

Bob and Crystal Rilee Park Advisory Committee

03/08/18 Meeting Minutes; CPRD Office, 125 S. Elliott Road, Newberg OR 97132

Wendy called meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call

Mary Harwood, Miryam Gregg, Jon Globig, Regina Shapiro, Wendy Wente, Brian Bowman, Don Loving (CPRD), Don Clements (CPRD), Rhiannon Porter (The Water Oasis). Public participation; Lynette Hammon, Robin Vachter, Pam Peebles, Judy Walker, Kena Ramsy, Ron Fennern, John Brodefield.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

1/30/18 Meeting Minutes were approved.

Public Comment

No specific public comments, rather interest on progress of the park. Public represented equestrian, horse driving, events at the farmhouse, and neighbors. Contributed to items below.

Neighbors' concerns

Jon G. had compiled a list of some concerns of neighbors of the park.

How will the park be administered? Don C. discussed local versus regional facilities such as the skate park, pool, and golf course; facilities that have broader appeal and draw people from outside Yamhill county. It is assumed Rilee Park would be a regional facility because of horse trails. Don C. discussed basic services supported by tax dollars versus special services supported by park users. Regarding budgets, parks are not budgeted for individually but costs are tracked at the individual park level.

User or parking fees? Don discussed reluctance to charge fees for access. Fees bring a risk of liability. Some users feel a sense of entitlement if fees are paid actually increasing issues. Parks district is interested in making parks sustainable but doesn't want to restrict access. Encourages groups to conduct maintenance days. Has scholarship funds to cover fees or those not able to afford them.

Trespassing, fire, vandalism. Discussed some examples of trespassing from Rilee property onto adjacent neighbor's property. Examples of people parking at night at Bob's corner and other pull-offs. Fire was a common concern amongst neighbors. Don suggested more users could actually reduce some issues and risks. Cited Hoover Park as an example. Don discussed that technology is making cameras and lights much easier and practical to implement.

Noise and water usage associate with event. Discussed some examples of loud parties in the area that went on late into the night. Concerns water usage associate with large gatherings could cause issues with the wells of adjacent property owners. Committee discussed again upgrades to the septic system, potential usage of port-a-potties for large groups.

Neighbor's concerns summarized; fire, vandalism, road use and parking, access, sound, water, safety, trash.

Organized events at the farmhouse

Miryam G. invited Rhiannon Porter from The Water Oasis to speak regarding events at the farmhouse. Rhiannon is a venue owner and operator. She spoke to some of the concerns that had been brought up; that they were legitimate and manageable. Rhiannon had great examples of how she addresses similar concerns. Rhiannon spoke to the potential for the farmhouse to be a venue that could generate revenue that could go back into funding the park.

Public Meeting at Farmhouse

There was a motion (Regina motioned, Mary 2nd) to hold the public meeting at the Farmhouse May 15th at 7:00; the committee didn't finish the vote and will discuss further at the next meeting. Discussed need to collect additional feedback from the neighbors and the desire for the committee to bring more specifics about proposals. We would like to have a draft presentation ready at the April meeting for the May meeting. We will address further in the next meeting.

Schedule next meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on 3/20/2018 at CPRD Office, 125 S. Elliott Road, Newberg OR 97132.

Adjourned 9:00 PM.