

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

July 6, 2015

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

PRESENT: Commissioners Allen Springer, Mary Starrett, and Stan Primozich.

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Christian Boenisch, Ted Smietana, and Brian Van Bergen.

Guests: Nicole Montesano, News-Register; Anne Lane; Jim Culbert; Derek Godwin; and Steven Rupp.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Allen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Community Justice Department update - Ted Smietana provided a brief department update. He discussed the outcome of the department audit and expects to have the report back within 30 days and respond with a substituted plan for compliance. He said there were concerns regarding building access and alternatives for staff to access the building.

He added that John Lynch has been selected from the recent in-house recruitment to fill a position created and approved during the budget cycle, as the Juvenile Probation Manager.

* Contracts/Grants/Fees - see agenda for details.

* Committees - Approve the following appointments to the Employee Safety Advisory Committee for 3-year terms to expire July 2018:

- a. Appoint Candice Bernard, Sheriff's Office
- b. Reappoint Roma Fuerst, HHS

Accept the resignation of Brenda Hopper, Dept. Of Community Justice, from the Employee Safety Advisory Committee.

Capital Improvement

* Approve the revised 2015-16 Capital Improvement List to add \$8,000 to replace the HVAC unit in HHS Administration.

* Approve an updated Jail Capital Improvement Projects List.

Parks Board update - Anne Lane, Chair and Jim Culbert, Vice-Chair for the Yamhill County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, provided a status update on county parks and properties. They discussed the Whiteson Master Planning Agreement with the University of Oregon. Anne said that the Parks Board was approached by an organization that owns Fendall Hall School House and offered it to the county and are currently in the process of acquiring the property.

There was further discussion regarding funding for the renovation process and maintenance of the property. (See Exhibit A)

Family Community Health - Derek Godwin explained the need for the Polk and Yamhill County Family Community Health position that was developed through a needs assessment from a joint effort to provide OSU Extension Service staffing; preferably bilingual in Spanish.

Art Committee - Steven Rupp from the McMinnville Downtown Association Committee for Public Art provided a brief overview of the proposed sculpture, “The Sound of One Hand Clapping”, to replace the “Silent Words” sculpture located next to the County Clerk’s office. The group discussed options for the concrete pad to accommodate the new piece. (See Exhibit B)

Following commissioner updates, the meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Lucy Flores Mendez
Secretary

Yamhill County Parks & Properties Status Update – July 2015

Blackwell Park (5.92 ac. on Willamina Creek and Willamina Creek Road)

Issue -

Opportunity -

Charles Metsker Park

Issue – restricted to group use.

Opportunities – developments to encourage more use, i.e. potable water, pond improvements, add restroom.

Crabtree Park (12.4 ac. off Worden Hill Road W of Dundee)

Note: this park is leased to the Chelhaem Parks and Recreation District for their management until May 5, 2018.

Issue – target shooting disturbances from adjacent rock pit.

Opportunity -

Dayton Landing (2.33 ac. on Yamhill River in Dayton)

Issues – boatramp needs repair

Opportunities – may be able to secure development funding from OR State Marine Board, part of future Yamhill River Trail.

Deer Creek Nature Park (29.38 ac. on Gopher Valley Road)

Issue -

Opportunities – develop access to wet meadow area and interpret its value and management.

Ed Grenfell Park (7.2 ac. on Baker Creek and Baker Creek Road)

Issue – need parking improvements to better accommodate heavy summer use.

Opportunities – off leash dog area being established, develop and incorporate use of nearby county property to east (not adjoining, so no connection)

Ediger Landing (0.8 ac on Willamette River at Wheatland Ferry)

Issue – improve parking.

Opportunity – may be able to acquire adjacent state property.

Huber (1.02 ac. on Baker Creek and Baker Creek Road)

Issue -

Opportunity -

Lafayette Locks Historical Park (7.14 ac. on S. Yamhill River and Lafayette Locks Road)

Issues – needs more historical interpretation of lock, no easy access for non-motorized boaters above lock.

Opportunities – access to S. Yamhill River below lock for non-motorized boaters to be developed, future potential as part of Yamhill River Trail.

Menefee Park (1.08 acres on Turner Creek and Turner Creek Road)

Issue – remote.

Opportunity – needs modest improvements/updating.

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Exhibit A

Rogers Landing (14.39 ac. on Willamette River in Newberg)

Issue -

Opportunity – new boat floats should last quite awhile.

Stuart Grenfell Wayside Park (20.15 ac. on St. Hwy. 18 at Yamhill Co. W boundary)

Issue – most of property is undeveloped.

Opportunity -

OTHER UNDEVELOPED/PENDING PROPERTIES

Fendall Schoolhouse (1/2 ac. on Willamina Creek at Willamina Creek Rd./Tindle Ck. Rd. jct.)

Status – donation in progress; likely eligible for National Historic Register.

Issue – requires handicap accessibility modifications.

Opportunities – Historical interpretation, rental of adjacent community center, and access to Willamina Creek

Juliette (5.82 acres on Baker Creek and Baker Creek Road)

Status – undeveloped.

Issues – lack of funds and low priority.

Opportunity – historical interpretation.

Powerhouse (3.66 acres on Baker Creek and Baker Creek Road)

Status – undeveloped.

Issues – lack of funds and low priority.

Opportunity – historical interpretation.

Whiteson, inc. Monroe Landing and Whiteson Landfill (94.2 ac. on S. Yamhill River and Riverbend Rd)

Status – conditional use permit issued for Phase I & 2 development. Master planning starts Jul 2015.

Issues – neighbor opposition, Whiteson Landfill, funding for development, archaeological and historical features need protection.

Opportunities – large enough to accommodate hiking trails, part of future Yamhill River Trail, development in concert with Riverbend Stewardship lands.

Wrex Cruse (6.7 ac. on St. Hwy 47 near Cove Orchard)

Status – undeveloped.

Issue – to accomplish opportunity we need access across Hwy. 47 to trail corridor.

Opportunity – potential rest stop/trailhead access for Yamhelas Westsider Trail.

Yamhelas Westsider Trail (17 miles multi-use recreational trail between Gun Club Road and Hagg Lake turnoff alongside St. Hwy. 47)

Status – grants for acquisition will allow purchase of approx. 13 miles.

Issue – need further funding to complete acquisition from Union Pacific and funds for development.

Opportunity – first Rail-to-Trail project in Yamhill County, affording future possibilities of connections to McMinnville and other existing and potential trails.

TOTAL – 18 parks and properties encompassing 216.47 acres

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McMinnville Downtown Association Committee for Public Art

July 5, 2015

Yamhill County Board of Supervisors

The sculpture, "Silent Words" by the artist Lloyd Whannel presently located next to the County Clerk's office at the corner of Evans and Fifth Streets has now been there for a little over 4 years. This sculpture was placed there as an honorarium as one of the MDACPA public art projects. It was done with agreement of the then Yamhill County Board of Supervisors.

The MDACPA and City of McMinnville pays an artist \$750 for a two year honorarium for placing their piece in the City. We have an unwritten policy of renewing a piece only once. The idea of this is to keep honorarium pieces rotating and "Fresh" in the City. "Silent Words" was installed in June of 2011 and its honorarium has already been renewed once. The present honorarium for the piece expired in June, 2015. The MDACPA would therefore like to replace "Silent Words" with a new piece.

Lloyd Whannel, the sculptor of "Silent Words" has an additional piece he would like to propose to the City and the County. It is titled "The Sound of One Hand Clapping". A photograph of the piece is given below.

The Sound of One Hand Clapping is 67" tall, Travertine. The Travertine base is about 48" square with four bolt down tabs. The concrete pad for the existing sculpture, "Silent Words", is only 3 feet in Diameter. The Pad required for "The Sound of One Hand Clapping" is between 4 and 4.5 feet square. Therefore, to accommodate the new piece, we would have to modify the existing pad.



The Sound of One Hand Clapping

From here, there are several courses of action available to us. The first would be for the County to purchase "Silent Words" and leave it in its present location. The approximate cost for this to the County would be \$10,500 (the \$1,500 that the City has already paid for the honorariums is deducted from the \$12,000 price of the sculpture). The Second would be to remove "Silent Words" and leave the concrete pad bare. The Third would be to remove "Silent Words". Expand the pad and install

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“The Sound of One Hand Clapping” as an Honorarium. The cost of this would be borne by the City. The forth would be for the County to seek a work acceptable to it and the City and request the City to install it as an honorarium at the location.

Finally, because of time constraints, I have not yet had a chance to have the MDACPA committee vote on “The Sound of One Hand Clapping”, so agreement by the Committee would be necessary before we could proceed with obtaining “The Sound of One Hand Clapping”. The Artist has expressed interest.

There may be other alternatives, and we would appreciate the County’s opinions and comments.

Sincerely,
MDACPA
Steven Rupp
Chair