

**KELLY CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, November 6, 2019**  
**Gordon Russell Middle School**  
**3625 SE Powell Valley Road**  
**Gresham, OR 97080**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

KCNA Land Use Director Carol Rulla called the meeting to order at about 7:07pm. Quorum was met with 20 members, 4 guests and 1 presenter. Carol explained that the President was unable to make the event due to business travel. KCNA Board members were introduced. The 5/29/19 general meeting minutes were approved as presented. New attendees were welcomed and 6 new attendees introduced themselves. Five had heard about the meeting from the postcards that were mailed out. One received notification by email.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

**President Report-** N/A Carol Rulla's introduction said that he wishes he could have joined us.

**Vice President Report** – Mel Roemmich had nothing at this time.

**Director-at-Large Report** – Jeannette Calzada-Sebastiano had nothing at this time.

**Land Use Director's Report** – Land Use Director Carol Rulla noted that current land use plans were displayed on a table at the front of the room. She gave an update on

- Subdivision on 282<sup>nd</sup> between Salquist and Chase was discussed. The application was approved in August. Newest changes in the plans include two additional street connections which have been added, one on Chase, one on 282<sup>nd</sup>. This will likely result in a small reduction to the total number of units when the applicant resubmits the site plan for the final plat. City is requiring a light at Lusted and 282<sup>nd</sup>. Based on the traffic study, Powell Valley and 282<sup>nd</sup> should also have a light. There is a slight chance that the applicant will not have to put a signal at Powell Valley and 282<sup>nd</sup> if they redo the traffic counts and can show that the signal is not warranted and that not putting a signal at Powell Valley and 282<sup>nd</sup> will not cause traffic congestion when the signal is added at Lusted and 282<sup>nd</sup>. The subdivision is planned to be in 4 phases. The speed limit has changed from 45 to 35 on 282<sup>nd</sup> North of Orient. One speed sign just north of Orient is still indicating 45. This sign is just outside the Gresham limit and city staff has been notified.
- Carol Rulla answered question regarding land use plans from the Members of the neighborhood.

## **Little Free Library**

Carol Rulla gave a brief summary of Little Free Libraries and explained that KCNA member Kymberlee Lake had requested permission to include the name of the KCNA on the plaque on a Little Free Library that her family is installing in the vicinity of 282<sup>nd</sup> and Chase Road. Members approved the request by consent.

## **Board Member Annual Elections**

The Board Member Annual elections was called to order by the Land Use Director Carol Rulla. Carol asked if anyone was interested in volunteering, she mentioned that the current board was willing to continue although President Charles Teem did have some travel scheduled for work. Current board includes President Charles Teem, Vice President Mel Roemmich, Director At Large Jeannette Calzada-Sebastiano, Land Use Director Carol Rulla, and after asking if anyone would take the post of Secretary/Treasurer, T.J. Robertson volunteered. Sasha Haverty made the motion to nominate the current board in their current positions & TJ as Secretary/Treasurer, and David Haverty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **PRESENTATION**

Tina Osterink, Natural Resource Planner, City of Gresham

Brought conceptual plans for the City's 6 undeveloped parks. Two of the parks are in the Kelly Creek Neighborhood and were discussed in detail. The two parks that lay within the Kelly Creek Neighborhood boundary are the Southeast Community Park and the Southeast Neighborhood Park. The city gathered initial feedback from the community over the summer. Information provided at the KCNA meeting is the first effort out of the gate to make sure that the city has correctly captured what the community wants by explaining the information that has been developed so far and to build enthusiasm by discussing plans that the Neighborhood might be interested in seeing in the parks.

The Southeast Community Park is located between Salquist and Chase, running along Jasmine Way. There are six proposed zones of the park. The Upland Meadow encompassing 4.1 acres, the Hillside Meadow 5.9 acres, Riparian Forest 3.8 acres, the Primary Access 0.6 acres, the West Property Buffer 1.2 acres and the East Property Buffer 0.6 acres.

- **Upland Meadow** – as the Upland Meadow portion of the park is flatter and more conducive to developing there, it would be the area with activities such as a play area, picnicking area, community gardens, basketball courts, a dog park, etc.
- **Hillside Meadow** – would be designed for more passive recreation that can function on a hill like trails, benches, and educational signs about wildlife and history of the land and its people.
- **Riparian Forest** – the goal is to protect the forest along Kelly Creek and wildlife; it would remain mostly undeveloped.
- **Primary Access** – this would be located on Salquist with potential amenities such as bathrooms, trailhead kiosk, water fountains, bike racks, dog waste station, waste receptacles, a parking lot, etc. A member asked how any parking spots would be in the parking lot. Tina estimated that the average parking for a community park would be in the range of 18-25 spots.

- **West Property Buffer** – the buffer zones are important part of the design for the houses located next to the park as it separates the properties. The west buffer zone could be expanded along the School district’s property line since that property might ultimately be sold and developed as housing. The zone is between 50-100 ft from property lines in order to reduce noise, add privacy, protect and restore habitat, and make a fire break.
- **East Property Buffer** – the property buffer zone may need to be expanded to run along the Jasmine Way frontage as members from the Jasmine Way area noted.

As these are the beginning stages of planning, the input is greatly appreciated. Tina showed how during the open house people from the community put stickers on the aspects of the park that most interested them and would like to see put in first. Member discussion at the KCNA meeting included the following items: The dog policy of the city was discussed as all dogs must be leash unless in a fenced dog park zone. The secondary access on Jasmine Way was a talking point of concern for the residents of the Jasmine Way, mainly the extra traffic flow and cars being parked along the street. Tina talked about that the parking on Jasmine Way will be evaluated and that parallel parking spots might be considered. A splash pad was briefly discussed.

The Southeast Neighborhood Park is located on Barnes Road by 30<sup>th</sup> St. There are four proposed zones. A Wetland 0.1 acres, Forest 5.4 Acres, Primary Access 0.1, and a Property Buffer 0.8. As a neighborhood park, it is smaller and more focused on the local area residents.

- **Wetland** – the goal is to protect and restore the habitat. This portion will remain largely undeveloped.
- **Forest** – the largest portion of the park may be developed with active and passive recreation for the neighborhood. Trails with small gravel rock that can function with wheelchairs and strollers. Educational signs with wildlife viewing and benches. A play area and picnicking area might be added. The portion of the forest by the Mt Hood Hwy is proposed to be undeveloped to add a layer of woods to buffer the noise and discourage community members from getting close to the highway.
- **Primary Access** – the primary access is proposed to be near 30<sup>th</sup> and a smaller secondary access near 31<sup>st</sup>. Both primary and secondary accesses would be for foot traffic as this will be designated as a neighborhood park. At the primary access location, there might be more amenities such as water fountains. Both accesses are proposed to be equipped with waste receptacles and dog waste stations to limit littering.
- **Property Buffer** – the property buffer is proposed on the southern border of the park to protect and restore habitat and provide a fire break and separation from the park.

Community partnering together for the parks was encouraged. Past community partnerships in other parks have included restorations such as cleaning trails and pulling invasive species. Carol Rulla brought up that this was a good time to find community members willing to partner on park improvements. Tina discussed how North Gresham Neighborhood Association is currently working to install a playground in Kirk Park with the help of grants and donations from Nike, Wells Fargo, and Pella window company.

One of the next steps is to hold a council listening session on January 28th. Another open house to review finalized concept plans and cost estimates for all amenities will be held in the Spring. Carol Rulla suggested grants and some of the city's share of the recently passed Metro bond might be used to make some initial park improvements like adding trails. Tina Osterink said that a portion of the Metro bond that just passed might be used for these projects as it relates to the natural environment component that some of these parks will maintain. It was reiterated at the meeting several times that you cannot get funding without a plan.

Security in the parks was discussed as well. The parks in Gresham are open from dawn to dusk so no lights are added in the plans. Parks can be designed for safety such as keeping lines of sight open so that police patrols and the public can see into the parks. The city of Gresham homeless outreach was highlighted as having counselors going out and connecting the homeless population with services and removing illegal camps from parks and pathways.

Tina Osterink informed KCNA members that there will be more community outreach events to discuss and connect as the planning continues, she mentioned that she still needs to reach out to additional stakeholders and that throughout the planning it is important to remember that some stakeholders in our parks have not even been born yet.

Carol Rulla asked if the KCNA had any announcements or further member input.

Shannon Chisom announced:

Nov 30<sup>th</sup> - there will be several activities around the annual tree lighting including the Spirit of Christmas at 9:00am at the Salt Academy, a bazaar and other activities on Main Street, and concluding with the tree lighting at the Arts Plaza at 6:00pm.

December 14-15 - there will be live reindeer at Gresham Station.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:12 pm.

Minutes submitted by T.J. Robertson, KCNA Secretary/Treasurer.