



The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.* was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 11, 2013 in the Lane House Annex. Present were board members John Robertson, Karen Roberson, Celia Scott, Deb Gray, Midge McGinnis, Steve Kennerly and Leslye Wing. Debbie Levings was unable to attend. Also present were Mike Burke and guests, Francis Eatherington and Roland Wang.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Reports from Debbie Levings (via Midge) on Window and Grant Status**

Debbie has some personal commitments that are taking her out of pocket for a few months. She is going to continue working the current window restoration and Preserving Oregon grant issues.

Amy McAuley has been delayed in completing the window restoration. Due to the delay she has reduced her fee by \$1,000 and also has committed to doing a complimentary assessment of Mildred's house.

Debbie has submitted the request for reimbursement from Preserving Oregon (\$3.4K~).

As of last week we have not received the check. Midge checked with Debbie last week and she was going to contact both Amy and Kuri (Preserving Oregon) to check on status. Midge did not hear anything back.

Karen Roberson has volunteered to contact Debbie and see what she can do to keep on top of both these issues.

### **Signs – Day Use**

As Amy McAuley has reduced her fee and as the March grant deadline is rapidly approaching for the day use sign project, we have decided to go ahead with getting them done and mounted. Midge and Leslye went to Steel Outlet and Creative Images after the meeting and received estimates on the metal backing and requested updated estimates from Creative Images. Midge also contacted Double R Powder coating for cost to powder coat the metal. Leslye will be contact for Creative Images and Midge has sent an email to Gary Groth giving him the details of signs and asking him to confirm that the

Parks Department will assist in mounting the signs. (Metal will cost ~\$127.48, Powder Coating will be ~\$50. Previous estimates from Creative Images all included mounting materials from them and were from 2011. Appears we are looking at about \$50-60 per sign....guesstimate for entire project - ~\$537.)

### **Roland Wang – Guest from AmeriCorps Vista**

Roland is new to Umpqua Watersheds and is replacing Mike Rooney. He is eager to work with us, Kanipe Park and local students. His goal is to get kids involved in environmental interests early in life. Animal, bird, plant...anything that has to do with the environment is of interest. He asked if there were any programs we currently had going and if he could be involved. We told him, GO FOR IT, we currently do not have any official programs and due to limited 'people' resources, anything he would like to spearhead is welcome. Our only caveat is that all projects need to be run by Gary Groth at the Parks Department so that they are aware of what may be planned.

Celia Scott and Francis Eatherington both had mutual contacts and we're all excited about any programs Roland may be able to institute. (WISER program, Phoenix School, etc.)

Filled Roland in on some facts about the park. He's already picked up Lois book to read. We told him a bit about the nature trails and hiking trails. Native plant plantings. Need to keep cattle on the property...which keeps weeds/grass down, but does limit native plant plantings to areas fenced off from cattle. Discussed weed issues. (See miscellaneous notes below).

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Orchard Trees – Grafted Trees**

Mike Burke stated that one of the grafted trees is ready to plant. He needs access to some of the t-posts in the Underwood Barn and since gate is locked he can't get to them. Recommended that he could contact Charles to let him in and apparently there may be some of the t-posts in the horse barn. Steve will be at the park on Wednesday and Mike will plan on meeting up with him so he has some assistance in planting the tree.

#### **Gravesite**

Another gravesite has been located on the property. Wednesday, Steve will be meeting Cindi Brite at the park and they are going to hike out to the site. Steve is also trying to find contact for GPR (ground penetrating radar) unit. Previous contact is no longer available. Steve has a copy of our map where he has marked the location of both the pioneer grave site and this newly discovered 'mound' site.

Steve invited Roland Wang to come out if he's free and be prepared to do some hiking.

Steve had also previously given Midge the coordinates of the grave. 43.480737,-123.23088. An Eagle Scout has been in touch with Steve hoping to use the gravesites as an Eagle Scout project.

### **Weed eradication/controlled burns**

During our discussion with Roland about park, we remembered that Gary Groth was going to look into some more controlled burn plans and a grant for weed eradication. We haven't heard anything lately, so Midge will email Gary to see if he has any new information for us.

### **Logging**

Had a brief discussion around logging...good/bad...how much/how little. During this discussion the 'park plan' was brought up. Midge to contact Gary regarding status of park plan committee/mediator. Turned out to be perfect timing as the Parks Department agenda came out today and a park plan meeting in April is on the agenda! Hopefully, some of our board members can attend next Friday's meeting (1/18/13).

### **EVENT DATES**

February 8, 2013 – Next Board Meeting

July 13, 2013 – Mildred's Trail Dash

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

### **NEXT MEETING**

Next Meeting will be on **February 8, 2013** at Lane House Annex at 10 a.m..

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.