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PORTLAND PARKS BOARD

MEETING MINUTES
April 4, 2012
7:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Lovejoy Room, City Hall

Board members present:	Julie Vigeland, Mary Anne Cassin, Keith Thomajan, Bill Hawkins, Mauricio Villarreal, Mike Alexander, Sue Van Brocklin, Nick Hardigg, Tricia Tillman, Bob Sallinger, Nichole Maher, Linda Robinson
Board members absent:	Shelli Romero, Katie Breene, Tony Magliano, Andy Nelson
Staff present:	Mike Abbaté, Warren Jimenez, Mat Sinclair, Margaret Evans, Randy Webster, Brett Horner, Fred Kowell, Deb Lev, Eileen Argentina, Emily Hicks, Karen Loper
Guests present:	Hugh Price, Claudio Campuzano, Harry Auerbach

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Call to order	The meeting was called to order by Chair Julie Vigeland at 7:32 a.m.
Approval of the minutes	The minutes of the March 7, 2012 meeting were approved as written.
Bylaws Change	Keith Thomajan moved to accept the proposed changes to the bylaws. Mike Alexander seconded the motion; it was approved unanimously. The Board year will now begin on July 1 to coincide with the City's fiscal year.
Liaison Reports	Bill Hawkins is no longer serving as the Board representative on the Willamette Park Advisory Committee. Mary Anne Cassin reported that the Sullivan's Gulch Advisory Committee has agreed on a feasibility plan which was well-received by the community. There will be a presentation scheduled for the May 2 Board meeting. (*Note: this has been delayed until the July meeting.)* Keith reported that The Fields held their groundbreaking on March 6. Construction will begin soon. Mike Alexander reported that the Werbin Property Advisory Committee will be meeting quarterly. Mauricio Villarreal has attended the first meeting of the Westmoreland Park Advisory Committee. This will be the first nature playground in the PP&R system. Mauricio also commented that he, Julie and Linda Robinson attended a nature play workshop on March 15, which was a full day of discussion and good information.

Bob Sallinger reported that there will be an Intertwine event to bring all park providers and supporters together on June 1 at McMenamin's Grand Lodge in Forest Grove. Bob will send out information about the event. Mary Anne urged Board members to take a look at The Intertwine's new website at http://theintertwine.org/.

Nick Hardigg announced that the Portland Parks Foundation will be moving their office to the Walker Macy building and will be sharing space with The Intertwine.

As today was Assistant Director Karen Loper's last Parks Board meeting before her retirement, Board members honored Karen with a card and a gift.

Other Announcements

Mike Abbaté announced that Parks will have their budget hearing with the Council tomorrow at 3:00. Parks Board members are invited to come to the hearing.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 a.m. for the candidate forum.