

REGULAR MEETING  
April 23, 2001

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Beaverton City Council was called to order by Mayor Rob Drake in the Forrest C. Soth Council Chambers, 4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton, Oregon, on Monday, April 23, 2001, at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Mayor Drake, Couns. Fred Ruby, Evelyn Brzezinski, Dennis Doyle, Forrest Soth, and Cathy Stanton. Also present were City Attorney Mark Pilliod, Finance Director Patrick O'Claire, Emergency Manager Mike Mumaw, and City Recorder Darleen Cogburn.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

Betty Bolz, Beaverton, said she had brought some photographs to Mayor Drake regarding pedestrian safety at Hart Road and Greenway and noted that Mayor Drake said he would give them to Steve Baker, Operations Director. She said she was tired of getting hit when she crossed at the pedestrian crosswalk and reported that people were not paying attention, because they were looking to the left and not to the right.

Coun. Stanton reported that there was a *Watch for Pedestrians* sign on Greenway and Hall.

Bolz replied that in general people were not looking. She said an accident report had been filed (for when she was recently hit).

Coun. Stanton replied that she was only referring to the sign on Greenway and Hall.

Mayor Drake asked Bolz if she had been hit again.

Bolz reported that she had been hit quite a few times. She pointed out in one of the photographs to Mayor Drake that showed a car actually stopped in the crosswalk. She stated that the crosswalk was for pedestrians. She noted that she had read an article in *The Oregonian* regarding crosswalks and stated pedestrians had the right-of-way over cars in the crosswalks.

Mayor Drake reiterated that he would pass the photographs along to Baker and see if some of the crosswalk striping needed to be re-done.

Bolz said it was an important issue that needed to be brought to the City's attention. She said she would monitor Hall Boulevard and Nimbus next.

Mayor Drake thanked Bolz for coming to the meeting.

#### COUNCIL ITEMS:

Coun. Stanton asked about the sweatshirt that was placed on her chair that evening.

Mayor Drake explained that it was a sweatshirt for the Youth Advisory Board and they thought Council would enjoy having one, also.

#### STAFF ITEMS:

There were none.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

##### THPRD Lowami-Hartwoods Park Master Plan

Mayor Drake noted that they had worked with Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD) on some properties along Hart Road.

Steve Bosak, Superintendent of Planning and Development, introduced himself and Mike Abbaté, Principle with the consulting firm of Greenworks P.C.

Bosak explained that their purpose that evening was to ask the Mayor and Council to take part in the Master Planning process for the 27-acre Lowami-Hartwoods Park (Park). He noted that the first step in the process was the major stakeholders interviews and identified the major stakeholders as the Mayor and Council, Metro Parks and Greenspaces, Department Staff and the THPRD Board of Directors. He explained that the stakeholders had been chosen because of their funding contributions that made the acquisition of the park possible. He mentioned that other stakeholders included Friends of Beaverton's Johnson Creek and the citizens who lived directly adjacent to the Park site. He said the consulting firm of Greenworks P.C. would work with staff to prepare the Master Plan for future development and use. He reported the property was acquired in partnership in 1996 and 1997 with Metro, THPRD and the City of Beaverton utilizing 1995 Metro Open Spaces, Parks & Streams Bond Measure Funds, City funds and THPRD funds. He noted that the Park was named in part after "Camp Lowami" which was once a Camp Fire Girl Day Camp located on the 18-acre western portion of the Park.

Bosak invited the Mayor and Council to be visionaries, to think big and to dream. He explained that they were interested in big picture issues, not small design issues. He said because of funding sources used for this acquisition (Metro local share Greenspaces funds) they were restricted to natural resource based recreation-types of uses and the Master Plan must be approved by Metro in order to comply with the local share fund contract agreement. He explained that the Park was part of a series of linear properties located along Johnson Creek in what had been identified as a Community Trail Corridor in THPRD's Trails Master Plan. He named various properties in the linear corridor. He said the information THPRD received from the stakeholders would be used to prepare for neighborhood meetings with Neighborhood Association Committees (NACs), citizens, neighbors and interested District residents the following month. He summarized by saying after extensive public outreach and involvement, a Parks Master Plan could be presented to Metro that was endorsed by the community and adopted by the THPRD Board of Directors as early as July or August 2001.

Bosak said they had given the Council brief stakeholder questionnaires and if Council had an interest in the Park or had ideas then he hoped they would respond through the questionnaire or by calling THPRD.

Coun. Brzezinski said she was curious about the size of the Park and wondered how it compared in terms of other THPRD properties around the area.

Bosak said it was about one third of the Terpenning property, which was around 90 acres and a little larger than the 22 acre Polygon property addition they had just acquired for the Nature Park.

Coun. Brzezinski explained that she was concerned because it seemed like a good-sized piece of property, more than just a neighborhood destination and yet there was very little access.

Bosak explained that THPRD anticipated providing the major access to the park from Hart Road. He noted that would be just a neighborhood pedestrian access and bringing people through there would be too disruptive to the neighborhood. He said with City assistance, property had been acquired on the southeast corner of 155<sup>th</sup> and Hart Road. He explained that through participation with the City and Washington County on the Hart Road Improvements Project there would be an underpass under the bridge. He continued that THPRD was hoping to provide a staging area, a small parking lot and a trail underneath Hart Road into the Park from that property, so as few trees as possible would have to be cut down. He reiterated that primary access to the Park would be from the Hart Road area.

Coun. Soth asked what provision would be made in terms of overseeing uses of the Park. He noted that most kids would not stay on the trail, and he also wondered how they would limit the number of people at one time

to keep people from being in each other's way and damaging native plants, etc.

Bosak said that would all be part of the design process.

Mike Abbaté said part of the trail system would be a strong north/south path. He explained that part of the design process was designing paths without switchbacks and noted that the number one issue was to design the trails properly. He said they would be looking at capacity issues and parking issues related to that. He commented that they would try and design from the carrying capacity out, determine how many people could be in the Park at one time, and then work it backwards to determine how many parking spaces would be needed. He noted that the number of parking spaces would be the number one limiting factor.

Coun. Soth asked if they would incorporate the area that had been the Scout camp, rather than remove other vegetation.

Abbaté said that would definitely be the plan.

Coun. Stanton referred to the map and noted a fence line and asked if paths would be located there.

Bosak said the map was of current conditions and the fence in question would be removed.

Abbaté commented that there were some topographic issues that would be addressed in terms of laying out trails.

Coun. Stanton noted that there was no parking on Hart Road and expressed her concern if they planned to have the parking on 155<sup>th</sup> and walk for three blocks to the Park.

Bosak said that was possible, but they needed to look at what the public wanted and needed.

Coun. Stanton remarked that this Park would be utilized as much as the Nature Park was used, once it was ready. She noted that if they determined the paths and their structure in advance, they would be able to control them.

Abbaté said they had not even determined if any asphalt trails would be constructed, the type of trails had not been determined and noted that there were private gates out of many homeowner's yards into the Park and that issue needed to be addressed.

Coun. Stanton pointed out that on the west side of the property there was a path that went to the edge of the last home on 152<sup>nd</sup> and then continued between two pieces of property.

Bosak said one thing they could do was have connections between the various pedestrian-ways in that area, the sidewalks, and the trails in the Powerline Trail Corridor and that would bring people in on foot and on bikes and there would not be that big of a need for parking.

Coun. Stanton noted that there was no parking for Greenway Park, and most of the users lived within one-fourth mile. She agreed with Coun. Brzezinski that parking off Barcelona was not good because it made people drive through neighborhoods to get to that entrance.

Coun. Doyle said he had filled in the survey and would give it to Bosak that evening. He commented that one of the key thoughts for him was to minimize the impact of anything being built in the Park. He commented that it was a wonderful place and he was excited about what was happening and was glad to have it come forward.

Coun. Ruby asked if it was a resident camp when it was used as a Scout camp.

Bosak said it was mostly a day camp and there was a small lodge, which was now in ruins.

Coun. Ruby asked if the natural resource base use still permitted overnight use, i.e.: overnight stays for youth groups, etc.

Bosak replied that from an environmental education point of view, it probably could be used that way. He said their current intent was for day use only.

Coun. Ruby asked if the conception for the Park was more just a natural scenic area for walking, bird watching, etc.

Abbaté said that might happen in conjunction with the environmental education.

Bosak said he would appreciate getting their feedback on the questionnaires.

Coun. Soth asked if they were working with the Unified Sewerage Agency (USA) in their storm water and stream flow issues.

Bosak said they were, and THPRD would be closely coordinating their planning and development of facilities with USA. He noted that Johnson Creek had been identified as a major salmon corridor and that was a very important element to the region and to THPRD as well.

Mayor Drake thanked Bosak and Abbaté for the presentation.

Mike Mumaw, Emergency Manager, reviewed the material he had provided for Council and reported on the MetroShake '01 Earthquake Exercise (in the record). He reported that it was difficult to get volunteers to participate in the EOC work groups and the difficulty came with employee's time away from normal City operations. He said that working in the EOC did not appear in City job descriptions, performance measures or in the Creating Opportunities for Recognizing Employees (C.O.R.E.) values. He explained that without inclusion in those programs, participation in the EOC exercises was seen as low priority to daily operations. He remarked that time involved in the EOC had also become time away from those performance measures that the employees were actually getting measured against. He explained that his planned course of action was to continue work with the EOC planning teams to develop the remaining portions of the Plan, get staff in place in the EOC workgroups in each of the EOC sections and work with them to develop and refine the EOC procedures. He said budgeting for tactical communications equipment; developing and conducting specific training, and drills, and tabletop exercise for each EOC Section were also part of the Plan. He suggested that EOC training and participation be included as a Performance Measure under the Organizational Ownership C.O.R.E. Value for City personnel who have EOC assignments. He commented that it was important to improve in as many areas as possible before the next EOC exercise or the real event.

Coun. Brzezinski said Mumaw had a valid point about EOC training not being in the C.O.R.E. values and not in the criteria for job evaluations, and it was difficult to get staff to dedicate time because of those issues.

Mayor Drake agreed that was a good point and noted that no one would have points detracted in their evaluations for participating in EOC exercises. He pointed out that EOC was set as a key priority internally.

Coun. Brzezinski specified that seeing it written, as an example of how an employee could contribute to the organization would be valuable.

Coun. Soth asked how the radio transmissions functioned with the 9-1-1 Center. He said he understood they were having problems with NEXTEL interference overriding the 800-megahertz radio systems and he was curious if that might have occurred during the exercise,

Mumaw said they were not aware of problems with NEXTEL, but they had a problem between the real-world activities going on in the exercise and stressing the limits of the 800-megahertz system. He said the basic problem at the Operations building was transmitting over a hill, and they needed higher antennas, more powerful radios, a booster and perhaps other options that he would investigate.

Coun. Soth said that might be remedied with the Smart Zone System, rather than the Smart Net system they currently used. He explained that

Smart Zone was authorized by voters to spend over \$13 million to upgrade the equipment, which would eliminate a lot of dead spots and allow communication over a hill. He noted that Mumaw had noted a 6.0 Earthquake as the EOC exercise parameter, and he was wondering if the buildings designated as backup would meet Zone Three earthquake standards.

Mumaw said the Community Center met the standards and the Operations Department was currently going through a seismic upgrade. He noted that he did not have information on which schools the Red Cross had designated.

Coun. Soth said he was concerned about Valley Catholic High School as a designated building because it had been built so long ago.

Mumaw said there was a newer part of Valley Catholic High School that met the current zone standards. He explained that the Red Cross designated the facilities.

Coun. Soth noted that people would be heading for St. Vincent's Hospital and he was concerned about the freeway overpasses.

Mumaw said he understood that the overpasses did not meet the standards.

There was discussion on various structures meeting the current standards.

Coun. Soth asked how many people on the EOC steering committee had attended the Disaster Preparedness course in Emmettsburg.

Mumaw replied that no one on the current team had attended the course, but three people were going to attend in May 2001.

Coun. Stanton asked for clarification of Mumaw's statement about using 770 staff hours.

Mumaw clarified that it was 770 total staff hours used during the exercise.

Coun. Brzezinski noted that one of Mumaw's evaluation criteria was about operation improvement from the last EOC exercise. She asked him to characterize where he saw the greatest improvement.

Mumaw replied that the overall teamwork and flow of information had improved. He said they still needed improvement, but he felt they had the capability and the means of improving and the ability to make decisions. He said the color-coded vests, with notations on the back were very helpful.

Coun. Doyle asked if this was a yearly exercise.

Mumaw said it was.

Coun. Doyle noted that the Council needed to give Chief of Staff Linda Adlard their car license plate numbers so Council could be located in the event of a real emergency.

CONSENT AGENDA:

**Coun. Stanton MOVED, SECONDED, by Coun. Soth that the consent agenda be approved as follows:**

01135 Liquor License - Annual Renewal: Red Robin

01136 Bid Award – Video Scanning System and TV Step Van and Transfer Resolution

**Question called on the motion. Coun. Doyle, Brzezinski, Soth, Ruby, and Stanton voting AYE, the motion CARRIED unanimously. (5:0)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An executive session was deemed not necessary.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Darleen Cogburn, City Recorder

APPROVAL:

Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2001

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Rob Drake, Mayor



