



The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.*) was called to order at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, September 28, 2012 in the Lane House Annex. Present were board members John Robertson, Karen Roberson, Celia Scott, Deb Gray, Midge McGinnis, Steve Kennerly and Debbie Levings. Leslye Wing was unable to attend. Also present was Mike Burke.

### **Guests?**

Lois Eagleton received a call from a person who was interested in attending this meeting along with some others. They wanted to talk about the trust/logging. Lois steered the person to Midge, who gave them the time, location and directions. It sounded like they would be there...they did not show up. Hopefully, they will contact us again and watch our website. Midge did not catch the person's full name...think it was 'Lisa'. Perhaps Lois remembers.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Volunteer Task List**

Passed out the volunteer task list sheet to everyone to complete. Only received back Deb Grays. These really come in handy when Debbie is completing Grant applications, as they always want information about volunteer activity. This is a painless way to keep the information up to date. Please fill them out.

### **Three Rivers Grant**

Debbie is burning the midnight oil to complete the 3 Rivers Grant application by the due date of Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. 3 Rivers is committed to giving out \$120,000 to local non-profit groups. We are asking for \$4,000. They want electronic submission, so Midge will submit Monday night at the latest. Debbie to get Midge information either by scanning and email or worst case Monday she will drop papers off with Deb Gray in Roseburg, and Deb will drop them off at Midge's house Monday night. Celia has also volunteered to do any 'paper moving' since they live closer to Midge than Debbie L. does. (Note: deadline was met...electronic submission sent!)

### **Adopt-A-Highway**

This second clean up went much faster (experience and less trash!)...estimated that they gathered up about 7 bags of trash. Everyone then went out to lunch afterwards (see our Facebook page for picture). Rita will let us know the next date.

### **Annual Oakland Flea Market**

We are going to skip this year's Market. Deb will call and cancel our spot. We'll re-address next year. In the meantime, everyone save your 'good stuff' to donate to it. We make a bit over \$100 on it annually, so don't want to totally stop doing it.

### **School House Windows**

Amy is still working on the windows. It is going to take her a bit longer than anticipated due to the parts she has to make for replacements. She is staying in touch with Joy at SHPO and has asked Joy about 'shutters' to protect the new windows.

### **Annual Picnic**

For those of us who were able to attend, it was a great way to just get together and enjoy the park without any 'work'. As in the past it was jointly held with the DC Historical Society. The date has already been set for next year ... September 8, 2013.

Midge mentioned that our Bi-Laws state that this is when our annual meeting is supposed to be held. The March date, however, seems to work good, so we'll probably leave the annual meeting for March (Midge may have to research how we officially change our bi-laws).

### **Day Use Signs**

Lois has reviewed the signs and Leslye has made the changes requested. We have also put a line at the bottom of each of these signs stating: "Historic research and pictures courtesy of Lois Eagleton, author of "For Love of the Land".

Next step is for Leslye and Midge to finalize the costs and make sure Creative Images is still good with us obtaining a metal backing from another source. Cost for printing and mounting looks like about \$1,000 (plus metal). We also need to check with Gary Groth to insure his sign group is still willing to help mount them.

We cannot, however, buy anything yet! Most recent grant from Preserve Oregon – Oregon Heritage Commission pays out after we submit proof of payment to Amy. Debbie is going to send the first payment notice to them on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Once we have this money in hand it would be safe to order signs. Midge does not want to risk not having sufficient funds to pay Amy if she's done before we receive payment from Grant! Others felt the same way.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **Membership to Historical Society**

John mentioned that Douglas County Historical Society questioned who was using the Annex. John explained it was our group. In return for the use of the building, we are becoming members of the Society. Midge gave John \$25 check for membership.

### **Duchess Sanctuary/Issue with Humane Society**

Karen saw an article in the Capital Press regarding the director of Duchess Sanctuary being fired. We wondered if it was Jennifer (it was not...Midge found article on Web – it was K. Strek, but can't read it as she is not a subscriber). Karen is going to see if she can find the article, scan it and send it on to us.

### **Mildred's House**

As mentioned before, Amy McAuley was very interested in Mildred's house. She has spoken to Liz Carter ([www.historicpreservationleague.org](http://www.historicpreservationleague.org)) regarding the house. It was suggested by Amy that we start looking for grants to restore the house now from across the U.S. Amy has offered to help us find grants.

### **Mediator – Park Plan**

Lots of discussion around getting a move on developing a plan. Feeling is that if we don't move on this, we will lose an opportunity to mold the future of the park. It appears we are all in agreement that we do not want to see any clear cut logging. However, we have some mixed feelings regarding 'healthy forest' logging. Karen mentioned a ranch that had used horse drawn logging to carefully remove only certain trees and the place looks fantastic. Mike mentioned that the idea of having a way to get emergency vehicles into park is probably a good reason to remove SOME trees. Leslye (not in attendance but Mike mentioned this), doesn't want to see any logging as finding forests such as the ones found at the park to ride in are just about non-existent in the local area.

Group proceeded to throw out ideas for a mediator:

Forest Department – might not be appropriate as they might not be able to be neutral  
Ken Carloni – might not be neutral, but may be able to make some recommendations  
John Panches – name that has already been tossed around – Gary Groth may have already been in touch with him  
Diana Wales – Audubon Society, professional mediator.

Motion was made and seconded to:

Mike will contact Gary to see if he has already contacted John P. (**NOTE:** Gary has not had a chance, so let's move on contacting those other individuals and getting info to Gary)

If answer to above is 'no', then:

Steve will contact Diana Wales to see if she has an interest or can recommend anyone

Karen will contact Ken Carloni to see if he can make any recommendations

Once we have some names, we'll pass them on to Gary Groth.

Additionally, Steve brought a newsletter he had regarding Oak woodlands and Oak savannahs. Findley Wildlife. Perhaps someone from this group would be interested.

### **BioChar**

Celia brought up some ideas regarding Bio-Char 'demos' at the park. Jim Long would like to set up some plots at the park to demonstrate Bio-Char production. He's also been in touch with Duchess Sanctuary and they are willing. Our group is behind Jim on this and Mike B will let Jim know we are in favor of these demo plots...with a couple of caveats. We feel they should be somewhere in the day use area so that people can see them, however, the original thought of putting them on the hillside across from picnic area met with some hesitation. Do we really want to have this in the main view from the picnic area? Perhaps move it closer to the equipment shed. Approval will have to be obtained from Gary Groth...Friends can't give the OK...we can just support it.

Other idea was presented that if this takes off as Jim's long term goal is...perhaps putting some larger sites out in the pasture areas of the park to demonstrate even better the value of bio-char.

Finally, there will be a workshop at River Forks on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Jim Long and Mike Burke will both be there.

### **EVENT DATES**

October 19, 2012 – Next Board Meeting

October 20, 2012 – Bi-Char Workshop – River Forks (FYI-not official Friends event)

July 13, 2013 – Mildred's Trail Dash

September 8, 2013 – Annual Picnic (Joint with Historical Society)

### **NEXT MEETING**

Next Meeting will be on **October 19, 2012** at Lane House Annex at 10 a.m..

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:50 a.m.