



The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.* was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 9, 2015 at the Lane House Annex. Present were board members Landa Baily, Midge McGinnis, Deb Gray (via conference call), Steve Kennerly, Celia Scott and John Robertson. Leslye Wing and Karen Roberson were unable to attend. Also in attendance were Mike Burke, Gary Groth, Parks Director and Veronica VanDrimmelen from County Parks Department.

CAMPGROUND UPDATES

As Gary Groth and Veronica VanDrimmelen attended this meeting, we took the opportunity to obtain campground updates.

- Roads are all in. They will be worked on some more in early spring as there are some low spots that will need work and a couple of culverts/drain pipes will need to be installed.
- Next step is to install fencing around campground. Bids are going out and anticipated completion is end of February.
- Once fencing is in, then the fire pits, picnic tables and temporary porta potties can be installed (any earlier and the cattle would potentially ruin them).
- OET has the smaller corrals ready to go. They were able to obtain a grant to partially fund this effort.
- Larger corrals will be built by B&V Enterprises.
- Campground should be complete by end of April.

Additional Updates and Discussions with Park Director:

Sheep Shed - As mentioned in a previous set of minutes, there was concern that the Sheep Shed (located in Day Use Area) was in danger of collapsing. Gary Groth has had Tom Rogers (engineer who has been working with us on the School House) look at it, his recommendation was to place some bracing in key places. This has been done by the parks department and should keep this building stable for the time being.

Underwood Barn – Loose piece of roofing and hay.

There is a loose piece of roofing. It has been looked at by the Parks Department, however, the roof pitch is far too steep to repair it without a lift. Parks department lift is

not tall enough. Gary Groth is looking into other alternatives (obtaining a contractor with larger lift, repair from inside).

Hay in Underwood Barn...there is hay stored in the barn that has probably been there since Mildred Kanipe was alive. Discussions about removing it have come and gone over the years, but due to the danger involved in weak barn structures and mold, it has not been removed. With campground soon to be up and running, it is becoming a bigger priority to remove it. Gary is looking into various alternatives.

Mildred's Home

There are some windows broken out in the house. Landa has volunteered to donate some screening and Gary has volunteered Robbie (Day Use Area Host) to install it.

Restore Oregon – Most Endangered Places

A notice came from Restore Oregon regarding an unused 'pot' of money that the county can apply for (up to \$12,500, matching funds required). As this grant is one that the county would have to apply for, Gary will work with the contact mentioned in Restore Oregon's email.

AGENDA ITEMS

School House Signs - Steve brought sketch of proposed temporary sign to be placed in front of School House with information regarding dates, grants, contractors who have worked on this restoration. As Gary Groth was present, we had the opportunity to present this to him and obtain his approval to have this sign made and placed at school house. Will be located close enough to road to be seen without blocking any pictures that visitors might want to take.

School House Interior – Beginning process of writing grant to restore the interior of the school house. Need to organize work party to 'tidy up' the inside of the building as well as covering any holes in sides of building to prevent birds/rodents from getting inside. Date and time to be determined.

School House Desks – Grant request has been submitted to Three Rivers to cover the restoration of the 30+ desks that were donated to us. Desks will be refinished and stored until school interior is completed (current storage area should be fine after restoration). Plan is to donate any extra desks to other organizations/museums.

Cemetery Research – Research has been completed on cemetery at park. An article was in the News Review and additional news releases will be sent out to other media sources.

We should be receiving an invoice for the research shortly. Grant covers all but \$100 of this project.

Next step is to apply for grant to install a fence around the cemetery. Estimated cost/grant \$4,000.

1939 Aerial Photos – During the research process, it was discovered that there are aerial photos of the park from 1939. Friends have purchased copies for reference and are now purchasing a 1952 version. These photos were very inexpensive (\$30 total - \$10 cost of 1952 photo was donated) and are extremely interesting when comparing them to current aerial photos.

Newsletter – Agreed that all articles will be sent to Midge no later than February 15, 2015. She will then merge them into a document and Leslye will do design layout. Goal – distribute by end of February.

Dorris Ranch – Deb Gray passed along information regarding a ‘fun walk’ that this park is running in February. They also have a very active ‘Friends’ group that we may be able to learn from. Suggested we look at their web site and think about attending the event next month.

Boy Scouts / Umpqua Watersheds – Received email from Umpqua Watersheds wondering if we would be interested in working with them and the Boy Scouts on a project at the Park. Salmon monitoring, perhaps. Landa and Celia will work with SHPO to find out more about this.

Parking Tags – Park - Questions have been raised regarding ‘complimentary’ hang tags, parking fees for events, etc. With Gary and Veronica present, we asked about this. There currently is no policy, but Veronica has been checking with other counties regarding policies. Feeling was that most parks do charge for parking (even for an event). It is up to the organizer to decide whether or not the event will pay or the attendees (ie: Mildred’s Trail Dash...we could simply deduct the parking fees from registration funds – perhaps by counting cars parked, since not everyone would have a vehicle).

Decals/Stickers – This has been being put on hold the last few months, board members would like to look at the comparison sheets again as we think this would be nice to proceed with. Midge has presented the comparison sheet to board members.

NEW BUSINESS

Orchard – Mike Burke has three apple trees that are ready to be planted in the orchard. As soon as weather allows, he will plant them and give Gary Groth a ‘heads up’ of the date.

Geo-Caching - Betty Keehley is very interested in partnering with us and Sutherlin in setting up geo-caches. Landa is working with Betty and she will contact Leslye Wing, who volunteered to obtain the caches and ‘goodies’ for them.

Friends Anniversary – February 28th is the 10th anniversary of the Friends establishment (we are using the date of the Roseburg meeting, where Lois Eagleton presented the idea and started ‘collecting’ members. Celia suggested having some type of celebration...she will come up with some ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

EVENT DATES

February 13, 2015	Next Board Meeting
February 28, 2015	10 th Anniversary of Friends Organization
April 27, 2015	Adopt-A-Highway
July 11, 2015	6 th Annual Mildred’s Trail Dash
September 21, 2015	Adopt-A-Highway

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be on Friday, February 13, 2015 (9 a.m.) – Lane House Annex – Roseburg.