

**City of Tillamook Planning Commission Minutes
March 1, 2012**

Commission Members Present:

Jan Stewart, Chairperson
Aaron Palter
Nick Hahn
Kate Skinner
Tamra Jacobs
Ray Jacobs

Commission Members Absent:

Charlotte Phillips - excused

Staff Present:

David Mattison, City Planner
Debbi Reeves, Executive Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Stewart called the City of Tillamook Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL:

Chairperson Stewart asked **D. Reeves** to call the roll of the commission members. **C. Phillips** was excused and all other commission members were present.

III. APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 5, 2012:

Chairperson Stewart asked approval of the minutes from January 5, 2012 if there were no corrections or additions.

- **K. Skinner** made a motion to accept the minutes of January 5, 2012 as presented. **A. Palter** seconded the motion. **Chairperson Stewart** called for the vote. Aye votes were received by **A. Palter, K. Skinner, and N. Hahn. T. Jacobs** and **R. Jacobs** abstained. **Chair Stewart** noted abstinence votes count as “aye” votes, therefore the motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

Chairperson Stewart noted she would be changing the order of the agenda to have a more relaxed atmosphere to work on the Parks and Recreation Plan which will be done at the end of the meeting. She asked **D. Mattison** to move to the Announcements.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

D. Mattison noted the archived Planning Commission Training sessions are online and that the new State training sessions have been lost in cyber-space but he will continue to try to

locate the sessions. He reminded the commission member of the Joint Work Session with the City Beautification Committee on March 15th at 4:30 P.M. regarding the parks plan and commented on what will be discussed at that meeting. **Chair Stewart** asked if there were comments about the Beautification meeting agenda. There was discussion on the amount of time the meeting will take and who would be attending. **A. Palter, K. Skinner, T. Jacobs,** and **Chair Stewart** all plan on attending. **N. Hahn** thought he might be able to attend. **D. Mattison** spoke about the pre-application meetings regarding a BBQ Stand in the R-0 Zone, the Adventist Health Medical Office Building, Goodwill, and Roby's Furniture relocation.

VII. ITEMS OF COMMISSION CONCERN:

1) Tsunami Evacuation Map:

Chairperson Stewart asked **D. Mattison** to explain the Tsunami Evacuation Map. **D. Mattison** commented the map was a draft and explained what the map represents. He commented on the inundation areas of the map. There was discussion about part of the map on Latimer Road that is an area of concern which would not be evacuations routes during flooding times. **Chair Stewart** would like **D. Mattison** to make sure the City Council is aware of the concerns of the Planning Commission members. **D. Reeves** explained the maps were no longer drafts and would be presented at the City Council meeting on March 5th. Revised maps were reviewed by the commission members and it was determined they still were concerned with the area on Latimer Road that floods and will not allow for evacuation. **T. Jacobs** would also like the suggestion of a preparation kit added to recommendations to the council. **D. Reeves** announced there will be a Tsunami Community Rally of Sunday, March 11, 2012 at TBCC at 2:00 P.M.

A. Palter commented on railroad crossings and the ability to exempt certain railroad crossing to allow for better traffic flow. He explained how this could help in Tillamook with traffic. This was discussed. **Chair Stewart** noted a comment of this item in the minutes would be available for City Council response.

Chairperson Stewart asked **D. Mattison** to make sure the City Council is aware of the Planning Commission members concern with the area on Latimer Road on the Tsunami Evacuation Route map.

VIII. ITEMS OF HIGH PUBLIC INTEREST:

1) Election of Planning Commission Officials:

Chair Stewart announced the next item on the agenda was election of officers for the Planning Commission. Chair and Vice Chair are the offices for election. There was discussion about the positions, who are currently holding the position, and those who might like to serve in the positions.

- **K. Skinner** made a motion to nominate **Jan Stewart** for the position of Chairman and **Aaron Palter** as Vice Chairman. **N. Hahn** seconded the

motion. **Chairperson Stewart** called for the vote. Aye votes were received by **A. Palter, K. Skinner, N. Hahn, T. Jacobs, and R. Jacobs**. The motion passed unanimously.

2) **Parks and Recreation Master Plan Redevelopment:**

Chair Stewart told the commission members this part of the meeting would be more relaxed and informal as the maps and planning would be reviewed at the tables and that discussion would be done in more of a work shop atmosphere.

D. Mattison presented an outline and went over email he had received regarding the Peace Park. There was discussion about the park, where it came from, who maintains it, what is currently there for community use. There was discussion about restrictions on the park.

Chairman Stewart noted the Peace Park is valuable and significant to the community.

D. Mattison would like a park inventory to take to the City Council. **T. Jacobs** commented this area a town does need a park but maybe another suitable location could be found. There was discussion about past structures in the park and maintenance of Peace Park. **Chair Stewart** commented on the connectivity of the park with the other parks in Tillamook. **D. Mattison** noted there had been several people interested in a community garden and the possibility that Peace Park could be the new location of a community garden. This was discussed. **R. Jacobs** asked if there have been increased police and neighborhood complaints regarding the park. This was discussed as well as maintenance.

The Planning Commission members moved to the maps at the tables. The goal for review of the park maps, are to identify activities and uses of each park and open space.

Chairman Stewart said the members also need to clarify representation of the parks.

T. Jacobs noted sidewalks, curbs, shrubs, and trees would need to be in good repair in order to allow for connectivity between the parks. Accessibility and bike paths were also discussed. Routes would need to be identified. There was discussion about signs, kiosks, or path signage to lead foot or bike traffic from one park to another. For example, a paw print could be painted on the path leading to a dog park. There was discussion about kiosks and information.

Discussion proceeded with each park leading from one to another with thoughts and ideas of each member. Thoughts were that Goodspeed Park led to Hoquarton Park by way of the railroad overpass or across the highway. This was discussed. The discussion proceeded from Hoquarton Park, through Sue H. Elmore, down to the Foundry Park along a boardwalk. The connection then led from Foundry Park down Birch Street or Cedar Avenue to Carnahan Park. From Carnahan Park one could take Beachwood Avenue to 9th Street Park. 9th Street Park to Peace Park would be down 9th Street, then from Peace Park to Goodspeed. There were many discussions of routes from park to park and safety issues.

There was discussion of bicyclists, bike routes, and hostels. **A. Palter** spoke about the Rails-To-Trails project. **Chair Stewart** commented the connectivity ideas should be presented to the City Council. **A. Palter** and **T. Jacobs** agreed with City Manager **P. Wyntergreen**'s comment in an email stating he is in "favor of different user groups for

different parks, which allows for more focused design and maintenance, and doesn't try to be everything for everyone." There was discussion about each park having their own identifying mark and the possibility of a park trail or walking map using these identifiers.

There was discussion about skate parks and tennis courts. Each park was examined by the members and a list of specific activities and amenities was written down. Grants were discussed. There was discussion of shorter routes, rest spots, and alternate routes.

Carnahan Park is a wetland therefore there is restrictional usage. It was noted that the Mayor is advocating flowering trees. Arbor Day and Tree City USA were discussed. A dog park was discussed and that Blue Heron has considered a dog park. There was discussion about leash laws in Tillamook parks and the members unanimously agreed that all Tillamook parks should have a leash law.

There was discussion about the food carts in the open space areas.

Regarding Peace Park, **K. Skinner** commented the park could be sold with the funds dedicated to other parks. **R. Jacobs** would like to see it become a garden park with benches, paths, and lighting.

Chairman Stewart asked the members to discuss the open spaces areas north of Tillamook. The discussion included the Tillamook Inn Wayside and the potential to add a small walking path and tables near the kiosk. The old Tillamook RV site could potentially be used for paid RV parking. There was a discussion about names of parks and the potential of selling the park names.

D. Mattison recapped the proposed ideas from the members about activities at each park and potential names:

Carnahan Park – restrooms, tables, boardwalk
Dean Memorial Wayside – same activities or ball field
Goodspeed Park – basketball, skateboarding, playground (take tennis court out)
Hoquarton Park – boardwalk, docks, kayaks
9th Street Park – tennis courts, basketball, playground
Sue H. Elmore Park – boardwalk, docks, kayaks
El Rancho Wayside (old Tillamook Inn Wayside) – paths and tables
Veteran's Peace Park – move the plaque, sell garden spots, benches, paths, lights
Johnston Food Cart Park (old DQ Open Space) – bike park for overnight stay
Hadley Park (old Safeway site) – ball fields
Sander's Foundry Park (Schmidt property) – marina, horses (no trails because of wetlands)
Oldenkamp RV Park (old Tillamook RV site) – RV parking
Baertlein Green Field (old Coast Tire property) – ball field

D. Mattison will take the recommendations discussed at the meeting to the City Council.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

X: ADJOURNMENT: With no further business **Chairperson Stewart** adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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Executive Assistant

Approval Acknowledged by:

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Jan Stewart
City Planning Commission Chairperson