



Keizer RIVERR
(Regional Intergovernmental Visions Enhancing River Resources)
Task Force Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 20, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.
Keizer City Hall ~ Conference Room B

1. Call to Order:

Chair Richard Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

2. Roll Call:

The following were present:

Present:

Richard Walsh, Chair
Ron Campbell, Oregon State Parks
Mark Brown, Willamette River Navigator
Hersch Sangster, Bikeways
Rich Ford, Parks Advisory Board
Mike Kirby, Citizen-at-large

Also Present:

Red Vanis, Bikeways
Joe Kast, Marion County Sheriff Office
Mark Baker
Dave Hilgemann
Sara McDonald (For Janet Carlson)
Clint Holland
Carol Doerfler, K.A.R.E.S.

Absent:

Christine Dieker, Keizer Chamber of Commerce
Tanya Beard, Marion County Public Works
David Loudon, Citizen-at-large
Dan Clem, City of Salem
Janet Carlson, Marion County Commissioner

Staff:

Nate Brown, Community Development Director
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Approval of Minutes ~ Mark Brown moved to approve the June 29, 2005 Regular Session Minutes. Mike Kirby seconded. The motion passed unanimously by all members present. (Walsh, Campbell, Brown, Sangster, Ford and Kirby).

Appearance of Interested Citizens ~ Mark Baker noted that he had followed the development of the park with interest and questioned the rumor regarding moving the Little League Park to Keizer Rapids Park. He encouraged leaving the park in a more natural state. Nate Brown reassured him that plans had not yet been developed as the master planning process had not begun. He and Mark Brown encouraged Mr. Baker to continue his involvement in the development process for the park and submit them in writing.

Joe Kast, Marion County Sheriff's Department, noted that he was in attendance to field questions regarding Spong's Landing or the Parks Patrol and explained that the County has incorporated reserve deputies to patrol parks through Labor Day.

3. Old Business/New Business

Grant Update ~ Nate Brown reported that the details of all the grants are being worked through. Staff met with Trust for Public Lands to proceed in closing the Charge family property and final agreements are being worked on. A final announcement has not been received on the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant, however, this project is very high on their list. Requirements of the grants were then reviewed at length. Mark Brown and Richard Walsh summarized that the grant requirements were like a puzzle of properties/requirements. Nate Brown distributed and reviewed a draft document summarizing the grants received and the anticipated award date and fielded questions regarding funding.

Chair Walsh moved to approve the grant allocations and to recommend to council that they follow through on the allocations. Discussion followed. Mr. Walsh withdrew his motion.

Mark Brown moved that the Task Force accept the grants that have been awarded and allow Keizer staff to use the grants appropriately to complete the 34-acre acquisitions. Mike Kirby seconded. The motion passed unanimously by all members present: (Walsh, Campbell, Brown, Sangster, Ford and Kirby).

Discussion then took place regarding security at the park, access for security vehicles and reserving the right to put in an access road.

Richard Walsh moved that the task force recommend to City of Keizer that when negotiating the Title 3 easement on the wooded parcel, it be done in such a way as to allow access between property 2 and the 85 acres sufficient for multi modal traffic including but not limited to police vehicles. Hersch Sangster seconded. The motion passed unanimously by all members present: (Walsh, Campbell, Brown, Sangster, Ford and Kirby).

Oregon State Parks Lease ~ Ron Campbell reported that to his knowledge there had not been any changes made to the draft which had been submitted to the city. Nate Brown added that the draft is with the City Attorney for review; from there it will go to Council and public process, and then be returned to OPRD for signature.

Questionnaire Report ~ Chair Walsh distributed the results from the Keizer Chamber distribution of the Questionnaire at the Marion County Fair and the Iris Festival (371 responses). Nate Brown reviewed the process for distribution of the Questionnaire and reported that to date responses have totaled 550 from the water bill distribution. It was noted that because the questionnaire is rather complicated the tabulation of the information will be a challenge. Mark Brown pointed out that this survey is a precursor to the master planning process for the park and will be used specifically to get a gauge of

public input. Nate Brown added that the top three priorities on the questionnaires tabulated by the Chamber were: nature trails, playground and day use/picnic areas.

Potential Future Grants ~ Nate Brown reported that the OWEB grant request was originally \$380,000 but has been reduced to \$195,000. OWEB is still concerned regarding land usage and easements. Another outstanding grant is the Land & Water Conservation Grant (\$250,000) administered by the Oregon Parks & Recreation who voted unanimously to support Keizer Rapids, but details of the report still need to be worked out and submitted to the National Park Service. Other outstanding applications are for the Local Government Program (\$187,000) which will be awarded next month and the Kodak and National Geographic grant (\$2,500) for outreach materials.

Discussion followed regarding excess grant funds and resultant lessening need for SDC funds, possible purchase of Buchanan property, and/or the Alvarez property. Mark Brown encouraged members to focus on acquiring the 34 acres and consider other properties at the appropriate time. Dave Hilgemann explained the granting process from the perspective of the Grantor and encouraged the task force to continue their efforts for property acquisition wherever possible.

Richard Walsh reported that potential grants might include: Salem Hospital grant program for health projects including the possibility of an exercise course and Oregon Community Foundation Program. Nate Brown pointed out that those kinds of grants tend to follow the master planning process.

4. Adjourn ~ Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Next Meeting ~ August 17, 2005