



**City of Fairview Parks and Recreation Advisory
Committee
May 29, 2014, Meeting Minutes**

**Council Chambers, Fairview City Hall
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Jeffrey Arnold
Steven Marker
Brian Grattan
Garth Everhart
Steve Kaufman (arrived 6:02)
Councilor Lisa Barton Mullins

ABSENT:

None

STAFF:

Sarale Hickson, Development Analyst
Allan Berry, Public Works Director

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chair Marker called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m.

2. Roll Call

Jeffrey Arnold, Steven Marker (presiding), Brian Grattan, Garth Everhart and Councilor Lisa Barton Mullins were present

Ms. Hickson stated that Steve Kaufman made his apologies and would be late.

3. Review and Adopt Minutes from March 20, 2014 Meeting

PRAC only received draft minutes the morning of the minute and asked for extra time to review them. Adoption of the minutes will be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Berry informed PRAC that Chair Strom had resigned effective immediately. Mr. Everhart nominated Mr. Marker as Chair and Mr. Grattan as Vice-Chair. Mr. Arnold seconded the nomination. The vote passed unanimously.

5. Discussion Items not on the Agenda (Public to be heard)

Darren Riorden, Friends of Fairview, 871 NE Market Drive, Fairview, presented PRAC a request that they ask Council to allocate resources to work with Troutdale recreation program and promote the activities and programs to Fairview Citizens (Exhibit A). The PRAC was in general agreement that this was a good idea. They stated that ideas like this are in the current Recreation Master Plan. There was discussion about the best way to start the dialogue with Troutdale.

Councilor Barton Mullins said that she had been asked to let PRAC know that Friends of Fairview have offered all the committees booth space at the Fairview on the Green Festival on August 16, 2014.

Mr. Everhart asked Mr. Berry if Reynolds School District had proposed anyone to fill the school district position on PRAC. Mr. Berry said they had not and will follow-up. Mr. Everhart also asked if the reasoning behind having such a representative was sound.

Mr. Everhart asked to set the next meetings dates and agendas. He stated that he wanted to finish the Park Cleone review in June and start the park plan update for Pelfrey Park in August. Mr. Berry noted that the Park Cleone bid was out and scheduled to be awarded in early July. Staff indicated that the new committee rules state the advisory committees (like PRAC) can only work on work as dictated by City Council and City Council had directed PRAC to look at Fairview Woods and have requested recommendations by July 15, 2014.

There was a lot of discussion about Park Cleone and the process of master planning updates, PRAC review, design, Council authorizing going out to bid. PRAC expressed their frustration with the process and that they did not feel consulted. PRAC stated that they felt like the standard City procedure for park capital improvement projects was not followed. PRAC contrasted the differences in between Salish Ponds planning and design and those for Park Cleone. Staff indicated that they felt that all opinions had been presented and that standard procedures were followed.

Mr. Berry let PRAC know that the City will be putting out a short survey about the Heslin House.

6. Fairview Woods

Mr. Berry told PRAC that the Mayor and Council have requested that the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) and PRAC both look at Fairview Woods Wetland Park with a focus on making recommendations regarding potential action items after recent public safety related incidents. Councilor Barton Mullins stated that PSAC is looking at enforcement options and PRAC have been charged with looking at park operations and capital options. Some items which the neighborhood has brought up include moving the trailhead, getting rid of informal trails, and plantings. Mr. Berry informed PRAC that public works crews patrol the park for graffiti and pull out litter once a week.

There was discussion of fences and it was indicated that many of the neighbors did not want fences at their property lines. Mr. Kaufman stated that he lives adjacent to the park and was heavily involved with the last master planning and improvement projects for the park. He indicated that the trail head cannot be moved due to the location of the wetland. He said that in 2010 the trails were widened so police and parks vehicles could travel on them, goats were brought in to clear the brush and the impromptu trails were removed. He expressed that he felt the most effective technique was brush clearing to increase visibility. Mr. Kaufman indicated that the most vocal neighbors have the perception that the residents of the low income housing to the south are causing the problems but that in years past when people were caught they were not residents of Fairview Oaks and Woods.

Mr. Marker wondered if the park could be closed temporarily to start over in the same way that Salish Ponds have not been restocked for a few years to allow the park to recover from damage caused by fishermen.

Mr. Everhart asked why the City has chosen to put in trails to join Halsey and Bridge Street and suggested closing the connection. Mr. Kauffman replied it is highly used especially by elementary school kids and that it is the safest route for them to walk to Fairview Elementary. There was discussion about the difference between daily damage in Salish ponds and very infrequent issues in Fairview Woods. The last major incident was in 2008. Mr. Kauffman reminded PRAC that while many of the residents of Bridge Street feel it is people from Fairview Oaks and Woods there is no data to back that up.

Mr. Everhart suggested having one straight trail from Fairview Oaks and Woods that would be a transportation corridor and then unconnected loop trails for neighbors who wish to walk their dogs or otherwise use it for recreation.

Mr. Marker suggested that PRAC leave, look at the maps (Exhibits B and C), visit the park before the next meeting (separately or in groups of two to avoid a quorum) and come back with more ideas. Mr. Everhart requested that Staff provide PRAC as soon as possible with the minutes from the Bridge Street neighborhood meeting and the PSAC meeting which discussed this. Mr. Marker asked staff to look into the ability of PRAC to meet at the park next meeting.

A number of ideas were proposed for consideration: fences along property lines; a fence in the middle of the park; the difference (if any) between maximizing the number of people who use the park and maximizing appropriate use of the park; creating two separate parks; and how to best deal with groups wishing to use the parks for conflicting reasons.

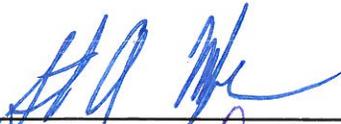
7. Next Meeting

There was discussion of when PRAC would next be available to meet. The committee agreed to meet on Thursday, June 26th at 5:30 in Council Chambers to further discuss Fairview Woods. PRAC would also like to meet at Fairview Woods at 5:00

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Approved as amended by Exhibit D



Steven Marker, Chair



Sarale Hickson,
Development Analyst, Public Works Department

6/26/14

Date

City of Fairview Recreational Program – PRAC Proposal

There has been discussion of creating a recreation program for many years, but time and money always seem to fall short. It's lean times like these that make us work smarter and find new ways to get things done. We believe that the children and citizens of Fairview are missing out. We are a city who has adopted the HEAL(Health Eating and Living) campaign, but has failed to implement any events or programs around it. Reinventing the wheel is costly and time consuming and we are already exploring ways to partner with other municipalities to reduce costs and increase services. Troutdale has a pretty nice working program in place.(see Attached). It is open to everyone, but the drawback is that Troutdale charges outside residents a 20% surcharge on top of the fee for programs that are located in the same schools as many of our residents attend. Woodland, Walt Morey, and Reynolds High all host events sponsored by Troutdale.

The promotion to Fairview citizens could be done immediately, as there is no need for an agreement as the program is open to everyone. A webpage similar to the one at www.friendsoffairvieworegon.com/recreation/ would allow the user to stay in the City of Fairview site while enrolling. Online advertising and newsletter inclusion also cost next to nothing and could start tomorrow. Over time, if an agreement can be made, Fairview can begin to expand the program around our area and supplement the Troutdale offering with our own flavor. The point is with very little effort we can promote a Recreation Program that is already in place and functioning for our kids and adults and begin to meet our commitments to the HEAL program.

The PRAC council advisory Recommendation:

We ask that PRAC recommend to council they allocate the resources to make the initial connection or link with the Troutdale Recreation program and begin to promote it to our citizens via the newsletter, website, and any other means.

We ask that PRAC recommend to council they allocate the resources and negotiate with the three cities on an IGA to allow access to and expand Troutdale's recreational program to Fairview residents with the intent to supplement with our own effort in the future.





PARK LIMITS

EXISTING EDGE OF ROADWAY

BRIDGE STREET

230TH CT. NE

EXISTING HOUSING

PROPERTY LINE
TRAIL SPUR TO BOULDER ALCOVE -
CONTINUE CRUSHED ROCK SURFACING
TO EXISTING BOULDER EDGE

NO WORK ZONE
EXTEND CRUSHED ROCK
BETWEEN THE FALLEN ROOT
BALL AND TRAIL

NO WORK ZONE

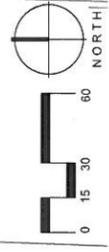
EXISTING TRAIL EDGE

NO WORK ZONE

HAP APARTMENTS
(HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PORTLAND PROPERTY)

NO WORK ZONE

PARK LIMITS



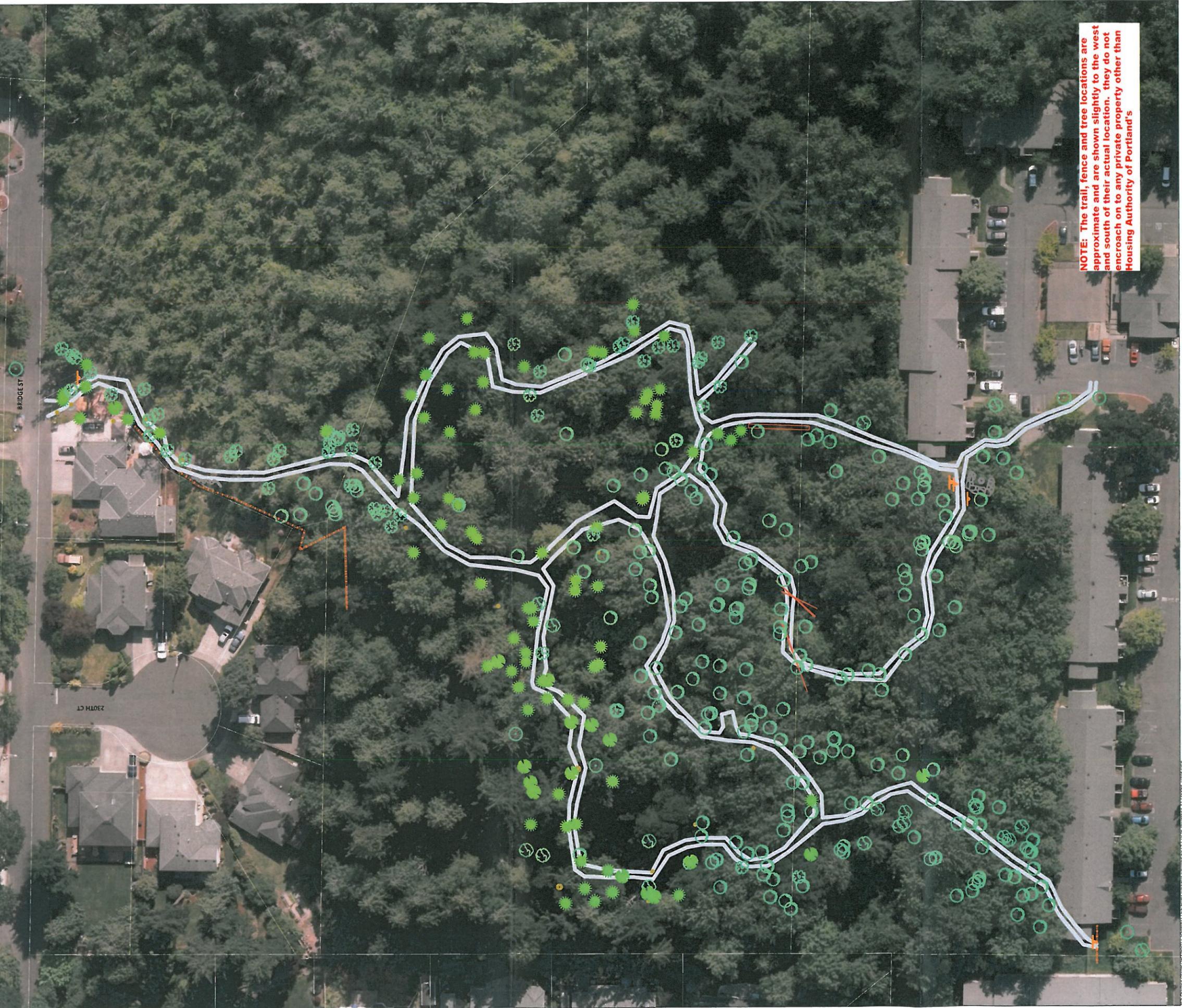
DATE: 11/15/2011 TIME: 10:00 AM

Fairview Woods Trails

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|  | Fence |  | Deciduous |  | Slump |
|  | Sign |  | Stones | | |

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NOTE: The trail, fence and tree locations are approximate and are shown slightly to the west and south of their actual location. they do not encroach on to any private property other than Housing Authority of Portland's

EXHIBIT C

Proposed Edits to May 29, 2014 PRAC Meeting

4-Election of Chair and Vice-Chair.

News of Dave Strom's resignation as Chair occurred near the end of the Non-Agenda item portion of the meeting after discussion about failure to schedule a follow up meeting from March to finish the recommendations asked by Staff for the proposed Park Cleone Plan.

5-Non Agenda items:

a-Linkage to Troutdale Recreation Plan.

-Steve M related his experience managing a Recreation Department on base. He explained that the key feature was a Director and linkages with various recreation providers. He reminded the Committee that he had raised the prospect of making the Community Center the center focus of a Recreation program.

-Discussion about talking with Troutdale and the need for Council approval. Jeff A reminded the committee the Recreation Plan is over 10 years old and we agreed in late 2013 to revitalize the plan through website tie-ins, etc.

-Garth suggested that PRAC contact the equivalent group at Troutdale to see how they feel about linking Recreational programs.

-Garth suggested that since PRAC alerted Council of its plan to work on the Recreation Plan via Minutes and 2013 Annual report, maybe the Council would agree and place this in the new Work Plan.

-Garth asked staff for a summary of the City's website information on Parks & Recreations. Sarale said she would check with Devree for a PowerPoint. Garth suggested the committee work from the existing website to enhance it so the information on existing activities is readily available.

-Allen B said he would check with Devree to see if the Troutdale information is already on the City's website which would answer one of Darren's requests.

b-RSD representative. Council Barton Mullins said she would approach Council about the need for 7th PRAC member to be a RSD representative since they have not been able to fill this position for over a year.

c-Park Cleone. Garth related the discussion about park planning held during the past Budget Committee hearings. Staff testified that Lakeshore park improvements would work through PRAC review as was the case with Salish Ponds. He felt that after Staff began their normal process of asking for recommendation, PRAC was sidelined by staff's inability to meet so PRAC was not allowed to complete its review prior to plans going out to bid. Further he did not agree that PRAC recommendations were incorporated into the plan given the presence of a Community building proposed in a Neighborhood Park. Allen responded the community structure is a phase II structure and is dependent on funding. Garth stated he believes staff misrepresented PRAC's support for the proposed plan to Council and asked why Council did not seek a recommendation from Council when considering the plan. Garth agreed that while it is the right of Council to act as it wishes, it may have acted on a misrepresentation of PRAC's position on this park which is a disservice to the community. Further, staff has not cooperated with scheduling a meeting so PRAC can respond to staff's request in March to look at the plan.

Allen responded that he has been directed to bid out the Wallis plan as drawn by Council. Allen said that he is comfortable with how Staff has handled Park Cleone. Garth noted that he understands Allen has to act per Council vis-à-vis going out for bid but asserted his opinion that Council was led to act on the bid decision without PRAC input which is required under the FMC.

6-Faiview Woods Park Discussion. Steve K gave a history of the park clean-up in the past. Sarale or Allen talked about a meeting with the Bridge street group. LBM said she attended the meeting. Garth asked if there was a specific request by the Council for input by PRAC on a specific item. Allen said they do not have a specific request of PRAC. It is his opinion that there is a concern about crime, illegal trails and damage to residences along the park.

-Councilor Barton Mullins stated she believes PSAC is looking at the issue from a law enforcement angle i.e. community policy while PRAC could look at trail changes.

-Steve K gave a brief history of the park. He said there is a lot of pedestrian traffic from NE Halsey through the apartment parking lot onto trail for access to 223rd via Bridge Street.

-LBM said the problems are not as great as it seems. She believes it is a perception problem since no "real" crime since 2008 other than a pellet gun problem recently. Steve K says the car prowls are on Bridge Street and he believe there is a small vocal group that attributes this problem to the Section 8 housing group.

-Garth asked about minutes from PSAC on this He also asked about minutes from the Bridge Street meeting. Some confusion about the existence and location of the minutes. Garth mentioned that just giving PRAC a map with no request or minutes does not help PRAC on this issue.

-Brian G asked about deadline for PRAC comment. Sarale said the Council wants to act on the issue by August so PRAC should come to some kind of recommendation by its July meeting.