinds of recreation/play structures the neighbors want, possibly dog park (fenced?) with dog station depending on neighbors' preferences, open area near the water, open enough that it doesn't attract problems (homeless, drugs, etc.), more than one trail down to the lower bench, designated parking area screened from neighbors.
- If Debbie can get a scaled map of the park to Darrell, he volunteered to sketch some possible configurations for next meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- Members are to come back to the next meeting with ideas of what else they think should be in the park besides picnic benches, play structures, trails, access to and view of the river, and open area.

5. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

*Next Meeting: August 15, 2006 - 6:00 p.m.
Conference Room A*

Approved: Ces amended 8/15/06